



NEWSLETTER FOR

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with St. Thomas More, Hadleigh

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PENTECOST SUNDAY (B) - 19th/20th May 2018

Dear Friends,

My warmest thanks to everyone who participated in our annual day of Celebration for the Anniversary of the Consecration of Holy Family Church. It was a very good day!

Twenty two of our parish children - Abigail, Amber, Ana, Antonia, Beatrice, Chloe, Delia, Ella, Finlay, Finley, Georgia, Hollie, Jasmine, John, Joseph, Larrissa, Leo, Lilia, Lily, Millie, Oliver, and Oliver will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist this weekend during the 10am Mass, meeting Our Lord, Jesus Christ, The Bread of Life, in a unique and wonderful way.

Please pray that the work of the parents, catechists and priest will be rewarded in these children continuing to receive Holy Communion each week at Mass. I would like to thank the catechists for the time they have given and continue to give for the formation of these children as they grow in their faith. I also thank the choir and musicians for their time, effort and beautiful delivery.

After fifteen years as parish secretary, Julie Herridge is retiring. We have appointed a new Parish Administrator, Clare Dempsey, who will soon get to know you all. I am sure you will join me in wishing Julie well for the future and thank her for her many years of loyal service to the parish. Luckily for us, she will continue with her volunteer catechetical and flower arranging roles.

Fr. Eduard

The Holy Family Tabernacle Candle burns for

The Intentions of the Catechists

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The Holy Family Our Lady Candle burns In Loving Memory of Ivy Gibson RIP

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The Holy Family Sacred Heart Candle burns

In Loving Memory of Mary Wainer RIP

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+ PENTECOST SUNDAY (B) + DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 19TH/20TH MAY 2018

Holy Family	6pm (Sat)	1st Mass of Sunday - Michael Doe RIP (Anniv)
St. Thomas More	8.30am	Mass - People of the parish
Holy Family	10am	First Holy Communion Mass

*Monday, 21st May - Feria
(or St Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs)*

Holy Family	9am	Mass -
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Tuesday, 22nd May - Feria (or St. Rita of Cascia, Religious)

St. Thomas More	7.30pm	Mass - Intentions of Grigore Rus
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Wednesday, 23rd May - Feria

Holy Family	9am	Mass -
Holy Family	4.30pm	Reception of body of Mary Woods RIP

Thursday, 24th May - Feria

Holy Family	10am	Requiem Mass - Mary Woods RIP
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*Friday, 25th May
St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor - National Memorial*

Holy Family	9am	Mass - Ivy Gibson RIP Followed by Holy Hour until 10.30am
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Saturday, 26th May - St Philip Neri, Priest - Memorial

Holy Family	9am	Mass - Intentions of Julie Followed by Confessions until 10am
Holy Family	11am	Baptisms

+ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B) + HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 26TH/27TH MAY 2018

Holy Family	6pm (Sat)	1st Mass of Sunday - Mary Wainer RIP
St. Thomas More	8.30am	Mass - People of the parish
Holy Family	10am	Mass - George Kolb 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Burgess and Mary Woods who have recently died. + May they Rest in Peace + Please pray also for their family and friends in their sorrow. Details of the funeral of Anna Burgess to follow. The funeral for Mary Woods will take place on Thursday, 24th May at 10am. Her body will be received into Holy Family Church on Wednesday, 23rd May at 4.30pm.

Baptism Preparation - Welcome and Greeting Please pray for Blake Aoibhin Ann Donner who will be introduced to her parish family at the 6pm Mass. Please pray also for her family and godparents. Blake will be baptised on 26th May.

Thank you - The meet and greet team would like to thank the parishioners for their very generous donations to the Holy Family Anniversary Coffee Evening, which made £72.20 towards the church fund. The team help to hand out newsletters, hymn and mass books at all weekend Masses. If you would like to be part of this team, we would be delighted to welcome you. Please contact Denis Flaherty on 01268 455034.

100 Club - Congratulations to Marie Treanor who is the lucky winner of the May draw. Marie wins £96.50 with her share number 47. **Subscriptions** - Those who pay by cash or cheque are reminded that their annual payment of **£12 a share** is overdue. 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.

Crowning of Our Lady - There will be a short ceremony involving the First Holy Communion children at the beginning of the 6pm Mass on Saturday, 26th May.

Corpus Christi - After the Vigil Mass of The Body and Blood of Christ on Saturday, 2nd June at 6pm, there will be a Eucharistic procession, which will entail walking for a short distance along the High Road and back again. The First Holy Communion children will also be processing and we hope you can join us. Once back in the church we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.45pm after which we will have Compline (Night Prayer) followed by Benediction.

Date for your Diary - There will be an open air Mass on the field of Holy Family Church for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on 29th June. This Mass is also in memory of Sr. Mary Barry.

A day of reflection for single men aged 35-55 who wish to explore if they have a calling to the priesthood. Saturday 9th June 9.30am - 3.30pm. St. John's Seminary, Womersley, Guildford, GU5 0QX. For more details contact the Fr. Graham Smith on Fr.gjdsmith@gmail.com or on 01702 465720.

Offertory Collection Figures				
The Brentwood Diocesan Trust - Reg. Charity No. 234092 <i>Gift aid it! Please!</i>				
Date	2018	2017	2016	Attendance
05/06 May	£781.99	£790.67	£857.93	238 plus 49 children
12/13 May	£805.04	£833.68	£1178.75	231 plus 47 children

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Brentwood Diocese is seeking a voluntary Treasurer at regional level to serve on their Central Council. The Treasurer would not have to undertake visits or any other aspect of Society work, but would be responsible for maintaining the Council accounts, overseeing Gift Aid and filing a quarterly report to National Office. Meetings of the Central Council take place quarterly in Brentwood. For further information, please email Elaine Heyworth on ElaineH@svp.org.uk by latest Sunday 10th June 2018."



† May they Rest In Peace †

Please pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur around now.
 Canon Michael Fitzpatrick, Fr. Bendan Sheppard, Mgr Canon William O'Grady, VG, Fr. Henry Peace, Fr. Charles Carless, Fr. Austin Thorburn, Mary Madden, Ruth McWilliam, Ann O'Leary, Caroline Smithyes, Stanley Gorczyński, Horace Cutler, Irene Whenn, Simon Cutmore, George Kolb, Victoria Thomas, C. Harrington, Nora Cleary, Bridget Doherty, Sr. Assumpta, Patrick Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Lawler, Alice Harkness, George Green, Lillian Stone, Mark Doherty, Leonard Gurney, Bridget Duff, Vicki Gallop, P. Doherty, Eugene Boyle, Margaret Davis, Ivy Gould, Ivy Gibson, Daniel McGlone, Mary Buckingham, Kathleen Emery, Albert King, William Fitzpatrick, Bridget Brennan, Shirley Butler, Mary Wainer, Julian Slattery and Tony Biss.

† 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, 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).