



Holy Family Catholic Church

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Reconciliation: Sat. 4:45-5:45pm - Baptisms and Weddings by appointment

7th November 32nd Sunday of the Year - B

Kings 17:10-16

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

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Psalm Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

14th November 33rd Sunday of the Year - B

Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12



John tells us that we are children of God and that what we are to become has not yet been revealed. However, in the saints of God we get a glimpse of that future. These people have lived up to the demands of the Gospel and are people who have shown us how to live the Beatitudes.

Psalm Response: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

21st November Christ the King Year - B

Kings 17:10-16

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

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Psalm Response: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!. Alleluia!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis recently spoke on the BBC 4 Today programme about the COP 26 meeting. I have printed his words for your consideration.

Climate change and the Covid-19 pandemic have exposed our deep vulnerability and raised numerous doubts and concerns about our economic systems and the way we organize our societies.

We have lost our sense of security, and are experiencing a sense of powerlessness and loss of control over our lives.

We find ourselves increasingly frail and even fearful, caught up in a succession of “crises” in the areas of health care, the environment, food supplies and the economy, to say nothing of social, humanitarian and ethical crises. All these crises are profoundly interconnected. They also forecast a “perfect storm” that could rupture the bonds holding our society together within the greater gift of God’s creation.

Every crisis calls for vision, the ability to formulate plans and put them rapidly into action, to rethink the future of the world, our common home, and to reassess our common purpose.

These crises present us with the need to take *decisions*, radical decisions that are not always easy. At the same time, moments of difficulty like these also present *opportunities*, opportunities that we must not waste.

We can confront these crises by retreating into isolationism, protectionism and exploitation. Or we can see in them a real chance for change, a genuine moment of conversion, and not simply in a spiritual sense.

This last approach alone can guide us towards a brighter horizon. Yet it can only be pursued through a renewed sense of shared responsibility for our world, and an effective solidarity based on justice, a sense of our common destiny and a recognition of the unity of our human family in God’s plan for the world.

All this represents an *immense cultural challenge*. It means giving priority to the common good, and it calls for a change in perspective, a new outlook, in which the dignity of every human being, now and in the future, will guide our ways of thinking and acting.

The most important lesson we can take from these crises is our need to *build together*, so that there will no longer be any borders, barriers or political walls for us to hide behind.

Some days ago, on 4 October, I met with religious leaders and scientists to sign a Joint Appeal in which we called upon ourselves and our political leaders to act in a more responsible and consistent manner. I was impressed by something said by one of the scientists present at that meeting. He told us: “If things continue as they are, in fifty years’ time my baby granddaughter will have to live in an unliveable world”.

We cannot allow this to happen!

It is essential that each of us be committed to this urgent change of direction, sustained by our own faith and spirituality. In the Joint Appeal, we spoke of the need to work responsibly towards a “culture of care” for our common home, but also for ourselves, and the need to work tirelessly to eliminate “the seeds of conflicts: greed, indifference, ignorance, fear, injustice, insecurity and violence”.

Humanity has never before had at its disposal so many means for achieving this goal. The political decision makers who will meet at COP26 in Glasgow are urgently summoned to provide effective responses to the present ecological crisis and in this way to offer concrete hope to future generations. And it is worth repeating that each of us – whoever and wherever we may be – can play our own part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and the degradation of our common home.

Yours in Christ, **Fr. Stephen**

We pray for the members of our parish community who are ill or unable to come to Mass especially:

<i>Fr. John McKeon</i>	<i>Doreen Hegharty</i>	<i>Tom Coffey</i>	<i>Mary Ware</i>	<i>Oliver Ryan</i>
<i>Pauline Egbunike</i>	<i>Maureen Bushell</i>	<i>Margaret Kiely</i>	<i>John Connors</i>	<i>Ibiron Ayool</i>
<i>Myla Lebersidge</i>	<i>Maureen Harvey</i>	<i>Michael Harvey</i>	<i>Mark Paton</i>	<i>Olive Edgar</i>
<i>Catherine Watkins</i>	<i>Andy Gallagher</i>	<i>Tony Leahy</i>	<i>Mary Wallace</i>	<i>Lucia Watson</i>
<i>Dennis O’Flaherty</i>	<i>Gabriella Byrne</i>	<i>Danny O’Sullivan</i>		

May they experience the healing touch of Jesus

Live Mass Streaming

All church services are now live streamed. This can be accessed via the parish website on <http://www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org/mass-stream/> If you are sitting towards the front of the Church you may be visible.

