



Holy Family Catholic Church

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30th July, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

Kings 3:5. 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

What do we treasure in life? What do we consider the most lovely? The Kingdom of God is the most lovely treasure that we could ever wish to obtain. Like Solomon we should ask for the wisdom to discern what it is to be part of God's Kingdom. We should be happy to put all other things behind us and concentrate on this one thing

6th August, Transfiguration of The Lord - A

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9

Moses represents the Law, Elijah represents the Prophets. Therefore the fullness of the teaching of the Old Testament is seen as recognising Jesus and the importance of what He was to do in Jerusalem. The Father shows that there is a new teaching that we must listen to, that of his Son.

13th August, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

Kings 19:9;11-13

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

The faith is under attack, from all sides and at all times. We are pushed this way and that by the storms of doubt, ridicule and apathy. We look to God to us his power and to come to our aid. He is not in the great forces but in the gentle breeze the speaks to our heart. When we listen to him and welcome his word with faith then we are strengthened and saved.

20th August, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

Isaiah 56:1;6-7

Romans 11:13-15;29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

The grace that is given by our Lord Jesus Christ is a wonderful thing. All that have wandered far from God have been reconciled to him by that grace. The message which was first offered to the lost sheep of Israel is now offered to the world. All are invited to share the heavenly banquet at the table in the house of the Lord.

27th August, Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus asks 'Who do you say I am?' and receives the affirmation of his being the Son of God from Simon Peter. This is such a deep mystery that Simon Peter must have said this through divine revelation and not just some human thinking. In return Peter receives the symbols of power that affirm the truth of what he has said. In his words we have a sure and certain rock to which we can cling.

3rd September, Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

Where is the place that we can hide from God? There is no such place, for he is with us always. We should therefore reject those temptations of life that turn us away from his message and plan for us. We should admit that we need him in our lives and offer ourselves in worship to him.

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

Fr. John McKeon	Mary Ware	Oliver Ryan	Danny O'Sullivan	Yvonne Falvey
Pauline Egbunike	Maureen Bushell	John Connors	Ibiron Ayool	Myla Lebersidge
Mark Paton	Olive Edgar	Gabriella Byrne	Catherine Watkins	Andy Gallagher
Tony Leahy	Mary Wallace	Dennis O'Flaherty	Amanda Shpati	Teresa Power
Alison Ord	Daniel Mahon			

CHURCH PROGRAMMES

First Holy Communion 23/24 The first session will start on Saturday 16th September at 10:00am in the Church **at the same time there will be a meeting for parents.** Your Mass will take place on Sunday 17th September at 11:00am. All sessions are mandatory and must be attended on time.

RCIA If you wish to find out more about the Catholic faith or wish to become a baptized/confirmed member of the Church do feel free to join the RCIA programme which takes place in the presbytery meeting room every Tuesday at 7:30pm. **Term time only.**

Confirmation Programme 23/24 There will be a meeting for candidates and parents on Saturday 16th September at 2:30pm which must be attended. Your enrolment will take place at 11:00am Mass on Sunday 17th September.

Baptism Course The next course will take place on 6th, 20th & 27th September at 7:30pm. If you wish to attend please email the presbytery by 31st August

Bible Study Group meet every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the presbytery meeting room. **Term time only**

REGISTRATION FORMS

If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered, please fill in a parish registration form and hand it in to the presbytery office.

BISHOP ALAN WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Do you know someone who no longer comes to Mass? Use the link below, it only takes 10-15 mins to complete

https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Gn08WXvvKfwJts. This survey provides a space for the story and experience of you, your family and friends to be shared and heard, and seriously listened to by Bishop Alan as your Bishop and our wider diocesan Church. PLEASE ASK your friends or family, your neighbours and colleagues who no longer come to Church to complete the survey so that we might hear from as many people as possible.

YEAR 13 RETREAT AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE

Made for a purpose. Will you be in Yr13 in September 2023? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like some time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? Then if so, the Yr13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There will be two retreats on offer, either 13th-15th Sept or 22nd-24th Sept. The cost is £35 and there is more information on the website www.bcys.net/events/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

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/>.

