



## Holy Family Catholic Church

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### 24<sup>th</sup> April – Second Sunday of Easter – C

#### Dear Friends,

The services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday form a whole where any one service is incomplete without the others. Each service has the power to move and uplift us, but it is when experienced together that we see the true power.

While I write about power I do not mean it is the normal way of the senses being over-whelmed by some sight or sound. I mean power in a way that our lives can be changed and our emotions heightened. The signs and symbols used during the services may have a different effect on different people, but to me it is the small moments and symbols that often speak to me the most. The simple and direct words used by the Lord at the Last Supper leave a wonderful legacy for us all. Words like 'this is my body', 'this is my blood', 'do this

in remembrance of me' and 'love one another' speak to the centre of our lives. Even when we move on to Good Friday the simple words used belie their deep meaning. Think of the effect of the words of Pilate 'Behold the man' as he brings the bloodied, beaten Jesus out to the mob. It would be hard not to be moved by the words 'it is accomplished' said by the Lord at the very end.



Church of Holy Sepulchre - Jerusalem

During the Easter vigil I am always moved to see the way the church is changed by the Paschal candle's light being shared with everyone present. Through the sharing of one small flame which is 'divided but undimmed' the darkness is pushed away. This simply, but directly, reminds us of the words in John's Gospel that Jesus is the light of the world, a light that 'the darkness could not hold out against'.

There are many more moments during the service that can have a profound effect on each one of us. To many people the one of the most striking events of the Easter Triduum is the stripping of the altar and sanctuary after the Maundy Thursday service. It follows that when people come along to the Good Friday service there are some adjustments to make and to think about. For example we do not genuflect before going into our seats as the tabernacle is empty of the Blessed Sacrament

I am very aware that many people, even in not COVID times, find the veneration of the Cross a challenging part of the Good Friday service. While I can understand that view I would ask that people should reflect on why we do it. To reflect that we do this because of the death of the Lord Jesus as something that we should remember and give thanks for. This year, of course, people were given the options of bowing before, touching or kissing the Cross. I note that the majority of people chose to kiss the Cross as we had appropriate cleaning in place to make it safe.

For me the Good Friday service is a very moving occasion which always leaves me in a reflective mood. This is added by the fact that the service ends in silence with the church remaining un decorated and bare. It is a time of reflection and thanks for us all. I hope that as many people as possible will come along and share in this act of humility and praise.

**Yours in Christ,**

**Fr. Stephen**

Acts 5: 12-16

Revelations 1: 9-13, 17-19

John 20: 19-31

The faith of Thomas confirmed by the sight of the risen Lord; the faith of the Church confirmed by the faith of the apostles. The Gospel of life.

**Psalm Response:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

**Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Alleluia!*



### **1<sup>st</sup> May – Third Sunday of Easter - C**

Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 21: 1-19

Another appearance of the risen Christ. Peter's profession of love, a love that gives him and the others joy in suffering humiliation for the sake of Jesus' name.

**Psalm Response:** I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

**Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!*



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

<i>Fr. John McKeon</i>	<i>Doreen Hegharty</i>	<i>Mary Ware</i>	<i>Oliver Ryan</i>	<i>Danny O'Sullivan</i>
<i>Pauline Egbunike</i>	<i>Maureen Bushell</i>	<i>Margaret Kiely</i>	<i>John Connors</i>	<i>Ibiron Ayool</i>
<i>Myla Lebersidge</i>	<i>Maureen Harvey</i>	<i>Michael Harvey</i>	<i>Mark Paton</i>	<i>Olive Edgar</i>
<i>Catherine Watkins</i>	<i>Andy Gallagher</i>	<i>Tony Leahy</i>	<i>Mary Wallace</i>	<i>Lucia Watson</i>
<i>Dennis O'Flaherty</i>	<i>Gabriella Byrne</i>			

***May they experience the healing touch of Jesus***

**Parish Food Bank**

Thank you to all those who have been donating food for the food bank, however we can only accept non-perishable food, i.e NOT bread or vegetables. Please continue leaving your contributions in the boxes at the back of the Church. We are looking for plastic bags donated as well. There is still time for you to fill in an application form to volunteer to help with the various positions at the food bank.

**Live Mass Streaming**

All church services are live streamed. This can be accessed via <http://www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org/mass-stream>. If you are sitting towards the front of the Church you may be visible.

**Mass Intentions**

If you would like a Mass celebrated please post your intention through the letter box or give your donation via the repository. Envelopes are available in the Church entrance.

**Volunteering in your Parish**

**Welcomers, Readers, Ministers and Counters**

We require people who are willing to count the collection money. Also help is required at the weekend Masses for welcomers (two at each Mass) and a person who counts the parishioners in. The repository shop requires people willing to serve after each Mass. The more volunteers we get the better for all.

If you are an existing minister/reader/welcomer/counter and would like to go back on the rota please drop Fr Stephen a note letting him know which Mass you attend.

**Gift-aid**

The Gift aid boxes for the coming year are available at the back of the church. Please look for the envelope with your name on.

**Baptism Course**

Please see future newsletters for the next course.

## **RCIA Programme**

The next RCIA session will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm.  
Group 4 (new group) will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7:30pm.

## **Caliyp and First Holy Communion Programme**

First Holy Communion Mass 30<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00am and 3:00pm.

## **Confirmation Programme**

Confirmation candidates are required to attend Masses on 30<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00am and 3:00pm to help with the First Holy Communion

## **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Year of the Family. We will celebrate Mass before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of the Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction.

## **Second Collection- for Promotion of Vocations**

A second collection will take place at all weekend Masses 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Thank You**

Father Stephen would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everybody's generosity over the Easter period and hopes you all had a very happy Easter.

