

## Readers for Mass

<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	Lorraine Moore & Caroline Van Der Steen
<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Ngozi Onudugo & Noreen Brooks
	11:00am	Nina Muanda & Nora Bell
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	? & ?
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Henrietta Simise & Anne Carroll
	11:00am	Valerie Garcia & P Anazodo
<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	Ella Baker & Caroline Van Der Steen
<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Jessica Lutterodt & Natalie Duncan
	11:00am	Jacqueline Debrah & Beverley Azobag

## Ministers for Mass

<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	<b>D. O'Sullivan</b> , S. Roberts, T. Worby, E. Collier, ?
<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	<b>O. Nnaji</b> , M. Fitzgerald, D. Ahorituwere, P. Hale, A. Shpati
	11:00am	<b>P. Hale</b> , A. Milton, V. Obi, R. Hale, N. Okoli
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	<b>L. Moore</b> C. Van Der Steen, S. Roberts, K Drilon, ?
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	<b>M. Onyemah</b> , O. Nnaji, D. Ahorituwere, I. Ilike, C. Ahorituwere,
	11:00am	<b>N. Bell</b> , E. Maduli, A. Milton, B. McKeag, C. Maxey
<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	?, T Worby, D. O'Sullivan, K. Drilon, ?
<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	<b>C. Ahorituwere</b> , A. Shpati, Linda Attard, A. Carroll, M. Onyemah,
	11:00am	<b>C. Nwachukwu</b> , N. Bell, Dolores Dormer, C. Maxey, A. Egualeonan

## Welcomers

<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	Teresa Power & Rosia Gordon
<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Annette Bowman & Ellen Murphy
	11:00am	Margaret Kailondo & Robert Hale
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	Christine Vardon & Teresa Robinson
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Lynda Gosling & Annette O'Donoghue
	11:00am	Yvonne O'Donovan & Mark Debrah
<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	Doris Okoh & Mary O'Sullivan
<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Eunice Lynch & Agatha Francis
	11:00am	Christine Toto & Nkem Okoli

## Rota's for other Ministries

<b>Newsletter:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> Jan: Ngozi/Gordon	19 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> Jan: Francis/Denis
<b>Flowers:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Jan: Group ????	
<b>Counters:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan: BETA	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan: GAMMA
		21 <sup>st</sup> Jan: ALPHA



## Holy Family Catholic Church

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

## 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Epiphany Year C

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

*The mystery of the incarnation is revealed to all the peoples of the earth: a new centre for the worship of God is established, i.e. in Christ. The Good News is confided to the Church so that it may be brought to all mankind. Our faith is 'catholic' (universal), and our response cannot be anything less than all-embracing.*

## 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – The Baptism of the Lord Year C

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

*There was a feeling of expectancy around at the time of John the Baptist but it was directed at the wrong person. It was not the one crying in the wilderness but Jesus who was to be the saviour of all the people. It was he who took on human nature so that he could save human nature. Paul tells us to respond to this by living the life the Lord would wish.*

## Pastoral Letter for the Feast of the Holy Family

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During the coming year (Year C in our missals) our Sunday Gospel readings will usually be taken from the Gospel of Saint Luke. Luke was a companion of Saint Paul; he is the writer of the third Gospel - sometimes called the Gospel to the Gentiles- and he is also author of the first history of the Church - the Acts of the Apostles.

As we continue to celebrate the great Octave Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ we can be especially grateful to Saint Luke who presents to us the unique memories which Mary, the Mother of Jesus, stored in her heart.

In today's Gospel the child Jesus becomes separated from his parents in Jerusalem. After an anxious search Mary and Joseph find Jesus - "He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their

authority... and Jesus increased in wisdom, stature and in favour with God and men”.

This submission of Jesus to his parents is the only thing Luke tells us of the long years between his childhood and his public ministry which began when he was about thirty years old.

Elsewhere in the New Testament we are told, “During the days of Jesus’ life on earth... he learned obedience from what he suffered” (Hebrews 5.7-8). Bethlehem and Calvary - the crib and the cross - are interconnected when the magi bring gifts of gold for a king, frankincense for God and myrrh for a suffering and crucified Christ.

In this year’s Christmas Day address in Rome Pope Francis contemplated the meaning of the birth of the Son of God-

“What does that Child, born for us of the Virgin Mary, have to tell us? What is the universal message of Christmas? It is that God is a good Father and we are all brothers and sisters...

For this reason, my wish for a happy Christmas is a wish for fraternity. Fraternity among individuals of every nation and culture. Fraternity among people with different ideas, yet capable of respecting and listening to one another”.

