

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
 Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.



NEWSLETTER FOR

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with St. Thomas More, Hadleigh

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Third Sunday of Easter (B) - 15th April 2018

| + THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) + HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 14TH/15TH APRIL 2018 | | |
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| Holy Family | 6pm (Sat) | 1st Mass of Sunday - Intentions of the Sisters of Mercy |
| St. Thomas More | 8.30am | Mass - People of the parish |
| Holy Family | 10am | Mass - Intentions of Roxana Coliev |
| <i>Monday, 16th April - Feria</i> | | |
| Holy Family | 9am | Mass - Intentions of Grigore Rus |
| <i>Tuesday, 17th April - Feria</i> | | |
| St Thomas More | 7.30pm | Mass - Intentions of Sheila Taiani |
| <i>Wednesday, 18th April - Feria</i> | | |
| Holy Family | 9am | Mass - Intentions of Andrea |
| <i>Thursday, 19th April - Feria</i> | | |
| Holy Family | 9am | Mass - Intentions of Clare |
| <i>Friday, 20th April - Feria</i> | | |
| Holy Family | 9am | Mass - Intentions of Joan Ackland Followed by Holy Hour until 10.30am |
| <i>Saturday, 21st April - Feria (or St. Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop, Doctor)</i> | | |
| Holy Family | 9am | Mass - Donor's Intentions Followed by Confessions until 10am |
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Prayers at the end of Mass

The prayer to Holy Michael Archangel and The Angelus prayer are in the back of the Mass Books. The Regina Coeli (said during Eastertide instead of the Angelus) is on page 350 of the Mass Books

100 Club - Congratulations to Fr. William Newton who is the lucky winner of the April Draw. He wins £97.00 with his share number 157. Those who pay by cash or cheque are reminded that their annual payment of **£12 a share** is due. We would like to keep the prize money at £100 at least each month. To do this we will need to have more members. Please contact either Margaret or Adrian on 01268 753740 to arrange payment or to join the club.

Holy Family Anniversary Coffee Evening on Saturday, 12th May after the 6pm Mass. We request for parishioners to donate refreshments, Sandwiches, cake, snacks, crisps, wine etc for the this celebration. There will be a note book in the entrance hall for parishioners to write down what they are going to bring, that way we will have an idea of quantities. Any queries? Please contact Denis on 01268 455034.

Prayer Vigil for Vocations St. George's, Shoeburyness are holding a Prayer Vigil for Vocations on Saturday 21st April. Beginning with Mass at 10am and followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am. We will then finish with Benediction at 4pm. All are most warmly welcome to come and join us as we pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting their annual Charity Golf Day at The Rayleigh Golf and Country Club, Hullbridge on Monday 11th June. Tickets are priced at £55 per person and include bacon rolls & tea/coffee on arrival, 18 Hole Stableford Competition and a Golfers' Lunch. For tickets and further information, please contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

Rosary on the coast Led by Deacon Richard Cerson. Hadleigh Castle Essex, Castle Lane, Hadleigh SS7 2PP. Everyone in South Essex is invited to join together at 3pm on Sunday 29th April for the Rosary on the Coast at this stunning hilltop location overlooking the River Thames. Please join us, as we honour Our Lady, pray for a flourishing of the faith in our country, in our parishes and our communities.

Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent

Conscientious Objection (Medical Activities) Bill Baroness Nuala O'Loan's Conscientious Objection (Medical Activities) Bill is proceeding through Parliament. This Bill will protect medical staff from having to be involved in abortion-related activities and activities involving the withdrawal of medication, nutrition and fluids from patients at the end of life. This is an important Bill and further information about it, including how to contact your MP, can be found at <http://www.freeconscience.org.uk/>.

