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The Holy Family

First reading - 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 - **This is the child I prayed for: he is made over to the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm - 83(84):2-3,5-6,9-10 - ***They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.***

Second reading - 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 - **We are called God's children, and that is what we are**

Gospel Acclamation - cf.Ac16:14 - **Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

Gospel - Luke 2:41-52 - **Mary stored up all these things in her heart**

The Holy Family

Today in the Church we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. How marvelous it is that God has chosen to take our flesh in a family. Jesus taught us that God is a family. Families in the world are the ones to imitate God's way of being. God is one and triune. God the Father begets the Son. And the love between the Father and the Son gives rise to the Holy Spirit. This is the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, revealed to us by Christ. We have been created in the image and likeness of God. It is no accident that God willed to give us a human nature, and that we are like Him. It is no accident that human beings need a family.

The family is the place where we are loved for the simple fact of forming part of it; it does not depend on what we do or produce, or on some specific quality. Parents love their children for the simple fact of being their children. A mother or father does whatever is needed for the children, who are loved unconditionally. Each member of the family has a role to play for the family to remain united and strong.

The Holy Family of Nazareth represents "a united response to the will of the Father." This is one of the key teachings of our gospel passage this Sunday. Our happiness as a family, comes from fulfilling God's will. It does not come from carrying out our own plans, no matter how great they seem. God has much greater plans. He teaches us that by fulfilling those plans we can be completely happy- despite all the difficulties. Every day is a new opportunity to carry out God's plans in our lives.

Today is a good day to pray for our families, especially families that are undergoing suffering, hardships, or persecution. Let us implore God's protection for all families. We will never be without suffering and difficulties in this life. The important thing is to accept God's will for us and for our families. May the Holy Family's example of docility help us do so.

God bless you all. Fr. Henry.

Adoration

available in the deanery

Chadwell Heath, St Bede

9.30am - 10am (Fri)

Clayhall, St John Vianney

8:30am - 10am (Tue - Sat)

Goodmayes, St Cedds

9:30 am- 10am (Mon - Sat)

Hainault, Our Lady of the Assumption

10:30am - 11:30am (Tue - Sat)

Ilford, Ss Peter & Paul

10am - 12.30pm (Wed)

Newbury Park, St Theresa

10am - 11am (Thu), 5pm - 6pm (Sat)

South Chingford

8:45am - 9:30am (Tue - Sat)

Wanstead, St John the Baptist

9.30am - 1pm (Fri), 7pm - 8pm (Fri)

Islam Study Day

In 2025 we mark sixty years since the

Promulgation of Nostra Aetate, the inter-faith document of Vatican II.

We are delighted to welcome Sidra Naeem, distinguished teacher and chair of Havering Interfaith, who will speak about Islam.

The talk will take place on

Saturday 18th January 2025

from 11am in the hall

at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, in Gidea Park

The talk will also be available by livestream free of charge at www.whatgoodnews.org

and will be available subsequently on the same website

The church is close to Gidea Park station (Elizabeth Line)

Please bring a packed lunch

Coffee available from 10.30

Do join us



Sacraments

Confessions

Saturdays 10 to 11am or anytime by appointment.

Baptism of children

On Sundays with prior arrangements.

Parents must attend two sessions.

Parents must be registered members of the parish. At least one godparent must be a baptised catholic with a baptism certificate and confirmed.

Marriage

Those to have their marriage blessed should notify the Priest-in-charge at least six months before the proposed date.

First Holy Communion

This is usually done once a year in conjunction with the school. Other cases will be dealt with on individual bases.

Confirmation

This is usually done once a year. Announcements are done in the parish newsletter and on the website

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adult

Those who would like to be received in the Catholic church should see the priest-in-charge any time and make arrangements to start the course.

All are welcome.

N.B

You need to be a registered member of our parish. Have faithful attendance at mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Fill out our registration form.

Fr Henry

Donations

14th & 15th December

Envelopes: £436.71

Loose Plate: £395.84

Standing Orders October: £1215

Fr Henry would like to thank you all

The Diocesan

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Led by Bp Alan, will be from

Friday 18th July – Friday 25th July 2025

The flights will be from Southend to Lourdes. Details, including how to book, will follow. We hope you will join us.

The Ursuline Preparatory School Ilford

Requires, from 1st May 2025, or sooner, a **Director of Learning and Teaching**

The Pay Scale is £36,413pa-£53,994pa, plus Management Allowance: £2,500pa
Membership of Teachers' Pension Scheme and generous CPD

Applications from practising Catholics are particularly welcome. As a member of the Senior Leadership Team, the DLT will work closely with the Headteacher and Class Teachers to innovate and to raise standards of attainment.

Closing Date:

Midday, Tuesday 14th January 2025

Early applications are encouraged and interviews may take place on a rolling basis

For further details & an application form please visit:

https://www.urspsi.org.uk/school_careers.asp

Alternatively, please contact us directly

on 020 8518 4050

Mass Intentions

28th December to 5th January

Saturday 28th	10 - 11am	Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6.00pm	For the sick in the parish
Sunday 29th	9.00am	Jenny Pougnet Family Thanksgiving
	11.00am	For the families
Monday 30th		No Mass - Church Closed All Day
Tuesday 31st	9.00am	Fr. Peter Chungu (RIP)
Wednesday 1st	9.00am	Alfred Mano (RIP)
Thursday 2nd	9.00am	Beatific Vision for the souls in Purgatory
Friday 3rd	9.00am	Beatific Vision for the souls in Purgatory
Saturday 4th	10 - 11am	Adoration and Confessions
	6.00pm	Beatific Vision for the souls in Purgatory
Sunday 5th	9.00am	For all the children in the parish
	11.00am	For all the children in the parish

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in eternal peace

In your kindness, please pray for the following who are ill

Raymond Paul, Beveley Jones, Rosanna Joseph, Richard Lamb, Rachel Antonella Rizzo
Joe Travasso, Karen Oates, Kim Nichol, Micky Bennett, Emily Pougnet, Rizzo Enzo
Lucy Williams, Alsene Gibbs, Wesley Leachman, Chantale Wildman
Kevin Madden, Annie Childs, Helena Almel, Annette Crowe, Paul Smith
Aubrey Paul, Marcus Elwin, Jocelyn Hilaire, Jimmy Lucy



Anniversaries

Liam Nooman, Bernard McSherry, Patrick & Mary Hayes
John & Statia Maguire, Fred & Alice Cooper, Mark Toomey
Charles White, Kevin Monaghan, Martin Collins
John Lombardo, Catherine O'Neill, Helen Lynch, Ann Murray, Michael Cooney
Violet Pearman, Sonny Condon, Marie Blows, Mary Beech, Henry Bennett
Lennie Warren, Bert Ranson, Norah Walsh, June Johnson, Emilia Abuel-Ealeh
Gertrude Small, Kathleen Conway, Cornelius Hayes, Maureen Tovey, Anna Turner

May they rest in Peace