The perfect self-giving love of Jesus throughout His life and on the cross encourages his disciples to be generous and loving to God and our fellow human beings.

The giving of gifts is a wonderful custom at Christmas - at Bethlehem, God gives his Son to the world, Mary and Joseph give Jesus their love, the shepherds give Jesus their homage. In that same spirit I pray that we will share with each other our greatest gift - faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Word made Flesh who dwelt among us.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and many blessings for your families and communities in the New Year.

**Yours in Christ and Mary,  
+Alan Williams, sm - Bishop of Brentwood**

### **My dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Christmas has been and gone.... Or has it? Perhaps I was a selfish child but whenever I would feel blue after Christmas my mother would always retort: “Well, you still have your presents.” I suppose like many kids I got so many that after a while I would lose interest. However, I think it’s no bad thing to give each other presents – provided that it doesn’t turn into a competition where people feel bad that they can’t match the giving of others and, in some cases, get themselves into debt. Some years back my spiritual director recommended a book by Lewis Hyde

## **Pilgrimage Holy Land with Fr. Stephen 7<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> May**

Our mission is to support the Catholic community in the Holy Land. This is a truly Catholic Pilgrimage, using Catholic owned accommodation, with Catholic guides and drivers whenever and wherever possible.

**Staying** at: Nazareth - Hotel Legacy and Bethlehem - Manger Square

**Visiting:** the Church of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Capernaum, Cana, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. We will walk along the Via Dolorosa (the “Way of Suffering”) followed by a visit to Bethany and then on to Jericho. Or pilgrimage will end with a visit to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations (Church of Gethsemane). Visit the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, the Church of Dormition.



## **Spring Spirituality Talks**

Mgr David Manson will be giving a talk on “**The Spirituality of Pope Francis**”- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019-10.30am-12.00noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. Contact: [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Tel: 01277 265285.

## **Governor Training**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019-10.30am-12.00noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. The topics are: “**Preparing for OFSTED and Section 48 Inspections.**”

This training will be led by Debbi Botham Diocesan Coordinator for Governance and Derek Kelly Educational Consultant and Section 48 Inspector. Contact details: [debbibotham@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:debbibotham@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Tel. 01277 265284

## **Lent in Colchester 2019**

The parish of St James the Less and St Helen, Colchester, will host speakers on each Friday of Lent. They will speak on Lenten themes at 7.30pm. Further details will be provided in later in the year. All are welcome.

## Mass Intentions

### The Epiphany of The Lord

<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Holy Souls	
	6:00pm	Marian Hare (RIP) Charles Bryant (RIP)	T & B Power
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Jamie Martin (RIP)	D Gunning
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

### Feria of Christmastide

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Judy Midgley (Christmas Ints)	A Shpati
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### Feria of Christmastide

<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Onose Egualeonan (Spec Ints)	A. Egualeonan
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### Feria of Christmastide

<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Marian & Eddie Fitzgerald(Christmas Ints)	A Shpati
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### Feria of Christmastide

<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Marian Hare (RIP)	A O'Donoghue
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### Feria of Christmastide

<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Teresa Knott (Christmas Ints)	A Shpati
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### The Baptism Of The Lord (C)

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	Anne Forkan (RIP) Onyemah Family (Thanksgiving)	T Knott T Onyemah
	<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Anne Forkan (RIP)
11:00am		People of the Parish	

### Feria

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Fr Stephen Myers (Christmas Ints)	M & M Harvey
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### Feria

<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Onose Egualeonan (Spec Ints)	A. Egualeonan
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### Feria

<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Anne Forkan (RIP)	D Gunning
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### St Anthony, Ab

<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Onose Egualeonan (Spec Ints)	A. Egualeonan
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### Feria

<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Marian Hare (RIP)	Cody Family
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### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	6:00pm	People of the Parish Marian Hare (RIP)	
	<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9:00am	Susanna Thompson (RIP)
11:00am		Fr John McKeon(Christmas Ints)	M & M Harvey

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30<sup>th</sup> December 583 Late 155

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entitled “The Gift Economy” which suggested a cycle when people were called to make gifts to others in response to those received by them. The beauty of a gift is when it is freely made... with no expectation of return. Yet why is a gift made...? Surely the nature of love is to give... is to turn outwards. St Augustine once described hell as *Incurvatus in se* – literally “turned in on oneself.” This is the mentality where one hoards but in so doing is left alone and cut off. There is a beautiful scene towards the end of the film “Little Women”, a film remade many times, where the following is said of a recently deceased maiden aunt who lived her final years in a huge house: “Her blessings became a burden because she could not share them”. One could say the same of Ebenezer Scrooge in “A Christmas Carol”. A wealthy man yet embittered with no other companions but his coins...