The New Evangelisation Summit 4th - 5th May As part of my work with the Home Mission Office we are hosting the New Evangelisation Summit in Brentwood for people to connect, be inspired and engage with others who want to share the good news. If you would like to know more about the Summit, please visit <https://www.newevangelization.ca/> or about our host site <https://www.facebook.com/events/1464820453646502/> We have just opened the online booking <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NES-booking> If you can attend, it would be a pleasure to bless you for the good work you do. It would also be lovely to see some of your colleagues and volunteers. All are welcome. Bookings need to be in by Thursday 19th April. from Teresa Carvalho, Home Mission Development Officer.

THY KINGDOM COME: The Vicariate of Evangelisation are joining in with THY KINGDOM COME 2018 - a global wave of prayer for the renewal of the Christian faith. It could not be easier for everyone, of all ages and levels of business, to help our own families, friends, parish, Diocese and the nation to renew their friendship with Jesus. All you have to do is to pledge to pray between May 10-20. More information and resources will be made available during the weeks coming up to the event. In the meantime you can log into <https://www.thykingdomcome.global> for more information.

Church Car Parks Parking in this area is at a premium and we have a big problem with people using our car parks without permission. We have a particular problem at Holy Family and are doing our best to remedy this.

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan Trust - Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it! Please!

| Date | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | Attendance |
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| 07/08 April | £2,177.89 | £1594.60 | £827.32 | 199 plus 46 children |

We would remind parishioners that if you wish to park your car in Holy Family Car Park at times you are not attending Mass or attending a function in the hall, you should contact the parish office or Fr. Eduard, for a dated permit to be issued. Thank you

Hospital visits At Southend Hospital there are regular arrangements for visits by the Catholic chaplain, Fr. Gerry Drummond, Parish Priest of St Teresa's in Rochford, and for Holy Communion on Sunday. Let the nursing staff know you would like a visit. In emergencies a Catholic priest can be called by hospital staff, but the first point of contact should be the chaplain. Contact Fr. Gerry Drummond on 01702 435555 or 07919 416263.

† May they Rest In Peace †

Please pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur around now.

Fr. William Donellan, Fr. George Duckett, Fr. Arthur Ryan, Fr. Michael Enright, Phillip Baker, Hugh Boyle, Michael Leen, Eileen Wilson, Daniel Bullock, Fred Jones, Sheila Hughes, Tom O'Donoghue, Iris Curran, George Hussey, Rhoda Murphy, Mary Chambers, Walter Tyndell, Frank Barry, Gladys Hann, Emilie Roberts, Maggie Thorogood, Catherina Mealenhof, Betty Clark, Elsey Bishop, Francis O'Connor, Yvonne Maughan, Michael Clamp, Hilda Westlake, Frank Tarbard, John Maughan, Helen Murphy, John Frampton, Peter Miller, William Allwinkle, George Chambers, Cornelius Murphy, Edith Bradford and Derek Dalton.

† May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, Rest in Peace †

(To add a name to the Anniversary Book please contact the parish office),

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Victoria Thomas, Sheila Taiani, Isabella Podlesny, Margaret Harrison, Elaine O'Connell, Mary Keeble, Eileen Sharp, Richard Wait, Mary O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Lale, Joan Maughan, Anne Burgess, Marion Byas, Joan Peirce, Greta Taylor, Iris Matthews, Helen Holloway, Joan Garvey, the Harris family, Lizza Hodgkins, Angela Purkis, Rita Horton, Bailey Holden, Amy Shead, Thomas Ball, Dave, Oliver Cripps, Martin Treanor, Mary McWilliam, Ursula Hehir, John McGaughey, Mark Merry, Sue Griffiths, Steve Toms, Michael Cray, David Bradford, Baby Jack, Kath Donovan, Chris Gauld, Sheena Reeves, Mavis James, Peter & Elsie Galloway, Tah-ndi, Joan Doe, Angela Lingard, Maureen Fogg, Fr. Eamonn Power, Fr. Paul Fox, Joyce Short, Baby Finnian Graham (born prematurely), Lorraine Kelly and Vicky Fenn.

(To add or remove a name from these list, please phone or email the parish office).