



Holy Family Catholic Church

Parish Priest

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Livestream available via the parish website on

<https://www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org/mass-stream.php>

24th March, Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord - B

(Procession: Mk 11: 1-10 or John 12: 12-16)

The final phase of Our Lord's ministry begins; the triumphant entry into Jerusalem underlines the true nature of his messiahship, in humility and service. Just how far that humility and service must go is pointed out by the reference to the Servant of God - no matter what the cost, the will of God must be done. The passion according to Mark in all its detail and brutality confronts us with the ultimate stage in the mystery of the Son of Man. But in his death is his glory and the centre of our profession of faith.

31st March, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-9

'Seeing is believing'; the witness of the apostolic group to the resurrection of Jesus. This witness we are invited to rely on and to share ourselves. Then we begin the process by which newness of life becomes a reality for us just as it did for the apostles. Forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus Christ - this is the message of the Church for our age too, to be preached 'in sincerity and in truth'.

7th April, Second Sunday of Easter - B

Acts 4: 32-35

1 John 5: 1-6

John 20: 19-31

The image of the primitive Christian community 'united heart and soul' is placed alongside the profession of faith of Thomas; just as that community shared a resurrection faith, so do we. This faith can overcome the 'world' because it is brought into being and fostered by the power of the Spirit of God himself.

14th April, Third Sunday of Easter - B

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

1 John 2: 1-5

Luke 24: 35-48

The understanding of the Old Testament in its fulfilment is an important stage in the discovery of the true meaning of Easter, for us as well as for the apostles. The People of God which is the Church is the inheritor of the promises made to Israel; this promise comes to its perfection in our lives of faith and service. It is an important theme in the stories of the risen Lord with his disciples, that he opened up the Scriptures to them.

FR MICHAEL DALEY - RIP

Please remember in your prayers, Fr Michael Daley former parishioner and a Priest of the Westminster Diocese, who sadly died on 19th March. May his soul rest in peace.

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

Mary Ware	Danny O'Sullivan	Yvonne Falvey	Thomas Walsh	Paul Buckley
Pauline Egbunike	Maureen Bushell	John Connors	Ibiron Ayool	Myla Lebersidge
Mark Paton	Olive Edgar	Catherine Watkins	Andy Gallagher	Tony Leahy
Mary Wallace	Denis O'Flaherty	Amanda Shpati	Teresa Power	Daniel Mahoney
Karen Lloyd				

CHURCH PROGRAMMES

First Holy Communion/CALIYP 23/24 The next session will be on Saturday 20th April at 10:00am in the Church. Your Mass will take place on Sunday 21st April 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 baptised/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 The next session will be on Saturday 20th April at 2:30pm in the Church. Your Mass will take place on Saturday 20th April at 6:00pm. All sessions are mandatory and must be attended on time.

Baptism Course The next course will take place on Wednesday 5th, 12th & 19th June at 7:00pm. All sessions must be attended. Please email the office by Wednesday 29th May to register your interest.

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.

eNEWSLETTER

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

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Do you have a small amount of time to assist in the Parish? Fr Jean is looking for a volunteer 3 days a week to assist him with jobs which need doing regularly in the Church. Tasks will involve the upkeep of the Sanctuary and Sacristy areas. If you think you may be able to assist with volunteer work, please speak to Fr. Jean or send an email to the parish office. Thank you.

EASTER COLLECTIONS

All collections at Easter Masses are your personal gifts to your Parish Priest, which are greatly appreciated.

GIFT AID

Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year are now available at the back of the Church. Please collect them as soon as possible.

If anyone would like to join or leave the scheme, please can they contact the Parish office by email or phone call, Tuesday to Friday 10:00am to 12:00pm

CHURCH LIVESTREAMING

For anyone who uses the livestream service we would like to hear from you if you are experiencing any interruptions during the broadcast. Please email or telephone the presbytery office.

We apologise for the interruption on Sunday 17th March.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP 2024

Volunteer at the St John Bosco Children's Camp; from 27th July – 3rd August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply. Details: www.boscocamp.co.uk

A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGES 2024

Further information on A Day With Mary 2024 Pilgrimages to Fatima (7th - 14th June) and Italy (4th - 12th September) is available at www adaywithmary.org or email adwmary.uk@gmail.com

JOB VACANCIES

There are a number of job vacancies throughout the Diocese. Please see the job advertisements on the noticeboard in the Church porch.