Well at Christmas we mark the other end of a scale. At Christmas we mark the God who loves so much that he cannot stop giving. Every time we read the book of Genesis we see the God whose love for the Son overflowed like a spring, and bubbled forth in the world we have around us. We see the God who though complete in himself and in the three persons of the Trinity decided to make mankind in his own image and then put him in a garden. Every time we read the books of the prophets we see the God who gives chance after chance, lovingly beckoning his people back by sending them good servants to try and return them to the straight and narrow. Every time we read the gospels we see the God who, holding nothing back, sent his Son, sent the second person of the Trinity, truly God and truly man, to us. In the hymn “I vow to thee my country” we hear of “The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test, that lays upon the altar, the dearest and the best;”. At Christmas we mark the gift of the Christ child... the child that will become the man who willingly gave himself on the cross. The man who gave himself because his father willed it.

Every time we come to mass we are in a mysterious way there at the cross on that wonderful yet terrible day. Every time we receive communion we are united to Our Lord and saviour, to the present given to us time and again; we unwrap the most valuable present ever given.

So, I hope you enjoyed your Christmas and wish you all a prosperous 2019.

*God bless, Fr. David*

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

Sheila Beeching	Doreen Hegharty	Bridget Moran	Tom Coffey	Louisa Cooley
Jean-Claud Norlaya	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	Michael Harvey
Ronald Prendergast	Pauline Egbunike	Danny O'Sullivan	Madeline Stanger	

*May they experience the healing touch of Jesus*

### 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 form thank you.

### Parking Notice

Once again you are asked not to 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.

### 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.

### 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.**

### Lotto Bonus Ball

The money raised on the Lotto Bonus Ball helps keep the Parish Mini Bus on the road, allowing parishioners to get to a Mass who would not be able to attend. Your support is required to help. It costs £1 per number and you can win up to £30, providing all 59 numbers are sold.

### Baptism Course

Our next Baptism session is on 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:30pm in the lower CASA Hall.

### Gidea Park Faith evenings on the Gospel of Luke

On Wednesdays 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7 pm Fr. Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Luke; the gospel being read on Sundays in 2019. 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](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com). Refreshments provided. Admission free.

### HELP REQUIRED

Help is required in the Repository after 6:00pm and 9:00am weekend Masses. We are not asking for anyone to run the repository, this will be done through the Office. Anyone willing to help please refer to the form at the back of the Church.

**We require Readers for the all Masses especially the 6:00pm Mass.**

### First Communion and Caliyp Group

The next session is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2019 at 10:00am the theme for this is "Forgiveness" and your Mass is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 11:00am.

### Confirmation Group

Your next session is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 2:00pm.

### RCIA GROUP 5 AND 6

GROUP 5: Your next session is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:30pm  
GROUP 6: Your next session is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:30pm

### Christmas collection

The priests of the parish wish to thank you for your generous gift this Christmas and wish you all a Happy 2019.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection January and February 2019

Second Collection on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for Pax Christi also on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February a second collection for Crib Offering. At all Masses.

### Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Children and families are now able to access direct therapeutic support in one of our clinics. Our highly experienced counsellors provide support directly to the whole family or to children and adolescents on a 1:1 basis. If you are concerned that your child may need someone to talk to, please contact Catherine on [cmunns@bccs.org.uk](mailto:cmunns@bccs.org.uk). There is a sessional charge.

### Mini Bus

**This has now become an Urgent issue** we require people who can drive plus a helper, to drive the Mini bus for the 9:00am Mass on Sundays please see Denis Panton at 9:00am Mass on Sunday or telephone 020 8517 0782.

### BCYS Summer Lourdes

This is for school year 10 or above, to join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service on their Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage. They will travel alongside the Diocese to assist the elderly and infirm on their annual pilgrimage and excursions for the young people. **Applications will be until 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019.** These can be made at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events).

### Flame Youth Event

So far there are 15 groups from within Brentwood Diocese, totalling 380 people, which is excellent – but there is definitely room for more, and now is the time to book – the longer you leave it, the further away the seats in the Arena. Groups are normally 10+ but if you are a small parish we have tickets at the BCYS. To book a group of 10+ go direct to [www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2019](http://www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2019).