Covid 19 – Contact Tracing

After coming to the church please use the QR code displayed. You will need to download the NHS app on your phone. Alternatively you can use the link-<https://www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org/>

Parish Food Bank

There is a meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday 9th November for those who volunteered to be team leaders.

Thank you to all those who attended Mondays meeting and to those who have been donating food for the food bank. Please continue leaving your contributions in the boxes at the back of the Church.

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults

We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer Walsingham House from 3:00pm 19th–21st November 2021. The cost is £150 for 2 nights' accommodation and all meals is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin. For more information call 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Remembrance Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick

Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7th November at 3pm. Due to capacity please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Vacancy

Chaplaincy Apprentice at St Thomas More High School, Westcliff-on-Sea Full Time, 2 Year, Fixed Term. £17,842 - £19,312 actual salary (NJC Salary Scale Point 1- 5). The school are seeking to appoint a Chaplaincy Apprentice, a new and exciting role. For further information please contact the Headteacher's PA on 01702 344933 nparr@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or visit the school website www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk for a recruitment pack.

St Joseph's school

The staff at the school are offering visits to the school for the parents of prospective children on the following days all at 3.30pm:

Wednesday 10th November, Thursday 11th November

Wednesday 17th November, Thursday 18th November

Wednesday 24th November and Thursday 25th November

To attend you need to contact the school office on 0208 270 6480 to book yourselves onto a visit.

Readers for Mass

Sat 6th Nov	6:00pm	Peter Roberts & Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 7th Nov	9:00am	Annette O'Donoghue & Philippa Ademuyiwa
	11:00am	Caliyp & First Holy Communion Candidates

Sat 13th Nov	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald & Anne Carroll
Sun 14th Nov	9:00am	Confirmation Candidates
	11:00am	Angela Milton & Onose Egualeon
Sat 20th Nov	6:00pm	Peter Roberts & Anne Carroll
Sun 21st Nov	9:00am	Pamela Anike & Daniel Hughes
	11:00am	Clare Nwachukwa & Veronica Obi

Eucharistic Ministers for Mass

Sat 6th Nov	6:00pm	Anne Carroll
Sun 7th Nov	9:00am	Catherine Ahorituwere
	11:00am	Angela Milton
Sat 13th Nov	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steem
Sun 14th Nov	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah
	11:00am	Clare Nwachukwu
Sat 20th Nov	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 21st Nov	9:00am	Matthew Onyemah
	11:00am	Nkem Okoli

Volunteering in your Parish

We are still looking for support in the following areas at all Masses:

Welcomers, Readers, Ministers and Counters

Please contact the Presbytery if you are willing to go on a rota as any of the above. Please state which Mass you attend

Guild of St Stephen

Guild of St Stephen Brentwood Diocese AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Saturday 20th November at 11:00am, Brentwood Cathedral, Small Hall. This is open to any MCs or Senior Altar Servers in Brentwood Diocese. To keep everyone safe, we would ask those attending the AGM to have had the COVID vaccination. If you wish to attend the AGM, please email John McCormack johnmccormack528@gmail.com before 13th November.

Central Council Guild of St Stephen (AGM) on Saturday 27th November, at St Mary & St Joseph Catholic Church, Poplar. Mass at 12 noon and the AGM meeting at 1.30pm. The meeting will be in person and online via MS Teams. AGM notice and nomination forms will be on www.guildofststephen.org

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass celebrated please post your intention through the letter box with your donation. Alternatively you can give your donation via the repository. Envelopes are available in the Church entrance.

