

### Readers for Mass

<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	Ella Baker & Omolola Duroyaiye
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Anne Carroll & Katie Lloyd
	11:00am	P Anazodo & Valerie Garcia
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	Toluwani Seidu & Lorraine Moore
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Daniel Hughes & Marian Fitzgerald
	11:00am	Nkem Okoli & Jason Azoba
<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	6:00pm	Helen Young & Caroline Van der Steen
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	9:00am	Alfonso Gabriel & Annette O'Donoghue
	11:00am	Nora Bell & Nina Muanda

### Ministers for Mass

<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	Margaret Wilkinson, Lorraine Moore, S Roberts, Guy Attungue, Caroline Van Der Steen
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Denis Ahorituwere, Peter Hale, Catherine Ahorituwere, Matthew Onyemah, Innocent Ileke
	11:00am	Angela Milton, Berni McKeag, Estelita Maduli, Nora Bell, Christine Maxey
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	Guy Attungue, Danny O'Sullivan, Tracey Worby, Margaret Wilkinson ?
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Amanda Shpati, Anne Carroll, Linda Attard, Catherine Ahorituwere, Matthew Onyemah
	11:00am	Nora Bell, Christine Maxey, Dolores Dormer, Estelita Maduli, Berni McKeag
<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	6:00pm	Elizabeth Collier, Danny O'Sullivan, Tracey Worby, Marian Fitzgerald
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	9:00am	Amanda Shpati, Marian Fitzgerald, Peter Hale, Innocent Ileke, Denis Ahorituwere
	11:00am	Angela Milton, Pam Hale, Robert Hale, Veronica Obi

**Please note if Deacon Rick is on the Sanctuary you do not need a Host Minister.**

### Welcomers

<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	Christine Vardon & Teresa Robinson
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Lynda Gosling & Annette O'Donoghue
	11:00 am	Yvonne O'Donovan & Odunayo Agbetuyi
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	Doris Okoh & Mary O'Sullivan
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Eunice Lynch & Agatha Francis
	11:00am	Christine Toto & Tyron Toto
<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	6:00pm	Teresa Power & Rosia Gordon
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	9:00am	Annette Bowman & Ellen Murphy
	11:00am	Margaret Kailondo & Odunayo Agbetuyi

### Rotas for other Ministries

<b>Newsletter:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> Jan Angela & Obi	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb: Olu & Gordon
<b>Flowers:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> January: A	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Feb & 10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> Feb: B
<b>Counting:</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> January: GAMMA	29 <sup>th</sup> January: ALPHA
		4 <sup>th</sup> February: BETA

### An Important Meeting



### □ Holy Family Catholic Church

Parish Priest  
**Fr. Stephen Myers MA, BSc(Hons), BA(Hons), PGCE, Cert Theo.**  
 Episcopal Vicar for Education

Also in residence: **Fr. John M<sup>c</sup>Keon BA(Hons).**  
**Reverend Deacon Rick Fernandez MA, BA, PGCE**  
 The Presbytery, Oxlow Lane, Dagenham, Essex, RM9 5XJ  
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 Email: [dagenhamhf@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:dagenhamhf@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**St. Joseph's Primary School Connor Road.** Tel: (020) 8270 6480  
**All Saints Comprehensive School Terling Road.** Tel: (020) 8270 4242  
 Reconciliation: Sat. 4:45-5:45pm - Baptisms and Weddings by appointment

### 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

*God's love and grace has no boundaries or limits as can be seen in the sending of Jonah to Nivvah, a pagan city, and its conversion. Jesus shows that we must go beyond conversion. He demands that we show the faith that we have by repentance and belief in the Good News.*

### 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time (B)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

*Jesus is the new Moses predicted in the first reading. He is more than just one of the prophets, He is God's Son, the Word of God. His words have authority and speak to us at every level. We should recognise that he is the Holy One of God and, like Paul, make ourselves ready to receive him.*

### Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Next weekend the 28<sup>th</sup> January at 12:30pm there will be a meeting held in the CASA hall to discuss the proposals contained in the diocesan vision document. Specifically to look at and respond to the suggestions for our parish. Everyone is invited to this meeting and it is my sincere hope that as many members of the community as possible will attend. As we will be discussing the future of the Catholic Church in Dagenham and by extension the parish community. What happens and is discussed over the next few months will have lasting effect on the



whole of our diocese and if people do not take the opportunity to take part in the dialogue then they will not have the right to criticise or attack the decisions that are made. The aim of Bishop Alan in starting the process of the stewards of the Gospel is to engage with everyone and bring people to the realisation of the real need for discernment and change.

