

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS          Saturday 20 to Sunday 28 April 2019

### EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD C 21 April 2019

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30pm	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter – Des Toohey RIP
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Private Intention
<u>March 2019</u>	<u>11.00am</u>	<u>The People of our Parish</u>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Hannah Robinson and family
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Private intention
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Private intention
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Peter Beard RIP                          Requiem Mass
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Private intention

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER C: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 28 April 2019

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	The People of our Parish
April 2019	9.00am	Jim Sullivan RIP (Sullivan)
	11.00am	Patrick Lennon RIP
	3.00pm	Tridentine Rite Latin Mass - Mgr Gordon Read
<b>BAPTISM</b>	<u>12.30pm</u>	<u>Alexander Joseph Stimpson</u>

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturdays 11am to 12 noon, 5.15 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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PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME: Hannah Robinson, Frances Wells, Robert Morris, Mark Toohey, Catherine Steel, Daphne McAdam, Ann Harris, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Paula Hall, Ann Dowd, Sean Clohessy, Roger Minnis, James Bullen, Fr Martin Knott & Fr Tom Jordan. **Please inform a Priest or Hospital Chaplain if you, your relative or a parishioner is ill in hospital or at home so they can have visits from a priest and receive the Sacraments.**

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your Offertories last weekend: £510.17 Standing Orders: £800 and CAFOD Box: £20. Thank you for your generosity.

EASTER OFFERINGS: In Brentwood Diocese the offerings at Easter are a personal gift from parishioners to the priest(s) of their parish, for their support.

WEDNESDAY WEEKDAY MASS: We have had Mass on the Wednesdays of Lent at 12.15pm and generally there has been a very good attendance, up to 24 people one week. This is far more than at 9am Mass, when the usual attendance is about 10 people. Since there has been such a good response to this time of 12.15pm on Wednesdays we will continue with it during the Easter season and perhaps it will become permanent.

FOR HALL BOOKINGS contact Arnold Verrall, preferably by telephone, on 01992 001995 (dial 01992 even in Epping) or mobile 07764404813 or by email [arnold\\_verrall@email.com](mailto:arnold_verrall@email.com). Preferential rates for parishioners & charities.

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*Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove/Lebohang Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa*

### EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD C 21 April 2019

*My dear Friends,*

“Since you have been brought back to life with Christ, you must look for the things of heaven, where Christ is sitting at God’s right hand” (Col.3:1-4). Sometimes we make our journey through life, like the disciples on the first Easter Sunday, with our faces downcast. Jesus may be walking with us as he did with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, but we are so preoccupied with our own thoughts that we do not recognise his presence. Many people believe Jesus suffered and died on the Cross, but they do not have the faith to believe that he is the resurrection and the life, through rising from the dead. Each year we celebrate his resurrection at Easter, and every Sunday throughout the year is a celebration of his resurrection. It is through his resurrection that our minds and hearts are lifted up to heaven with the hope and promise of new and eternal life.

Eternal life is not just about having a life after our death; it is knowing God, and his Son, Jesus Christ, as the Saviour of the world. At Easter we celebrate Baptism in a very special way, with the Blessing of the Water for Baptism and renewing of the promises of our own Baptism. Through Baptism we come to share in the new life of the risen Christ, and are blessed to receive the grace that God gives to all those he calls and who respond to him.

The Easter egg is an image of the new life. The chicken coming out of the egg symbolises Christ coming out of the tomb to new life. God calls us to come out of whatever place we have ensconced or buried ourselves to a new life with him. God plants the seeds of faith, hope and love in our heart through our Baptism, and he calls on us to fan into flame the gifts he gives us, so that they may burn brightly in our lives. Easter is the season of new life, when God calls us to grow in relationships of love with him and people. He wants us to walk in the light of faith and truth, not with our faces downcast, but with our minds and hearts uplifted. During Lent and Holy Week, we walked with him in his sufferings and the Way of Cross. Whilst we shared his sufferings and death in the Liturgy, many of our fellow Christians around the world are being put through great sufferings because of their faith in the risen Christ. We pray for them at Easter, that they may share in the joy and glory of his resurrection to new and eternal life.

