



Holy Family Catholic Church

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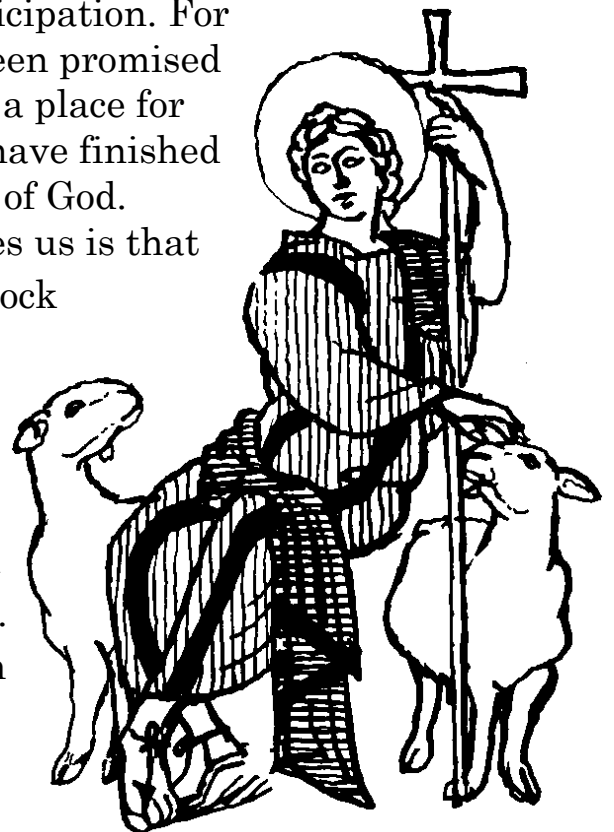
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Reconciliation: Sat. 4:45-5:45pm - Baptisms and Weddings by appointment

8th May – 4th Sunday of Easter – C

Dear Friends,

The second reading today should be one that, I feel, fills us with great hope. In the reading we hear of a great number of 'people impossible to count' who have been saved and washed clean by the blood of the Lamb. These people should be seen as those who have gone before us marked with the Sign of Faith and indeed in the fullness of time each one of us who seek to be with the Lord in his Kingdom. I have often referred to the fact that the invitation is given to all and that we have to actively accept it to be able to consider ourselves part of God's Kingdom. For those that accept this invitation the certainty of the Lord's love and certainty of this promise can bring great comfort and hope. Indeed, I am only too aware of how much comfort and support this promise can bring at a time of loss. We should look to the future with great positive thoughts and anticipation. For at the end of our earthly journey we have been promised a home in which there are many rooms and a place for each one of us. As St Paul puts it when we have finished our journey of life we are taken into the life of God. In addition to this the image that Jesus gives us is that he is the Good Shepherd who will lead his flock to eternal life. This flock is from every nation, race, tribe and language, that is all of humanity. We all are saved by the Lord and guided by his Word. This can only happen, however to us if we truly listen and follow him and not water down his teaching. It is part of the role of a priest to break open the Word of the Lord for the people so that they may follow the teaching of the Good Shepherd and make it their own.



This is why this Sunday is often linked to the call for vocations to religious life and to the priesthood. There is always a need for priests and thus this is something that we all have a part to encourage. For without a priest there can be no Mass and thus no Eucharist. Therefore, as you think on the teaching of the Lord on this Good Shepherd Sunday I would ask that you remember priests in your prayers and ask the Lord to send more shepherds to the flock. In addition to that we have been told, by the Bishop, that the Stewards of the Gospel programme will resume in the near future where the structure of the parish communities will be considered. The process is to understand what will be the best structure for each area of the diocese. This programme has been considered for some time and now we are getting to the point where we will be putting recommendations into place and changing the communities. I would ask that you think and pray about this process as we move forward.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Stephen

8th May 4th Sunday of Easter - Year C

Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Revelations 7: 9, 14-17

John 10: 27-30

The Good Shepherd gives to his sheep the gift of eternal life. This life is already ours through the reception of the Good News which brings us joy and the Holy Spirit.

Psalm Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

15th May 5th Sunday of Easter - Year C

Acts 14: 21-27

Revelations 21: 1-15

John 13: 31-35

The New Commandment of Love: we are to love with the love of Jesus himself. This is the love that overcomes all obstacles and gives us a newness of life in joy.

