

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd April 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) 15th April 2018

SATURDAY 14th	6.00pm	Daniel Julien's intentions (Kelly)
SUNDAY 15th	9.00am	Charlie O'Donnell's intentions (Clancy)
APRIL 2018	11.00am	The People of our Parish
	12.30pm	Baptism of Allesandro Di Piazza
Monday 16 April	9.00am	Special intention (A.M)
Tuesday 17 th	9.00am	Sr Susan Asher's intentions
Wednesday 18 th	9.00am	Private intention
Thursday 19 th	9.00am	Private intention
Friday 20 th	9.00am	Private intention

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) - Day of prayer for Vocations - 22 April 2018

Saturday 21st	6.00pm	Tony O'Loughlin RIP Recently (Flack)
Sunday 22nd	9.00am	John Walsh RIP (Clohessy)
April 2018	11.00am	The People of our parish
	12.30pm	Baptism of Louis Edward Gomes Da Silva

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturdays 11am to 12 noon & 5.15pm to 5.40pm

MORNING PRAYER of DIVINE OFFICE: 15 minutes before weekday Mass

BLESSED SACRAMENT Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after weekday Mass

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WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME Francis Wells, Hilda Silver, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Hannah Robinson, Daphne McAdam, Paula Hall, Ann Dowd, Mark Toohey, Giovanni Borelli, Sean Clohessy, James Bullen, Roger Minnis, Tony Mullan, Fr Martin Knott, Fr Tom Jordan and all in our parish who are ill.

Please inform Fr John, your Priest or a hospital chaplain if you or your relative, a friend or parishioner is ill, at home or in hospital, so they can be visited and offered appropriate pastoral support, and receive the Sacraments.

OFFERINGS: Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £317.00 and Loose £296.11: Standing Orders: £700: CAFOD £26.30. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER REGINA CAELI (said during Easter instead of the "Angelus")

O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia;

For He whom you merited to bear, alleluia,

Has risen as he said, alleluia;

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

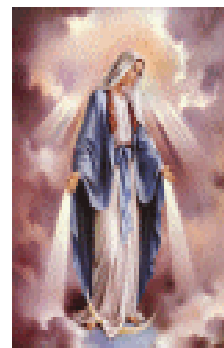
Has given joy to the whole world, grant, we beseech you, that

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother,

We may attain the joys of eternal life,

Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) 15th APRIL 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures and said, "You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that in his name repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations" (Luke 24:35-48). It is difficult to accept suffering and see its purpose or value in life. In his agony, Jesus prayed that the cup of suffering would pass him by but said; "Father, not my will, but thine be done". Peter said; "God forbid, this must not happen to you, Lord", as he rejected Christ's efforts to prepare his disciples for his sufferings and death. We, like the disciples, have an inability to see suffering and death as part of God's plan. Only after Jesus rose from the dead was able to open the eyes of their minds, with the eyes of faith, to see God's plan being carried out.

The first mission Jesus gave to his apostles was to witness to his resurrection from the dead, and then to call people to follow him by repenting of their sins. He offered peace to his disciples and all who believe in him, and follow him in their daily life. He asked his disciples to touch the wounds of love in his hands, feet and side, and invites us to touch his wounds with eyes of faith. Oscar Wilde's moving story of "The Selfish Giant", movingly helps us reflect on Christ's wounds of love for us.

How many things do we do wrong or fail to do which can hurt others in ways that we never intend. St Peter tells people on the first Pentecost Sunday (Acts 3:13-19) that they did not know what they were doing when they put Jesus to death. Jesus recognized that on the Cross, when he prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do", for those killing him. We, like the people listening to Peter's sermon at Pentecost, need to repent of our sins and turn to God with a conversion of heart. Only then can we truly be his followers and receive the grace of forgiveness and the gift of eternal life that he offers to all who believe in him as their Saviour.

On Good Shepherd Sunday, next weekend, the Church asks us to think about and pray for vocations. We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese and for our students for the priesthood, that they may respond generously and faithfully to the Lord's call to minister his Word and Sacraments to his people.

May the Risen Christ bless you & your families with Easter joy. Fr John

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Boxes of offertory envelopes for 2018/19 are now ready and personally addressed for you in our church porch. If you could join our Gift Aid Scheme please contact Michele Murphy, our Gift Aid Organiser, at the Parish Office. Similarly, contact Michele if you are in the Scheme but no longer a tax payer.

EASTER CARDS: If you did not get an Easter Card from our Parish or your address or details were not correct, we apologise and ask you to please let us have an update of your correct names, address and details etc at our Parish Office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS IN 2018: The next preparation session for the children is on **Wednesday 18th April at 5.45pm** in the parish hall. It is essential that the children attend all sessions and that Catholic parents bring their children to Mass.

