

‘Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own’

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

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>6pm (Sat)</b>	<b>1st Mass of Sunday</b> - Mary Wainer 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> - George Kolb RIP

Monday, 28th May - Feria

**No Mass**

Tuesday, 29th May - Feria

**No Mass**

Wednesday, 30th May - **The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
(transferred from 31st May) - Feast

**No Mass**

Thursday, 31st May - **Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary and St. Helen, Brentwood - Diocesan Feast**

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b> -
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Friday, 1st June - **St. Justin, Martyr**

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b> - Doris Ryder RIP Followed by Holy Hour until 10.30am
<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Mass in Devotion to the Sacred Heart</b>

Saturday, 2nd June - Feria (or Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs)  
(or Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b> - Fr Marcelin Blaj Followed by Confessions until 10am
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+ THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (B) +  
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 2ND/3RD JUNE 2018

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>6pm (Sat)</b>	<b>1st Mass of Sunday</b> - Elsie & Len Albrecht RIP (Anniv)
<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> - Catherine Gilzean RIP (Anniv)

**Prayers at the end of Mass**

The prayer to Holy Michael Archangel and The Angelus prayer are in the back of the Mass Books.



NEWSLETTER FOR

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**with St. Thomas More, Hadleigh**

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**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B) - 26th/27th May 2018**

Dear Friends,

*My warmest thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the First Holy Communion Masses, especially the musicians, choir, catechists, parents and families. It was a lovely occasion enjoyed by all.*

*Pope Francis said at a recent General Audience in Rome: ‘When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chit-chat with those around us. However, it is not a moment for chit-chat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important.’ Please bear the Holy Father’s teaching in mind, in order to show respect for the Blessed Sacrament, and for our fellow parishioners who are praying. Please show a good example to those around you.*

*Please note the changes to the Mass schedule as I am taking some time off.*

Fr. Eduard

**The Funeral of Anne Burgess** will be held on Wednesday 6th June in St Thomas More Church at 11:15am.

**Crowning of Our Lady** - There will be a short ceremony involving the First Holy Communion children at the beginning of the 6pm Mass.

**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 - 29th June** There will be an open air Mass on the field of Holy Family School (and not Church as stated last week - sorry) for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on 29th June. This Mass is also in memory of Sr. Mary Barry.

**Baptism Preparation** - The next preparation class will be on Wednesday, 6th June at 7.30pm. Places need to be booked and application forms should be returned to the church office before the meeting. Please leave a message on the parish office answerphone if you wish to attend the class. 01268 799649

**THE GOSPEL OF MARK** On Wednesdays 20th and 27th June at 7 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Mark, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2018. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

**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.

**Two more books of Catholic historical interest have been launched this week:** Antonia Fraser, The King and the Catholics: The Fight for Rights 1829 (London: Weidenfeld & Nicholson, 2018 ISBN 978-1-4746-0193-1, pp.xvi+319, colour illustrations £25). The book looks at the struggle for Catholic Emancipation and includes a vignette of Robert Edward 9th Lord Petre of Thorndon Hall (Essex) who was prominent in the earlier days of the movement.

Gerard Skinner, Father Ignatius Spencer: English Noble and Christian Saint (Leominster: Gracewing, 2018 ISBN 978-0-85244-929-5, pp.vii+446, b&w illustrations £17.99). George (in religion Ignatius) Spencer (1799-1864), a great, great, great uncle of the late Princess Diana, was a convert clergyman who became first a secular and then a Passionist priest who led a heroic life amidst the poor of Victorian England and Ireland. The author, Father Gerard Skinner, is an alumnus of the VEC and currently Parish Priest of St Francis, Pottery Lane, Notting Hill.



**Offertory Collection Figures**

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Date	2018	2017	2016	Attendance
19/20 May	£1022.60	£703.71	£ 926.74	427 plus 59 children

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The Holy Family Our Lady Candle  
burns For the Intentions of Julie Jones  
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The Holy Family Sacred Heart Candle  
burns in Loving Memory of  
Margret Bailey RIP

**Flowers at  
Our Lady in  
Holy Family Church  
have been donated by  
families of Holy Family  
School children.**

† May they Rest In Peace †

Please pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur around now.

Fr. John Timmins, Bishop John Pettit, Canon Eric Goldingay,  
Fr. Donald Clover, Bernard Murphy, Kerry McKew, Neill Macmillan,  
Joan Macmillan, Martinus Meulenhof, Roseanne Emmerson, Frank Mazzag,  
Win Barry, Rose Gallagher, Baby Zoey Howard, Hilda Marsh, Mary Marsh,  
Albert Eaton, Maureen Webb, Harry Randall, Joseph Barrett, Joseph Lemos,  
Samuel MacGladdery, Tony Knox, Arthur Newton, Eliza Bird,  
Florence Church, Derek Murphy, Elizabeth Hamilton, Pat Kelleher,  
Mary Langan and John Ganly.

† 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).