Psalm Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord. *Alleluia!*

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

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

May they experience the healing touch of Jesus

Parish Food Bank

Thank you to all those who have been donating food for the food bank, however we can only accept non-perishable food, i.e NOT bread or vegetables. Please continue leaving your contributions in the boxes at the back of the Church. We are looking for plastic bags donated as well.

There is still time for you to fill in an application form to volunteer to help with the various positions at the food bank. **The foodbank will start on the 12th June.**

Live Mass Streaming

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

Mass Intentions

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

Volunteering in your Parish

Welcomers, Readers, Ministers and Counters

We require people who are willing to count the collection money. Also help is required at the weekend Masses for welcomers (two at each Mass) and a person who counts the parishioners in. The repository shop requires people willing to serve after each Mass. The more volunteers we get the better for all. If you are an existing minister/reader/welcomer/counter and would like to go back on the rota please drop Fr Stephen a note letting him know which Mass you attend.

Gift-aid

The Gift aid boxes for the coming year are available at the back of the church. Please look for the envelope with your name on.

Baptism Course

The next course will be on the 11th, 18th and 25th May.

RCIA Programme

The next RCIA session will take place on Tuesday 17th May at 7:30pm.

Caliyp and First Holy Communion Programme

First Holy Communion day retreat will be on the 11th June 8:30am.

Confirmation Programme

Confirmation candidates retreat starts on the 20th May.

Thank You

Father Stephen would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everybody's generosity over the Easter period and hopes you all had a very happy Easter.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 28th May 2022

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Year of the Family. We will celebrate Mass before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of the Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction.

Second Collection- for Promotion of Vocations

A second collection will take place at all weekend Masses 7th & 8th May. This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday when we are invited by the Church to pray in a particular way for a vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for Vocations and for those who are training for the priesthood.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24th – 29th July. A time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. Book at www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood. For further information, phone the Administrative Director on 01206 735623.

Refugee Community Support Group

A volunteer group is being set at St. John Payne, in conjunction Caritas Brentwood, to raise funds and provide practical support for a refugee family. Anyone interested in please email SJPRefugeeProject@gmail.com.

Is God calling you to be a Priest

The next “Enquirers’ Evening” for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 7th June at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Fr Maurice Gordon. Contact Fr Mark on vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Late Vocation to the Priesthood

A vocation discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 will take place at St Beuno’s in North Wales from 2nd to 4th Sept 2022. For further details and booking: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2>

Bishop Alan’s Easter reflection

Bishop Alan’s Easter Reflection, can be down loaded on diocesan website 'Look for life in the midst of death' – (dioceseofbrentwood.net)

Praying the Hours

Three short videos are now available introducing The Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office on www.whatgoodnews.org. Fr Adrian Graffy is in conversation with Sr Anne Spilberg and Fr Gerard Bradley. The different hours are explored and at the end of part 3 links are provided for text and livestream of the Office in various languages. Simply go to the website, and click on ‘Praying the Hours’. Thank you for your interest.

The Acts of The Apostles:

Throughout the fifty days of Easter we read from the Acts of the Apostles, the book which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared faith talks on 'The Acts of the Apostles' and 'Paul in Acts', for your use through the Easter season. To access these free audio recordings please go to the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org and scroll down to 'Acts in Easter'.

Caritas of Brentwood

Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act – Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk

March for Life

The March for life (M4L) will take place on Saturday 3rd September 2022. The day is divided into two parts.

First Part - will include a ProLife community event at the Emmanuel Centre, Westminster, from 10:30am – 1:30pm consisting of; pro-life stalls, talks, children's sessions, entertainment and music. There will be a Mass, celebrated at 11am at St George's Cathedral, Southwark SE1 7HY by Bishop John Sherrington. Priests are welcome to concelebrate.

Second Part - The march itself starts at 2:00pm and ends at 4:30pm in Parliament Square with final speeches. Four bishops have committed to attending the event so far. The theme this year is '10 Million Too Many'

Housekeeper – Our Lady & All Saints, Basildon

A vacancy has arisen for a part time Housekeeper in Holy Trinity Presbytery and Hall, St Therese Hall and occasionally in St Basil's Presbytery in Basildon Parish. The post will be part-time (15 hours per week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). Forms can be obtained by contacting Father Sabu via: basildon@dioceseofbrentwood.org Job description: Housekeeper JD – Basildon (003) Closing date for applications: 27 May 2022.