## **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage**

Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July. A time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. Book on-line: [www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood). For further information, phone the Administrative Director on 01206 735623.

## **Refugee Community Support Group**

A volunteer group is being set at St John Payne, in conjunction Caritas Brentwood, to raise funds and provide practical support for a refugee family. Anyone interested in becoming involved is warmly invited to attend a meeting, chaired by Fr Dominic Howarth, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm, at St John Payne Catholic Church Hall, Colchester CO4 3QD. Please email [SJPRefugeeProject@gmail.com](mailto:SJPRefugeeProject@gmail.com).

## **Is God calling you to be a Priest**

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> June at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Fr Maurice Gordon. Contact Fr Mark on [vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

## **Bishop Alan's Easter reflection**

Bishop Alan's Easter Reflection, can be down loaded on diocesan website 'Look for life in the midst of death' - ([dioceseofbrentwood.net](http://dioceseofbrentwood.net))

## Job Vacancies

### Headteacher

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upminster. Required from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022. The governors are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher due to the retirement of the current Head Teacher. Deadline for applications: 5:00 pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. We encourage applicants to visit our school. Please [office@st-josephs.haverling.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs.haverling.sch.uk) to arrange. Further information from the school website: [www.st-josephs-upminster.net](http://www.st-josephs-upminster.net)

### Praying the Hours

Three short videos are now available introducing The Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). Fr Adrian Graffy is in conversation with Sr Anne Spilberg and Fr Gerard Bradley. The different hours are explored and at the end of part 3 links are provided for text and livestream of the Office in various languages. Simply go to the website, and click on 'Praying the Hours'. Thank you for your interest.

### A Day with Mary

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Westminster Cathedral. A day of instruction devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. During the day: Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For further information please visit [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org)

### Caritas of Brentwood

Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act – Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from [www.csan.org.uk](http://www.csan.org.uk)

### March for Life

The March for life (M4L) will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. The day is divided into two parts.

**First Part** - will include a ProLife community event at the Emmanuel Centre, Westminster, from 10:30am – 1:30pm consisting of; pro-life stalls, talks, children's sessions, entertainment and music. There will be a Mass, celebrated at 11am at St George's Cathedral, Southwark SE1 7HY by Bishop John Sherrington. Priests are welcome to concelebrate.

**Second Part** - The march itself starts at 2:00pm and ends at 4:30pm in Parliament Square with final speeches. Four bishops have committed to attending the event so far. The theme this year is '10 Million Too Many'

### Online auction

"Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup> to take part in an online auction organised by The Kelvedon Parish. This is to raise awareness and money to help to settle an Afghan

refugee family. If you would be interested in considering such a project, then please contact [caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org). To access the online auction, go to: <https://auction.kelvedoncatholicparish.org.uk/>

### Donate to the parish without Giftaid-it

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

### Donate to the parish with Giftaid-it

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

### Readers for Mass

<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Candidates</b>
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Annette O'Donoghue &amp; Daniel Hughes</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion &amp; Caliyp Candidates</b>
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Anne Carroll &amp; Peter Roberts</b>
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Ngozi Onodugo &amp; Alfonse Gabriel</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Nnadi &amp; Ify Dyrohjaiye</b>
<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Caroline Van Der Steem &amp; Peter Roberts</b>
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Daniel Hughes &amp; Nathalie Duncan</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Nkem Okoli &amp; Angela Milton</b>

### Eucharistic Ministers for Mass

<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Marian Fitzgerald</b>
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Teresa Onyemah</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Angela Milton</b>
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Caroline Van Der Steem</b>
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Estalita Maduli</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Clare Nwachukwu</b>
<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Anne Carroll</b>
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Amanda Shpati</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Bernie McKeag</b>



# **A New Day is Dawning**

**Join the community in our  
pilgrimage to Aylesford**

**On**

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**We come together again for a day of reflection,  
renewal and prayer**

**Cost:- £20 for adults and £10 for children**

# Mass Intentions

## Second Sunday of Easter - C

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	6:00pm	Eileen Cooney (RIP)	Haywood Family
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am	Bernadette Panton (RIP)	S & D Panton
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

## Saint Mark, Evangelist

<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am	Service of the Word with Eucharist	
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## St George, M, Patron of England

<b>Tue 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am	Service of the Word with Eucharist	
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## Feria

<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am	Service of the Word with Eucharist	
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## Feria

<b>Thu 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am	Service of the Word with Eucharist	
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## St Catherine of Siena, V, D

<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9:00am	Service of the Word with Eucharist	
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## Feria

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	11:00am	First Holy Communion	
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## Third Sunday of Easter - C

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<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	9:00am	Richard Forkan (RIP)	J & A Carroll
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

## St Athanasius, Bp D

<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	9:00am	Private Intentions	
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## SS Philip & James, App

<b>Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	9:00am	Teresa O'Donovan (RIP)	M Fitzgerald
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## The English Martyrs

<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9:00am	Annie E Carroll (RIP)	A & J Carroll
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## Feria

<b>Thu 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9:00am	Andrew Gordon	
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## St John Payne, Pr, M

<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9:00am	Esther Abarowei (Spec Ints)	T Onyemah
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## Feria

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9:00am	Cecilia Somide (RIP)	P Ademuyiwa
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## Fourth Sunday of Easter - C

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	6:00pm	Ted Musgrove (RIP)	Jean, Theresa & Family
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	11:00am	Joe Irwin (RIP)	B Mckeag & J Harrison

**Mass attendance: 10/4/22 –545 Late: 61 17/4/22 –851 Late: 204**

**Collections: 10/4/22 - £ 1340.79 Thank you**

**The attendance over the Easter weekend in the highest in 3 years.**