If I may take Holy Family as an example, there was a point in the last 80 years or so that there were 3 priests serving this community and indeed for the majority of the history of the Church, there were 2. Now 1 priest serves the community and the proposals are that in the future there will not be a resident priest. The shortest answer to why this is the case, is that there are fewer people willing to offer their service to the priesthood. Indeed it is predicted that by the year 2030 the diocese will be served by half the number of priests that it has at this moment in time. In addition, the Bishop tells me that at this moment in time there is no slack in the diocese, which means that should a priest fall ill or retire there will be no one to cover his parish. Clearly the answer to this problem is to encourage and support more vocations to the priesthood but it is not as simple as that. For if someone puts themselves forward for priesthood today it will be another 10 years before they will be able to take on the role as a parish priest.

No matter what happens, therefore, there is the real need for increased involvement and commitment by the members of the parish communities if they are to survive and be viable. Taking Holy Family as an example once again there are many areas where peoples increased commitment could make a substantial difference. The gift aid scheme allows the parish to reclaim 25% of the money that tax payers give. It is a simple scheme whereby a record is made of an individuals donation by a numbered envelope (only the parish priest and gift aid organisers know what name goes with what number). However each year we have 30 or so boxes of envelopes that are not collected and used. This is people who have signed up for the gift aid scheme but have not used their envelopes. Therefore the parish is unable to reclaim the tax and it is my rough estimation that this means a loss to the parish of £2,500. Why this is the case I am not certain but it is clearly true. This is not the only area of the parish where we have sought help and support and have been unable to encourage people to be involved. Once again why this is the case I am not certain but what I am sure of is that the community of Dagenham needs to motivate itself to ensure that it has a future.

**Yours in Christ,**  
*Fr. Stephen*

## **Brentwood Youth Service**

### **Youth Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month, Brentwood Cathedral**

Please join us for Youth Mass each month at the Cathedral - everyone is very welcome to attend and stay for refreshments in the conference rooms after! We are very pleased to welcome the Mizens to speak before the Youth Mass in February—Jimmy Mizen was a 16-year-old schoolboy from Lewisham who lost his life in an unprovoked attack in a bakery in 2008. Barry and his wife, Margaret Mizen spoke of compassion rather than revenge and since then have worked tirelessly with young people across the country sharing Jimmy's story and delivering programmes in schools across south-east London. The talk will take place in the conference room at Brentwood Cathedral from 6:30, with pizza and refreshments available. To find out more about the Mizens please visit [www.forjimmy.org](http://www.forjimmy.org)

**Jack and the Beanstalk!** 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January, Most Holy Trinity, Basildon. Tickets are £10 for an Adult and £5 per child, all proceeds raised go to support Groups 709 and 127 who will be travelling to Lourdes at Easter helping vulnerable young people. For more information and for tickets, please visit [www.basildonpanto.tk](http://www.basildonpanto.tk)

### **Summer Lourdes 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July 2018, Lourdes**

Our hugely popular Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage. Applications are open for those in year 10 and above from now until January, but these are filling up fast! These places will then be considered and allocated together, so as to be fair to young people from across the diocese and there are just 4 weeks left to get you applications completed!

### **World Youth Day 18<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Panama & Costa Rica**

The BCYS trip is open to anyone aged from school year 12 to age 27 *at the time we travel* and our likely travel dates are **18<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. WYD is open to all – if you have questions about your faith, or would like to deepen your faith, it is an amazing opportunity. Applications are now open—please do also email with any questions, from you or your family, if you need more information before making an initial commitment

### **St Helen's Catholic Primary School at 110 years**

St Helen's Catholic Primary School in Canning Town, Newham is appealing to all past pupils or their relatives. They are seeking copies of old school photographs, reports and records as part of the preparations for their 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The school is particularly looking for photographs and information from 1907-1941 as original documents were destroyed in the blitz. Please contact 020 7476 1785 or email: [info@st-helens.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-helens.newham.sch.uk).