APRIL YOUTH MASS WITH MUSIC WORKSHOP

Youth Mass, Thursday 4th April 2024. Celebrating the Easter week with a Praise and Worship Music Workshop. Meet in the Parish Hall from 6:00pm for pizza and refreshments, before being lead in a music workshop with Art Wangcharoensab from the Cathedral music department.

Singing is a wonderful way of praying together, sharing our talents and celebrating our faith, particularly in the joyful week following Easter Sunday! You are welcome to sing, bring an instrument or just listen if you prefer! At 7:30, Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral, where you are also welcome to sing, play, read or serve (just bring along an alb or instrument.) All information can be found at www.bcys.net Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

SATURDAY 6:00PM MASS

Every second Saturday of the month a music choir group will provide singing in the Mass. If you wish to join them, please see me (Fr Jean-Laurent) who will pass your name on to the choir leader. The more the merrier.

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI & ROME, PALAZZOLA

With Mgr Paul Grogan (St Winefride's, Bradford), Fr William Massie (Our Lady of Lourdes, Hull) and Fr Jean-Laurent Marie (Holy Family, Dagenham). 9th - 16th September 2024. This tour requires a reasonable level of fitness for sightseeing due to the number of steps and inclines around the major attractions and so is unsuitable for those with walking difficulties. Full cost, including flights, accommodation (full board) and tours £1395 - £1445 depending on single or twin/double.

Mon 9th Arrival in Rome and transfer to Assisi (with a stop en-route). Arrive mid-afternoon and time to settle in. Late afternoon stroll through upper Assisi and Mass in the Duomo (cathedral) of San Rufino (where nearby is the house where St Clare was born). Dinner. Optional evening stroll down to the main square.

Tue 10th Morning walk through the town to the Basilica of St Francis for Mass near to the tomb of St Francis) followed by a tour by one of the friars. The rest of the morning is free to stroll back through the town to the hotel for lunch. Afternoon visit in groups by local bus to the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels (where Francis first lived in community). Dinner. Optional evening stroll down to the main square.

Wed 11th Morning walk to visit the Basilica of Saint Clare (where the cross that spoke to Francis now hangs) before a walk outside the town to the Convent of San Damiano (where the cross spoke to Francis and later St Clare lived) for Mass. Lunch. Afternoon transfer to Palazzola. Dinner and free evening.

Thu 12th Morning Mass and free morning to enjoy Palazzola. Lunch. Afternoon excursion into Rome to visit the Catacombs of Domitilla and the Basilica of St Paul's Outside the Walls (with its many English connections and also the mosaic portraits of the 266 Popes). Pizza supper and evening stroll around the outside of the Colosseum.

Fri 13th Morning excursion east of Rome to the Benedictine Monastery of Sacro Speco (holy cave) where St Benedict lived at Subiaco for Mass and a guided tour by one of the monks or local guides. Lunch in a local restaurant and afternoon return to Palazzola.

Sat 14th Morning coach transfer around Lake Albano to the village of Castel Gandolfo for an one-hour eco-tour bus around the Papal Gardens and Farm followed by a visit to the Papal Palace for an exhibition on the Popes from 1503 to today. Afterwards enjoy the village, maybe some shopping or a coffee and/or ice-cream. Return to Palazzola for lunch. Lunch. Free afternoon to enjoy Palazzola. Evening Mass. Dinner.

Sun 15th Full-day excursion into Rome for a visit to the Venerable English College (the oldest British institution abroad founded in 1362 and where later your three priests were seminarians) for Mass before continuing onto St Peter's Square for the Pope's Angelus Blessing. Picnic lunch in the Borghese

Gardens followed by an afternoon visit to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (where the Pope celebrated the first Mass of Christmas until 1870). Dinner. **Mon 16th** Morning Mass and transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport. [Programme subject to change]

FLIGHTS with Jet2 operating Boeing 737 aircraft Mon 09 Sept LS401 Leeds 08.00 - Rome Fiumicino 11.50 Mon 16 Sept LS402 Rome Fiumicino 12.35 - Leeds 14.45 (30 seats) Mon 09 Sept LS1543 Stansted 08.30 - Rome Fiumicino 12.00 Mon 16 Sept LS1544 Rome Fiumicino 12.50 - Stansted 14.30 (15 seats) For further details and booking form, please email Fr Jean-Laurent dagenhamhf@brcdt.org

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Last week of July 2024. Bookings are now open online for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes in July.