PARISH HALLS

The halls will be mothballed for up to five years whilst considerations are made for its future. Further developments will be communicated to the parish as more information becomes available. We await further information from the Diocese.

FOOD BANK

Thank you to all who continue to support our local food bank through cash donations and food supplies.

Your support is much appreciated at this time, the stock levels in the warehouse are very low at present and some similar organisations have been closing down in these difficult economic times. Boxes are available in the Church entrance for your contributions. Thank you.

eNEWSLETTER

To help reduce our carbon footprint, copies of the newsletter are now available on our parish website, <https://www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org/newsletters.php> Unfortunately at the moment, the newsletter cannot be accessed via iPhone. We will keep you updated with any future development.

HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme for a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13th - 15th October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

LONDON MARATHON 2024

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on SUNDAY 21st April 2024. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Damian Dillon for further details on 07912 308000 / ddillon@bccs.org.uk. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 28th July and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1800 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for BCCS.

MISSIO BOXES

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to Missio. Those of you have submitted your boxes for counting need to be collected from the back of the Church, underneath the pigeon holes. Thank you again and God Bless.

WORLD YOUTH DAY AT HOME

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer. If you can't attend the main event, why not join WYD in London run by the Religious of the Assumption - a day celebration on Saturday 5th August 2023 from 11am-5pm in the church by Leicester Square. Programme: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass, bringing together a young community of different nationalities in one faith! Venue: Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only. To register a group or individually, fill in the form: [//bit.ly/wydlondon](https://bit.ly/wydlondon)

THE JUMBULANCE TRUST – LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Jumbulance Trust is delighted to be able to offer a new pilgrimage date for Lourdes 2023 for those who would love the opportunity to travel with us. We are able to take children, young people and adults of all ages, who may need assistance of any kind (subject to assessment for a suitable place). If you have never seen a Jumbulance it is a custom built coach, which has wheelchair access, trolley beds for the overnight stretch for those who need it, an accessible toilet and a kitchen.

We are also looking for helpers, with or without experience, but willing to be trained and able to help with assisting others. Some funding is available to help if the cost is prohibitive and fund-raising ideas may also help you to meet such costs.

The dates are 29th September – 6th October 2023 and the cost is £1,100, inclusive of travel and half board accommodation. Day trips out may include Gavarnie and The Glacial Lake of Lourdes and there will be ample opportunity to attend Masses in Lourdes.

Please contact Caroline Southgate for more information on 07775773805 or info@jumbulance.org.uk

THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA NATIONAL RELIC TOUR 2023

We are delighted to announce that the Diocese of Brentwood will be graced with the presence of esteemed relics during the Knights of Saint Columba National Relic Tour 2023. From July 30th to August 12th, we welcome you to witness and venerate the sacred relics of St. Columba of Iona, St. Andrew the Apostle, and St. Margaret of Scotland.

These relics, rich in spiritual significance, offer a unique opportunity for personal reflection and communion with these revered saints. Join us in this profound spiritual journey as we celebrate their enduring legacies. Stay tuned for more details and event schedules. Let us come together in faith and embrace the blessings of this extraordinary experience! Please see the timetable on the notice board in the Church porch with dates, times and places the Relics can be viewed throughout the Diocese – thank you.

MISSION APPEAL 26TH/27TH AUGUST 2023

“Some years ago the Bishop's Conference reduced the number of obligatory appeals to two each year. One is the Mission Sunday collection sponsored by the PMS and one is the Mission Appeal given by a member of one of our mission societies. This latter appeal is not simply an occasion for taking a collection but gives parishioners the opportunity to hear a well prepared homily based on the liturgy of the day, on the work of the Church in the mission field, I urge you to give this appeal its rightful prominence.”

Quote from Bishops Conference 2003.

We welcome Fr Damien Diouf SM ‘Society of Mary’ (Marist Fathers) of the same congregation as our Bishop who will be giving the appeal here at Holy Family Church. Every year the Diocese invites a missionary society/congregation to make an appeal in the Diocese. This year the combined mission societies have been invited to our Diocese. Please be generous in welcoming Fr Damien Diouf SM.