WE WILL NOT HAVE COFFEE in the hall after 11am Mass on Sunday 22 April

JUMBLE SALE: Our next parish Jumble Sale will be on **Saturday 28 April at 2pm**. We would now like to receive goods for the Jumble sale and offers to help to Janet.

READERS AT MASS: If you are interested in joining our team of Readers at Mass, or have queries on becoming a reader please contact Deacon Duncan - 01992 577173

LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY RITE: A number of parishioners have requested the celebration of the traditional Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Rite in our Church. The first of these Masses will be celebrated by a visiting priest, in our Church, on **Saturday 28th April at 12 noon**. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS at Southwark Cathedral on Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May at 11am. For decades the Church in our country has welcomed people from many parts of the world and this Mass celebrates international diversity in our congregations. Archbishop Peter Smith of Southwark will celebrate the Mass with Bishop Alan, and priests and people from across London, Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire. This is a joyful Mass and all are welcome. For more details see the poster in the church porch.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 28 May 2018. We ask for a registration fee of £30 for each place, and a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. If you have your own place in the race, we would love to have you on our team and won't set a target for sponsorship, but any funds you raise for us would be hugely appreciated. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413

NEW TO OUR PARISH (or have changed your address): Please complete a Parish Registration form, available in the Church, and introduce yourself to Fr John or Deacon Duncan who will be happy to welcome you to our church and parish community.

CATHOLIC VOICES is running a Reframe workshop at St John Payne School, Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford CM1 4BS on Saturday 28 April from 10am to 3pm. It's tough when we are questioned about a controversial issue. Catholic Voices helps equip Catholics to use controversy as an opportunity to tell the Church's story with clarity and charity and defend our faith without raising our voice. Catholic Voices is at: www.catholicvoices.org.uk/ Book with: adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Walsingham House at Abbotswick – support our fundraising: Thank you: over £320,000 has been raised - £90,000 from parish collections and parishioners. There is £200,000 outstanding. If 500 people donated £400 each, our refurbishment debt would be cleared. **Every penny is invested in our young people and Abbotswick is open to all.** To help contact Frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org, or call 01277 373959, send cheques to Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH. Visit www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations to make online donation. The refurbished House is open and we welcome visitors to the grounds & chapel. Pictures & information are at www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick Our official opening is **Saturday September 1st** with Midday Mass with Bishop Alan.

PARISHIONER SPONSORSHIP James Ryan will run the **London Marathon 2018** to raise funds for Barnados Children's Charity, helping young children who are among the poorest in society. Can you help James raise £1000. His Just Giving Page is in the attached link www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jimmyryan88 Many thanks.

QUIZ NIGHT FOR THE BOX: Friday 20 April 7pm for a 7:30pm start at The Box. Teams of 6 or 8 people. £5 a ticket – Licensed bar – bring your own nibbles! Buy tickets from Marjorie Austin (01992 571 156) or Kate Collin (07951 484 805)

SCHOOL GOVERNOR TRAINING at Cathedral House Ingrave Road Brentwood CM15 8AT on Saturday 28 April 10.30am-12.noon. **Topics:** Core Skills, behaviours & Expectations of Governors. Speaker: Maureen Smith, Governing Body Support Service Manager, Havering. Contact jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277265285

LAPTOPS NEEDED I am a sixth form learning mentor at St Mary's Catholic School Bishops Stortford. Due to pressure on school budgets we have 10 year old laptops with problems. We are fundraising but laptops are expensive and we need at least 20. In the interim I appeal for laptops you no longer use or need, or your workplace may be updating. Once we achieve our target we will give them to charities. Staff at school will wipe the memory clean. I can collect any donations and thank you in advance for your support – **Dymphna Canny on 07840200962**

VACANCY: Education Office in Brentwood: PA/Executive Assistant required (PA or Senior Secretarial experience essential) to support the Director and Deputy Director in the education Department. The role is for 35 hours a week, 5 days a week over 42 weeks a year. If you, any of your family or friends – are interested, first contact: recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org for job & person specification.

URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD: Teaching post for 2ic English, and Chemistry teacher from September 2018. Apply at: uai.org.uk Closing date: 18 April

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHINGFORD Has a number of posts advertised; teaching and non-teaching – see details in the Church porch.

OUR PARISH HALL is available to hire. We offer special rates to parishioners and charities. Please phone Arnold Verrall on 01992 5001995 (use 01992 even in Epping) or 07764404813 for information and to book for a particular occasion.