### **AN IMPORTANT MEETING**

Please come along on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 12:30pm, there is a meeting in the CASA Hall regarding the future of the Holy Family Catholic Church. This concerns you all so your input is important to the future of this parish.

### Discernment Weekend

Have you thought about the religious life?

In February 2018 the Congregation of Jesus is hosting a discernment weekend in York for women considering religious life. The weekend offers guidance on how to discern a vocation, and also how to discern which congregation would suit. The weekend is open to women of any age, and there is no charge (although you are welcome to make a contribution).

If you are interested, please contact us first so that we can make sure the weekend is appropriate for you, and ensure there is a bedroom available.

Our forthcoming weekend will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> February 2018, at the Bar Convent in York. [vocations@congregatiojesu.org.uk](mailto:vocations@congregatiojesu.org.uk)

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018

The Dioceses of Brentwood Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July led by Bishop Alan Williams. Posters and leaflets giving information regarding this pilgrimage are available at the back of the Church. This year's pilgrimage was the largest the diocese has celebrated so you are encouraged to make next year's even bigger. More information at [www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood)

### Faith Schools Cap Government U-turn

Last year the Government promised to lift the 50% cap on faith admissions for new religious schools. This policy had proved to be an effective ban on any new Catholic schools as our Bishops ruled that opening a Catholic school that tuned away Catholics for being Catholic was against Canon Law. The 50% cap was a policy that specifically targeted Catholics as Catholic schools are popular with parents of all faiths and none. Last September the Government acknowledged the cap was unfair to the Catholic community and pledged to scrap it. The Conservatives even included a commitment to remove it in their manifesto.

Unfortunately, the feedback we are getting is that the Secretary of State for Education is thinking about U-turning on this and breaking the Government's promise to Catholics. The Catholic community now needs to make its collective voice heard and tell the Secretary of State that this level of discrimination against Catholic schools, parents and children will not be tolerated. As such we are urging Catholics to write to the Secretary of State. These letters can be easily sent by <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> fill your details and clicking 'send'.

### Study Evening

**Understanding The Creed** On Wednesdays 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January from 7 p.m. until 8.30 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Nicene Creed recited at Sunday Mass. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) Refreshments provided. Admission free.

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

Sheila Beeching	Anna Flynn	Bridget Moran	Tom Coffey	Jean-Claud Norlaya
Louisa Cooley	Maureen Bushell	Teresa Knott	Mary Ware	Oliver Ryan
Myla Lebersidge	Maureen Harvey	Lucia Watson	John Connors	Ibiron Ayool
Catherine Watkins	Andy Gallagher	Tony Leahy	Mark Paton	Olive Edgar
Dennis O'Flaherty	Eddie Fitzgerald	Gabriella Byrne	Mary Wallace	Marian Hare
Ronald Prendergast	Pauline Egbunike	Michael Harvey	Doreen Hegarty	

*May they experience the healing touch of Jesus*

### Parking Notice

**Do not** park in front of School gates or the stairs of the Hall as they are for emergency access. Do not Double Park up against another vehicle. **Do not park over The Presbytery or neighbours' drives.**

### First Communion & Calyp Group 2017 - 2018

Candidates your next session is on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 10:00 to 12:00, the theme is PEACE. Your Mass is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00am.

### Confirmation 2017 - 2018

Candidates your next Sessions are on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. In the CASA Hall.

### RCIA Groups 4 and 5

**GROUP 4:** Your next Session is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room.

**GROUP 5:** Your next Session is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7:30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room.

### Registering in this Parish

Please make sure you and your family are registered, and if you have had a Child recently please register the Child by asking for a forms thank you.

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Our Lady of Canvey & the English Martyrs Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to the Holy Land Cost will be £1,415. If you are interested or require further information please contact Cathy on 07885 577 342.

### Use of the Parish Toilet

An **adult MUST ALWAYS** accompany **Children** using the Parish toilet. Hand-towels and nappies must not be flushed down the toilet.

