

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) +  
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS  
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 21ST/22ND APRIL 2018

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>6pm (Sat)</b>	<b>1st Mass of Sunday</b> - Sr. Mary Barry RIP
<b>St. Thomas More</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> - People of the parish
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass</b> - Sr. Mary Barry RIP

*Monday, 23rd April*  
**Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England - National Solemnity**

**No Mass**

*Tuesday, 24th April - St. Mellitus, Bishop - Diocesan Memorial*

**No Mass**

*Wednesday, 25th April - Saint Mark, Evangelist - Feast*

**No Mass**

*Thursday, 26th April - Feria*

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b> - Lizza Hodgkins RIP
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*Friday, 27th April - Feria*

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b> - Intentions of Lynn Carleton Followed by <b>Holy Hour</b> until 10.30am
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*Saturday, 28th April - Feria (or St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr)  
(or St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, Priest)*

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b> - Intentions of Mary Followed by Confessions until 10am
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+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) +  
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 28TH/29TH APRIL 2018

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>6pm (Sat)</b>	<b>1st Mass of Sunday</b> - Donor's Intention
<b>St. Thomas More</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> - People of the parish
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass</b> - Joan Hayden RIP

#### 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



NEWSLETTER FOR

## Holy Family, Benfleet

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**with St. Thomas More, Hadleigh**

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) - 22nd April 2018 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**World Day of Prayer** will be observed this Sunday. This is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Prayer for Vocations **"God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."**

Enquirers evening - For anybody interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood or religious life please contact Fr. Graham Smith on 01702 465720. There are regular enquirers evenings at Allen Hall seminary but the next evening for those exploring their vocation will be at Tyburn Covent at 8-9 Hyde Park Pl, London W2 2LJ where the Reverend Mother at Tyburn will speak about the martyred priests of England and Wales on Tuesday 24th April at 6pm. All are welcome, no need to book.

Holy Hours around the diocese - See the posters for more information.

**The retiring collection is for the Promotion of Vocations.**

**Please pray** for the repose of the souls of Lorraine Kelly and Peter Rigden, who have recently died. + May they Rest in Peace + Please pray also for their families and friends in their sorrow.

**Baptism Preparation** Please welcome Sonny Scott who will be introduced to his parish family at the 10am Mass. Sonny will be baptised next month. Please pray also for his family and godparents. **Please note** that the next preparation class will be on Wednesday, 2nd May at 7.30pm in Holy Family hall and church. Places must be booked and baptism application forms **must** be returned before the 2nd May

**Rosary on the coast - UPDATED DETAILS** Led by Deacon Richard Cerson. Hadleigh Castle Essex, Castle Lane, Hadleigh SS7 2PP. Everyone in South Essex is invited to join together on Sunday 29th April for the Rosary on the Coast. One group will be praying 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. There is a car park at Hadleigh Farm and people can walk to Hadleigh Castle. The recitation of the Rosary will take place at 3pm but people should gather between 2 and 2.30. Prayers to start at 2.45pm. Leaflets available in the lobby with full details.

**100 Club** 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 donations from parishioners towards this celebration, of sandwiches, cakes, snacks, crisps, wine, soft drinks etc. 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.

**Gift Aid** If you would like a letter from the parish stating how much you have donated to the parish during the last financial year, either for tax purposes or out of interest, please call or email the parish office. 01268 799649 office@holyfamily-church.org

**GK Chesterton Talk** by Canon John Udris who is investigating the Cause for his Beatification. 7-9pm, 14th June 2018, the 82nd anniversary of GK's death. For a free ticket telephone The Centre for Catholic Formation 020 8672 7684. 21 Tooting Bec Road, London, England, SW17 8BS.

**Offertory Collection Figures**

The Brentwood Diocesan Trust - Reg. Charity No. 234092

*Gift aid it! Please!*

Date	2018	2017	2016	Attendance
14/15 April	£994.74	£1594.60	£827.32	205 plus 39 children

**Caritas Diocese of Brentwood** – involving your parish, involving the young. Sacred Heart School, Upminster, Saturday 7th July, 10.30am – 3.30pm. An invitation to anyone working in or interested in any aspect of social justice ministry and charity in your parish (SVP, BCCS, work with the homeless, the traveller community, refugees, debt counselling, supporting single parents, working at pro-Life issues, working with the LGBT community, running food banks, Cafod, etc.). Please pick a copy of the letter from Fr. Dominic Howart and Mr. Steven Webb.

† May they Rest In Peace †

Please pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur around now.

Canon Thomas Smith, Fr. Simon Sullivan, Fr. Myles O'Reilly,  
 Mgr George Stokes, Alred Wells, Roland Betteridge, Eollen Mills, Bill Sharp,  
 Hannah Fraser, Gilbert Raymond, Jacques Hopp, Elizabeth Healy,  
 John Fortune, Alfred Dillow, Arthur Quinlan, Bernard Denton, Jane Stewart,  
 William O'Brien, Ellen Spencer, Winnifred Lea, Frank Greenwood,  
 Ann Hipkin, Louis Tregarthen, Phyllis Tate, William Johnston, Martin Alvares,  
 William Ferrie, Freda Montgomery, Frank McDonnell, Joseph Culba,  
 George Sandgrove, John White and Ann Kundy.

† 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), Vicky Fenn **and Mary Bevins.**

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