*We thank everyone who has helped in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. We wish you and your families a blessed and joyful Easter. Fr John & Deacon Duncan*

**WE PRAY FOR PETER BEARD RIP**, late of Epping, who died on 21 March. He will be received into our Church on **Wednesday 24 April at 4.30pm**. Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am**, followed by burial at Kingshill Cemetery, Berkhamsted. **May he rest in peace.**

*We offer our sympathy to his family and prayer for the repose of his soul. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them.*

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** is next Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. Sunday. The Billericay Padre Pio Prayer Group invites you to a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, CM14 5SH on Mercy Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Arrival from 10.30 am for 11 am start. Mass will be at 12 noon. Confession available. The day will end at 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Ring Claire Wallis on 01277 658783 if you require further information. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS** Our next full sung Holy Mass will be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 3 pm in our Church. We welcome the celebrant, Mgr. Gordon Read of our diocese. The words and texts in Latin & English will be provided for your convenience. *All welcome!*

**EASTER FLOWERS: THANK YOU** to parishioners who donated lilies in memory of family members and loved ones for our Church at Easter. It is a kind remembrance and we are most grateful. **Thank you to our Flower Arrangers** who have given much time and skill in creating such beautiful flower arrangements for our Church.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:** The next children's session will be on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 5.45pm** in our Hall.

**PARISH WEBSITE:** We apologise that our parish website is not operational. Unfortunately we have not been able to find anyone to manage it over the past few months and would be grateful to anyone who may be willing to assist with our website.

**OFFERTORY & GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** The Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year which began on 6<sup>th</sup> April are ready for collection in the church porch. Any parishioner who does not have Offertory envelopes and wishes to have them, please contact our Parish Gift Aid Organiser at the Parish Office. We ask parishioners who have Offertory envelopes to contact us if your details or circumstances have changed. We encourage parishioners to use Offertory envelopes, and especially for taxpayers to Gift Aid your donations to the church. This increases the value of your offerings to the church by **25%** at no cost to you and is a great benefit to our parish. Please complete the slip below and hand it in to the Priest's House or e-mail our Parish Office if you would like to join our Offertory Envelope or Gift Aid scheme.

**I would like to have Offertory Envelopes / join the Parish Gift Aid scheme (tick)**

Name..... Telephone.....

E-mail.....

Address.....

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**EASTER CARDS:** Thank you to everyone who delivered our parish Easter cards and especially to Peter Day for sorting, organising & delivering. We apologise if you did not get a card – please take one from the church and let us have your up-to-date address etc. Please complete a Parish Registration Form from the back of the church with your correct details, names, address etc. and hand it into to the Priest's House.

**A TABLE TOP SALE** will be held in our Hall on **Saturday 27 April from 10am to 2pm**. New & nearly new children's items will be on sale. See poster in church porch.

**HARLOW CHORUS will perform Mendelssohn's Elijah on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at Chingford Parish Church.** For the first time in its 40-year history, Harlow Chorus is coming to St Peter & Paul Church, Chingford, to perform, one of the biggest and most powerful of oratorios, "Elijah". It should be a really stunning evening with a full choir, of almost 80, with professional soloists and a full orchestra. Our wonderful Music Director, Edward Rhys Harry, has conducted this 11 times before in various concert halls around the world and says he wants this version to be the best. To encourage people to attend, I am offering 2 tickets for 'Elijah' free to the first taker and many more at a discounted rate of £10 each. (They are usually £15 or £18 on the door. Children £5) Please contact me to obtain your tickets to Elijah. **Maggie Keeling**

**EPPING CHORUS** will hold a quiz night in our hall on Saturday 11 May; 7 for 7.30pm start. Bring own drinks, nibbles & food. Tables of 8, but we can accommodate fewer numbers. Tickets £7.50 each. Book with **Janet Clements at church or 578262.**

**'HOMELESSNESS TODAY'** A talk on 25 April 19 from at 7:15 by Robb Saggs, CEO, CHESS Homeless & Minister at .The Box, St John's Road, Epping, CM16 5DN

**BRENTWOOD DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, which will be led by Bishop Alan, our Bishop.

**BRENTWOOD DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019** with Tangney Tours from Stansted Airport. The Brentwood Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Alan Williams. Please find form and details of the pilgrimage in church.

**KNOCK PILGRIMAGE:** Brentwood Parishes Pilgrimage to Knock from. **27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019** from Stansted Airport. Please see poster in church porch for details.

**HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS:** come to Calvary for just a ½ hour, between **9.30am & 10.30am on a Saturday.** The Helpers of God's Precious infants hold a peaceful Rosary vigil on Saturday mornings 7.30am-11.30am on Marie Stopes busiest morning for abortions and offer counselling and practical help (benefits / money/advice/ accommodation/ baby- sitting etc. through the Good Counsel Network) to mothers who wish to keep their babies. The 9.30am to 10.30am slot is difficult to cover at so, if you can spare time, please quietly join prayers on the other side of the road from the clinic. Ring Paul on 07504923428 or Rose 07960650517 for details.

**MARCH FOR LIFE** on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm from outside Westminster Church House, 25 Great Smith Street, Westminster SW1 3BN. Every year 200,000 of our unborn neighbours are deprived of the right to live and be born. If you think this a great injustice, join this peaceful march. Details are on the notice in church porch.