There will be a second collection after these Masses in aid of the Mission appeal.

MASSES DURING AUGUST

There will be no weekday Masses for the last 3 weeks of August at Holy Family Church. However, there will be Holy Hour on Mondays and Fridays 9:00am to 10:00am.

You may wish to attend a weekday Mass, Monday to Friday, at the following local Catholic Churches: St Peter's RC, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham - 9:00am daily; St Vincent de Paul RC, Waldegrave Road, Becontree – 9:00am (NO MASS on Monday's); St Thomas More RC, Longbridge Road, Barking – 9:00am daily.

REPOSITORY

Big ‘Summer Sale’ starting after weekend Masses 29th/30th July in the room next to Sacred Heart Chapel (by the Baptismal Font). All items must go! This will be CASH ONLY.

THANK YOU

A big ‘thank you’ to Alan ‘Titchmarsh’ Maxey who has tirelessly and single handedly kept the Church gardens and grounds in a neat and presentable manner for several years. As a parish family, we should gratefully acknowledge the hours, effort, personal financial contribution and selfless dedication Alan has given to the upkeep of the beautiful flora and fauna we all so enjoy that surrounds the Church Presbytery and buildings.

Recently Alan announced that the time has come and he can no longer continue volunteering to keep the grounds in order. May he enjoy a well deserved rest/retirement.

JOB VACANCIES

There are a number of vacancies throughout the diocese, please see the notices in the Church porch.

READERS FOR MASS

Sat 29th July	6:00pm	Anne Carroll & Peter Roberts
Sun 30th July	9:00am	Daniel Hughes & Philippa Ademuyiwa
	11:00am	Ann Mushumbusi & Immaculate Nnadi
Sat 5th Aug	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald & Caroline Van Der Steen
Sun 6th Aug	9:00am	Nathalie Duncan & Ngozi Onodugo
	11:00am	Veronica Obi & Nora Bell
Sat 12th Aug	6:00pm	Anne Carroll & Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 13th Aug	9:00am	Alfonse Gabriel & Pamela Anike
	11:00am	Pamela Egualeon & Onose Egualeon
Sat 19th Aug	6:00pm	Peter Roberts & Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 20th Aug	9:00am	Annette O'Donoghue & Daniel Hughes
	11:00am	Nkem Okoli & Cynthia Nnadi
Sat 26th Aug	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steen & Anne Carroll
Sun 27th Aug	9:00am	Philippa Ademuyiwa & Nathalie Duncan
	11:00am	Clare Nwachukwu & Nana Osei-Minkah
Sat 2nd Sep	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald & Peter Roberts
Sun 3rd Sep	9:00am	Ngozi Onodugo & Alfonse Gabriel
	11:00am	Angela Milton & Veronica Obi

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MASS

Sat 29th July	6:00pm	Denis Ahorituwere
Sun 30th July	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah
	11:00am	Augusta Egualeon
Sat 5th Aug	6:00pm	Karen Drilon
Sun 6th Aug	9:00am	Innocent Ileke
	11:00am	Bernie McKeag
Sat 12th Aug	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steen
Sun 13th Aug	9:00am	Estalita Maduli
	11:00am	Clare Nwachukwu
Sat 19th Aug	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 20th Aug	9:00am	Amanda Shpati
	11:00am	Angela Milton
Sat 26th Aug	6:00pm	Catherine Ahorituwere
Sun 27th Aug	9:00am	Matthew Onyemah
	11:00am	Veronica Obi
Sat 2nd Sep	6:00pm	Anne Carroll
Sun 3rd Sep	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah
	11:00am	Christine Maxey

WELCOME

We welcome a former parishioner, Fr Gerald Gostling to HFC who will be celebrating Mass on the weekends of 12th /13th and 19th/20th August and the 9:30am Mass on Tuesday 15th August – Feast of The Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Intentions