Serve the main Diocesan pilgrimage, assist the elderly and infirm, with times of retreat, reconciliation, visit the baths, take part in the beautiful Processions, as well as an afternoon in the mountains, party and social nights - all with other young Catholics from around our Diocese.

The pilgrimage is open to all those in school year 10 – 13, with all those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders (subject to attending a training weekend). All details and applications can be found on the website www.bcys.net/events/sl24

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2024

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com)) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: kathrynyoung@mail.com

The pilgrimage is slightly longer this year because of the availability of chartered flights, which allow us to bring many more assisted pilgrims than commercial flights. However, if anyone is interested in a shorter stay in Lourdes, during the Diocesan Pilgrimage, please contact Tangney.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St John Vianney, Clayhall, is holding an afternoon of Divine Mercy Devotion on Divine Mercy Sunday, 7th April 2024. Starting at 1:00pm and ending with Mass at 5:00pm, it will comprise Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of St Faustina's Praises, the Litany of the Divine Mercy, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary, prayers and time for Confession. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome at St John Vianney Catholic Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall IG5 0HE. Parking available, nearest TfL station Gants Hill, buses 123 and 179 pass nearby, also bus 462 slightly further away.

READERS FOR MASS

Sat 23rd Mar	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steen & Anne Carroll
Sun 24th Mar	9:00am	Frankie Iheukor & Alfonso Gabriel
	11:00am	Veronica Obi & Angela Milton
Sat 30th Mar	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald & Daniel Hughes
Sun 31st Mar	9:00am	Pamela Anike & Annette O'Donoghue
	11:00am	Cynthia Nnadi & Pamela Egualeon
Sat 6th Apr	6:00pm	Peter Roberts & Anne Carroll
Sun 7th Apr	9:00am	Philippa Adamuyiwa & Nathalie Duncan
	11:00am	Ann Mushumbusi & Nkem Okoli
Sat 13th Apr	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steen & Daniel Hughes
Sun 14th Apr	9:00am	Ngozi Onodugo & Frankie Iheukor
	11:00am	Jennifer Muiru & Immaculate Nnadi
Sat 20th Apr	6:00pm	Confirmation Candidates
Sun 21st Apr	9:00am	Pamela Anike & Alfonso Gabriel
	11:00am	First Holy Communion & Caliyp Candidates

Will all readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist please inform the welcomers that you are present for your scheduled Mass. Readers are to make themselves present at the back of the Church after the opening prayer in order to process to the altar together.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MASS

Sat 23rd Mar	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 24th Mar	9:00am	Matthew Onyemah
	11:00am	Veronica Obi
Sat 30th Mar	6:00pm	Caroline Van Der Steen
Sun 31st Mar	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah
	11:00am	Clare Nwachukwu
Sat 6th Apr	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 7th Apr	9:00am	Rosaline Koroma
	11:00am	Veronica Obi
Sat 13th Apr	6:00pm	Catherine Ahorituwere
Sun 14th Apr	9:00am	Innocent Ileke
	11:00am	Nkem Okoli
Sat 20th Apr	6:00pm	Anne Carroll
Sun 21st Apr	9:00am	Amanda Shpati
	11:00am	Augusta Egualeon

BRITISH SUMMER TIME REMINDER

The clocks will move forward by one hour on Sunday 31st March.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection on Good Friday for Holy Places.