Donate to the parish with Giftaid-it

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

Donate to the parish without Giftaid-it

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

Baptism Course 2021

The next Baptism course will take place on 10th, 17th and 24th November at 7:00pm. Please email the presbytery by 3rd November if you wish to take part.

RCIA Programme

The next session for RCIA candidates will take place on Tuesday 16th November at 7:30pm in the presbytery.

First Holy Communion Programme

The next session for 1st Holy Communion course will take place on Saturday 4th December at 10:00am in the CASA. **At the same time** the parents meeting will take place. Your Mass will take place Saturday 4th December at 6:00pm Mass

Caliyp Programme

The next two sessions for Caliyp candidates will take place on Wednesday 17th November and Wednesday 1st December at 5:30pm in the Presbytery.

Confirmation Programme

The next session for Confirmation candidates will take place on Saturday 4th December at 2:30pm in the Church. Your Mass will take place on Saturday 4th December at 6:00pm Mass.

Thresholds of Hope

The next Thresholds of Hope Questions take place by Zoom on Sunday 7th November 4.00 – 5.00 p.m.: What does it mean to talk about morality? These talks will be given by Fr Martin Boland, Dean of

Brentwood Cathedral. To join this meeting go to Events at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

BCYS Programmes

Advent Carol Service: You are warmly invited to join us at Walsingham House at Abbotswick for our annual Advent Carol Service on Sunday 12th December. We will have Christmas carols both classic and contemporary performed by our incredibly talented BCYS musicians, accompanied with readings from scripture and Christmas poems & stories. This year we are running two concerts, at 3:00pm or 7:00pm, however there will be limited capacity at each event and this will be dependent on any current Government restrictions or social distancing, in place at the time. Tickets are £10 and the money will go towards supporting our pilgrimages to Lourdes. To book your place please contact Joe Beattie, Walsingham House manager on josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 373 959.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: 23rd – 30th July 2022.

Applications are now open for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders. This is one of our most popular events and after a 2 year gap we are excited to be returning next year. The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. For those travelling with the BCYS the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events and a party.

Please see www.bcys.net/events/sl22/ for more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply.

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from 24th -29th July in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

Collections:	24/10/21 - £970.77	2 nd Collection - £106.67 Thank you
	31/10/21 - £993.58	2 nd Collection - £57.00 Thank you

Mass Intentions

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Saturday 23rd Oct	6:00pm	Dorothy Harrison RIP	J Harrison
Sunday 24th Oct	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	11:00am	Jean Ramsey (RIP)	Cody Family

Feria

Mon 25th October	9:00am	Philip Soares (special Intentions)	
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St Cedd Bp, Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese

Tue 26th October	9:00am	Christine (Ina) Delaney RIP	Rita & Jean
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Wed 27th October	9:00am	Germaus & Emilia Akunda RIP	Cecilia Akunda
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Thur 28th October	9:00am	Philip Gosling RIP	Gosling Family
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Fri 29th October	9:00am	Noreen & John Slattery	J Keany
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Sat 30th October	9:00am	Gordon Fairbanks Birthday	
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All Saints - B

Saturday 30th Oct	6:00pm	John Musgrove RIP	Musgrove Family
Sunday 31st Oct	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	11:00am	Kathy Wager RIP	B & P McKeag

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Mon 1st November	9:30am	David Galvin (Get Well)	
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All Souls - B

Tue 2nd November	9:00am	November Dead List	
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Wed 3rd November	9:00am	Sir David Amess RIP	
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St Charles Borromeo, Bp

Thu 4th November	9:00am	November Dead List	
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Feria

Fri 5th November	9:00am	Fr. Peter Gooden RIP	J. Carrol
	11:00am	Funeral Mass of Christian (Ina) Delaney	

Feria

Sat 6th November	9:00am	November Dead List	
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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Saturday 6th Nov	6:00pm	Margarida Coelho	Manuela
Sunday 7th Nov	9:00am	November Dead List	
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

Mass attendance: 24/10/21-330 Late: 95 31/10/21- 302 Late: 87