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

Saturday 29th July	6:00pm	Valerie Lucas (RIP)	M Fitzgerald
Sunday 30th July	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	11:00am	Anthony Useh (RIP)	E Useh

St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr

Mon 31st July	9:00am	Amanda Shpati (Spec Ints)	T Seidu
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St Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, D

Tue 1st Aug	6:30pm	Oswald Vaz (RIP)	M Heredia & Family
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Wed 2nd Aug	9:00am	Gordon Fairbanks (Spec Ints)	
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Thu 3rd Aug	9:00am	Rev Mgr Christopher Ajala (RIP)	P Ademuyiwa
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St John Vianney, Pr

Fri 4th Aug	9:00am	Anne & John Carroll (Spec Ints)	T Seidu
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Saturday 5th Aug	9:00am	Fidelia Xavier (RIP)	A & J Carroll
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Transfiguration of The Lord - A

Saturday 5th Aug	6:00pm	Katherine & James Stanner (RIP)	J & A Carroll
Sunday 6th Aug	9:00am	Michiel Delaney (RIP)	J Clinton
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

Feria

Mon 7th Aug	9:00am	John Ward	M Ward
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St Dominic, Pr

Tue 8th Aug	9:00am	NO MASS	
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St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, V, M

Wed 9th Aug	9:00am	NO MASS	
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St Lawrence, Deacon, M

Thu 10th Aug	9:00am	NO MASS	
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St Clare, V

Fri 11th Aug	9:00am	HOLY HOUR - ADORATION	
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Feria

Saturday 12th Aug	9:00am	NO MASS	
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Saturday 12th Aug	6:00pm	People of the Parish	
Saturday 13th Aug	9:00am	Rev Mgr P Ademuyiwa (RIP)	P Ademuyiwa
	11:00am	Thanksgiving	A Gomes

St Maximilian Kolbe, Pr, M

Mon 14th Aug	9:00am	HOLY HOUR - ADORATION	
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The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tue 15th Aug	9:30am	Rosemary Fuller (RIP)	M Fitzgerald
	7:30pm	Teresa Oliveira (RIP)	T Seidu

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Mass Intentions (cont'd)

Feria

Wed 16th Aug 9:00am NO MASS

Feria

Thu 17th Aug 9:00am NO MASS

Feria

Fri 18th Aug 9:00am HOLY HOUR - ADORATION

Feria

Tue 19th Aug 9:00am NO MASS

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

Saturday 19th Aug 6:00pm Lawrence Somide (RIP) P Ademuyiwa

Sunday 20th Aug 9:00am People of the Parish
 11:00am Clinton Tochukwu-Anosike (RIP)

St Pius X, P

Mon 21st Aug 9:00am HOLY HOUR - ADORATION

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue 22nd Aug 9:00am NO MASS

Feria

Wed 23rd Aug 9:00am NO MASS

St Bartholomew, Ap

Thu 24th Aug 9:00am NO MASS

Feria

Fri 25th Aug 9:00am HOLY HOUR - ADORATION

Feria

Saturday 26th Aug 9:00am NO MASS

Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

Saturday 26th Aug 6:00pm Jane Xavier-Small (Spec Ints) M Fitzgerald

Sunday 27th Aug 9:00am Agnes Hughes (RIP) D & M O'Sullivan
 11:00am People of the Parish

St Augustine, Bp, D

Mon 28th Aug 9:00am HOLY HOUR - ADORATION

The Passion of St John the Baptist

Tue 29th Aug 6:30pm NO MASS

Feria

Wed 9th Aug 9:00am NO MASS

Feria

Thu 10th Aug 9:00am NO MASS

St Sebba (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)

Fri 1st Sep 9:00am Tilly & Bert Fuller (RIP) M Fitzgerald

Feria

Saturday 2nd Sep 9:00am Pauline Egbunike (Spec Ints) T Seidu

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Saturday 2nd Sep 6:00pm Francis Theophile (RIP) M Heyman

Sunday 3rd Sep 9:00am Denis & Susan Panton (Spec Ints)
 11:00am People of the Parish