Mass Intentions

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord - B

Saturday 23rd Mar	6:00pm	Robert (Bobby) Toner (RIP) Richard (Ricky) Joy (RIP) Eddie Preshaw (RIP)	M & M Preshaw
Sunday 24th Mar	9:00am 11:00am	Edwina Taylor (RIP) People of the Parish	

Monday of Holy Week

Mon 25th Mar	9:00am	Pauline Egbunike (Spec Ints)	
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Tuesday of Holy Week (School Mass)

Tue 26th Mar	9:30am	Eddie Preshaw (RIP)	M& M Preshaw
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Wednesday of Holy Week

Wed 27th Mar	8:30am	Georges Lauricourt (RIP)	Family
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Thursday of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday)

Thu 28th Mar	8:00pm	Magna Hale (RIP)	Family
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Friday of the Passion of The Lord

Fri 29th Mar	12:00pm 3:00pm		
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Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

Saturday 30th Mar	8:00pm	Zina Chimdinma (Birthday Thanksgiving)	
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Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord

Sunday 31st Mar	9:00am 11:00am	People of the Parish Deceased Members of Marie Family	
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Monday within the Octave of Easter

Mon 1st Apr	10:00am	Bobbie Toner Snr (RIP)	M & M Preshaw
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Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Tue 2nd Apr	6:30pm	Magna Hale (RIP)	Family
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Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Wed 3rd Apr	9:00am	Mr & Mrs Anne Jones (30 th Wedding Anniversary)	A Jones
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Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Thu 4th Apr	9:00am	NO MASS	
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Friday within the Octave of Easter

Fri 5th Apr	9:00am	NO MASS	
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Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Sat 6th Apr	9:00am	NO MASS	
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Second Sunday of Easter - B

Saturday 6th Apr	6:00pm	David Harrison (RIP)	J Harrison
Sunday 7th Apr	9:00am 11:00am	People of the Parish Chief F E Nwachukwu & Family (Thanksgiving)	C Nwachukwu

Mass Intentions

Second Sunday of Easter - B

Saturday 6th Apr	6:00pm	David Harrison (RIP)	J Harrison
Sunday 7th Apr	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	11:00am	Chief F E Nwachukwu & Family (Thanksgiving)	C Nwachukwu
The Annunciation of The Lord			
Mon 8th Apr	9:00am	Francis Theophile (RIP)	Theophile Family
Tuesday after the Second Sunday of Easter			
Tue 9th Apr	6:30pm	Mark Onyemah (Spec Ints)	M & T Onyemah
Wednesday after the Second Sunday of Easter			
Wed 10th Apr	9:00am	Kevil Jacob (RIP)	Family
St Stanislaus, Bp, M			
Thu 11th Apr	9:00am	Susan Thompson (RIP)	T Onyemah
Friday after the Second Sunday of Easter			
Fri 12th Apr	9:00am	Pauline Egbunike	
Saturday after the Second Sunday of Easter			
Saturday 13th Apr	9:00am	Fr Michael Daley (RIP)	J & A Carroll
Third Sunday of Easter - B			
Saturday 13th Apr	6:00pm	R Santos & Family	
Sunday 14th Apr	9:00am	People of the Parish	Family
	11:00am	Augusta Egualleon (Thanksgiving)	Z & C Nwachukwu
Monday after the Third Sunday of Easter			
Mon 15th Apr	9:00am	Martin Ward (RIP)	Ward Family
Tuesday after the Third Sunday of Easter			
Tue 16th Apr	6:30pm	Magna Hale (RIP)	Family
Wednesday after the Third Sunday of Easter			
Wed 17th Apr	9:00am	Veronica Aninta (RIP)	T Onyemah
Thursday after the Third Sunday of Easter			
Thu 18th Apr	9:00am	Fr Michael Daley (RIP)	M Fitzgerald
Friday after the Third Sunday of Easter			
Fri 19th Apr	9:00am	Georges Lauricourt (RIP)	Family
Saturday after the Third Sunday of Easter			
Saturday 20th Apr	9:00am	Ryan & Jones Family (Thanksgiving)	
Fourth Sunday of Easter - B			
Saturday 20th Apr	6:00pm	Georges Lauricourt (RIP)	
Sunday 21st Apr	9:00am	Eunice Lynch (Spec Ints)	E Lynch
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

Mass Attendance 2nd/3rd March: 415 Late: 251 9th/10th March: 372 Late: 150

16th/17th March: 379 Late: 160

Collections 2nd/3rd March: £878.90 9th/10th March: £840.60

16th/17th March: £847.16