### Pilgrimage to Poland 2018

Fr. Stephen is leading a Pilgrimage to Poland from 28<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018. Price is £546.00 per person and includes: half board accommodation, full services of a guide; visiting Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Wieliczka, Krakow, Wadowice, Zakopane. Entrance charge to Salt Mine, Auschwitz, to Wawel Cathedral and St Mary's Church, Krakow. Plus Flight charge of approximately £191:00 insurance price is £32.00 if required. Please contact Tangney Tours on 01732886666 for further information.

### Gift Aid

This allows the parish to claim an extra 25% of your offering from the government. If you pay tax, please join the Gift Aid scheme; this is an important source of income for the parish. Please ask at the back of the Church for a form.

### Concert for Bosco

Exceptionally talented young adult musicians are offering an evening of classical music to raise money for the SVP St John Bosco children's camp. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. 7:30-9:30pm. Wine and refreshments included. Advance tickets £8; on the door £11. Phone: 07957382592. Online bookings & concert programme details: [www.concertforbosco.com](http://www.concertforbosco.com)

### Mobile Phones

You are politely reminded not to use mobile phones in Church and especially during any Mass. **Please make sure your phone is switched off or on silent when you enter the church.** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### The Irish Elderly Service Charity

Open as usual every Thursday 10:30am-1pm at Durning Community Hall Forest Gate, , Earlam Grove , E7 9AB. If you are an elderly person, drop-In if you would like advice about Housing, Pension (Irish and UK) returning to Ireland or about any other issue where we may be able to assist. Forest Gate Station is 2 minutes walk away from Durning Hall. Contact Sally Mulready **Tel:02074280471 or Mob 07930575913**

### The Annual Diocesan Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass for the Sick: Our Lady of Lourdes is both the patroness of our diocese and the sick. At 3 pm on Sunday 4 February, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass in her honour at Brentwood Cathedral. This is a diocesan celebration; all are invited. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are unwell. This Mass is also an opportunity for those who attended the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2017 to give thanks for graces received. Fr. Paul Keane, Lourdes Pilgrimage Director

### Mass for Travellers

**Mass for Travellers on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at Westminster Cathedral**

At 2.30pm on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018 there will be a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan at Westminster Cathedral for members of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities.

### Drivers

We are looking for people who can drive the Mini bus plus someone who can assist on the bus for the 9:00am Mass on Sundays please see Denis Panton at 9:00am Mass on Sunday or telephone him 020 8517 0782.

## Mass Intentions

### Third Sunday Ordinary Time (B)

<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	11:00am	Healing Mass Monica Cox (RIP)	Power Family
	6:00pm	Thanksgiving	C Vardon

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	11:00am	Deacon Rick (Spec Int)	G Fairbanks

### Feria

<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Mary Keating (RIP)	A & J Keaney
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<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Maisie Flanagan (RIP)	M & B Moran
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### St Francis de Sales, Bp, D

<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	8:30am	Lucy Smith (RIP)	M & R Ware
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### The Conversion of St Paul, Ap

<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Barbara Ryan (RIP)	Power Family
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### SS Timothy and Titus, Bpp

<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Michael Beckett (RIP)	SVP
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### Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time (B) (Racial Justice Sunday)

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Lorraine Peter & Bonnie (Spec.Ints)	M & E Fitzgerald
	11:00am	Jesus Javier (RIP)	R & A Javier

### Feria

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Monica Cox (RIP)	M Hare
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### Feria

<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	John O'Brian (RIP)	T O'Donovan
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### St John Bosco, Pr

<b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Nigel Sean Dunphy (RIP)	M Brito
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### Feria

<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	9:00am	Terence Groves (RIP)	R & J Clinton
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### The Presentation Of The Lord (World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)

<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	9:00am	Monica Cox (RIP)	Pat & Clare
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### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	6:00pm	Sean McCarthy (RIP)	Haywood Family
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	9:00am	Ally O'Connor (RIP)	Cody Family
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

□ 14<sup>th</sup> January Attendance:697 Late 266 Collection £1,100:36

Second Collection Pax Christi £229.77

### Retiring Collection

On 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 there is a retiring collection for Racial Justice Sunday. Please note: Rotas are at the back of the Church for Counters, Ministers/Readers and Welcomers