"Red Box 2021: Thank You!"

In 2021, Holy Family, Dagenham raised £1,643.94 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at Holy Family is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. The founder of this network (APF/Missio), Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified on 22 May this year. This remarkable lay woman's life was marked by intense suffering and great trust in God. Pauline's life helps us to see how every prayer, however short, and every contribution, however small, is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Thank you for being a part of Pauline's legacy. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more about Pauline, and how your support of Missio changes lives for the better.

Donate to the parish without Giftaid-it

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

Donate to the parish with Giftaid-it

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Readers for Mass

Sat 23rd Apr	6:00pm	Confirmation Candidates
Sun 24th Apr	9:00am	Annette O'Donoghue & Daniel Hughes
	11:00am	1st Communion & Caliyp Candidates
Sat 30th Apr	6:00pm	Anne Carroll & Peter Roberts
Sun 1st May	9:00am	Ngozi Onodugo & Alfonse Gabriel
	11:00am	Immaculate Nnadi & Ify Dyrohjaiye
Sat 7th May	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steem & Peter Roberts
Sun 8th May	9:00am	Daniel Hughes & Nathalie Duncan
	11:00am	Nkem Okoli & Angela Milton

Eucharistic Ministers for Mass

Sat 23rd Apr	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 24th Apr	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah
	11:00am	Angela Milton
Sat 30th Apr	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steem
Sun 1st May	9:00am	Estalita Maduli
	11:00am	Clare Nwachukwu
Sat 7th May	6:00pm	Anne Carroll
Sun 8th May	9:00am	Amanda Shpati
	11:00am	Bernie McKeag



A New Day is Dawning

**Join the community in our
pilgrimage to Aylesford**

On

10th September 2022

**We come together again for a day of reflection,
renewal and prayer**

Cost:- £20 for adults and £10 for children

There will be a meeting to plan the pilgrimage on Thursday 19th May in the Presbytery at 7:30pm. If you would like to help plan and support the day please come along.

Mass Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Easter – C (Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Saturday 7th May	6:00pm	Ted Musgrove (RIP)	Jean, Theresa & Fam.
Sunday 8th May	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	11:00am	Joe Irwin (RIP)	B Mckeag & J Harrison

Feria

Mon 9th May	9:00am	Philomena Doherty (RIP)	Doherty Family
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Tue 10th May	9:00am	Margaret Kelly	Minibus Friends
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Wed 11th May	9:00am	Jean Stokes (RIP)	Gosling Family
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St John Houghton, Pr, M

Thu 12th May	9:00am	Nelia Santos (RIP)	Ricky Santos & Family
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St Erconwald, Bp (Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese)

Fri 13th May	9:00am	Service of the Word with Eucharist	
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St Matthias, Ap

Saturday 14th May	11:00am	Holy Souls	
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Fifth Sunday of Easter - C

Saturday 14th May	6:00pm	Dennis & Elizabeth O'Sullivan (RIP)	D & M O'Sullivan
Sunday 15th May	9:00am	John Dowsett (RIP)	P. J. A. Dowsett
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

Feria

Mon 16th May	9:00am	Private Intention	
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Feria (Survivors of Sexual Abuse)

Tue 17th May	9:00am	John Carroll (Birthday)	Thursday People
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Feria

Wed 18th May	9:00am	Martin Somide (RIP)	N. Anteyi
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Feria

Thu 19th May	9:00am	Anna Gawlik (Spe. Ints)	Slawek Gawlik
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Fri 20th May	9:00am	Father Bob Hamill (Get Well)	
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Feria

Saturday 21st May	9:00am	Father John McKeon (Spec. Ints)	
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Sixth Sunday of Easter - C

Saturday 21st May	6:00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 22nd May	9:00am	Martin Somide (RIP)	Phillipa's Brother
	11:00am	Carol Parker (Spec.Ints)	

Mass attendance: 24/4/22 –530 Late: 96

01/5/22 –351 Late: 47

Collections: 24/4/22 - £ 807.41

01/5/22 – 1,058.01 Thank you

The attendance over the Easter weekend in the highest in 3 years.