

**EASTER SUNDAY (A) MASS INTENTIONS for Easter Week 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020** qw

**ALL CHURCHES ARE NOW CLOSED.** Priests are celebrating Mass in private every Day in Catholic Churches. Due to the danger of spreading the Corona virus, Masses cannot be celebrated with a congregation, in our Catholic churches at this time.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter & the Resurrection  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am The People of our Parish  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Mary Canny RIP (Canny)  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Maureen Ives & Family RIP (Ives)  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Eileen Dooley & Family RIP (Ives)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Darke Family & Friends (Darke)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Sr Susan Asher's intentions (Palmer)  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm Hannah Robinson RIP Anniv.(McCready)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A Divine Mercy Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am Tess Doherty's intentions (Palmer)

**SACRAMENT of PENANCE: on request and by arrangement at this time**

**UNIVERSALIS: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)** Daily Mass readings, Lectio Divina, Prayer of the Church in The Divine Office and Spiritual Reading for each day of Easter.

**EWTN DAILY MASS** and more at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/EWTN>

**EASTER VIGIL: Bishop Alan Saturday 8.30pm** [www.churchservices.tv/wickford](http://www.churchservices.tv/wickford)

**DAILY MASS Leigh-on-Sea:** Our Lady of Lourdes Church at <https://lourdesleigh.org/>

**Bishops Stortford:** St Joseph & English Martyrs: [www.churchservices.tv/bishopstortford](http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopstortford)

**In Brentwood Diocese:** [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/covid-19-can-parish/](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/covid-19-can-parish/)

**CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS** will broadcast an Easter programme on BBC Essex and all BBC local radio stations, on Easter Sunday at 8.00am.

**DAILY SERVICES WITH MASS:** <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

**DAILY SERVICE on BBC RADIO 4 (198 meters Long Wave) at 9.45am**

**SUNDAY SERVICE on BBC RADIO 4 on 92.3FM at 8.10am**

**BBC ESSEX at 95.3 and 103.5FM Sunday programme from 6.00am to 9.00am**

**DAILY PRAYER & MEDIATIONS at [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)**

More at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>

**SCRIPTURE READINGS at Masses on EASTER SUNDAY Year A 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34-43** Peter's testimony to the resurrection of Jesus

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 117** This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice

**NT READING: Colossians 3:1-4** You have been brought back to true life with Christ

**GOSPEL: John 20:1-9** Jesus is not here, he is risen from the dead

**OFFERTORIES:** Thank you for your Offertories of £800 in Standing Orders & £95 in envelopes, and £20 for Norway House Homeless Centre, put in by parishioners through the letter box of the Priest's House in the past week. Our Brentwood Diocese has set up an online system to facilitate donations. Donations can be made online to our Parish to Offertories or to individual funds or purposes in our parish at: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping>

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

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Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa

### **EASTER SUNDAY A THE RESURRECTION of CHRIST 12 April 20**

*Dear friends,*

“Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free” we say at Mass after the bread and wine have been consecrated and become the Body and Blood of Christ. In every Mass we enter the Upper Room in Jerusalem with Jesus and his apostles at the Last Supper, we go to the Cross on Good Friday to remember his sufferings and death, and go to Easter Sunday to celebrate his triumph over suffering and death in his glorious resurrection.

On Easter Sunday morning when the women went to the tomb, the angel told them, “I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Go and tell his disciples he has risen from the dead and is now going before you into Galilee” (Matthew 28:1-10). Having first appeared to the women, Jesus walked with his disciples on the road to Emmaus, on Easter Sunday evening, “though something prevented them from recognising him” (Luke 24:13-35). In the unexpected situations and circumstances in life we do not always recognise with eyes of faith that the Lord Jesus has not only been there before us, but is also accompanying us on life's journey though we do not recognise his presence – yet he tells us, “I am with you always”(Matt.28:20).

These last weeks have been extraordinary, with the dangers of the Coronavirus affecting the way we now live and relate. Rightly, we are told to stay at home, , keep distance and stay safe and protect the National Health Service. In the NHS and caring professions, many people have been placing their own lives at risk and in danger to protect and save the life of others. We pray that the Lord sends his angels to guard and protect them in their precious vocation. We can say that in their work, they are showing God's love and sharing in his work to save people through the healing and saving power of Christ, our Saviour.

Some parishioners, with the benefit of years and long memories say they have never known anything like it. Even during the war years, the churches were not closed to people, yet the Lord and his presence is not only to be found in a holy place or building, but he accompanies us on life's journey even when we do not sense or recognise his presence. He is with us in our home and in our heart.

*Thank you for your thoughtfulness, consideration and kindness at this time. Deacon Duncan & myself, wish you a holy and blessed Easter. Fr John*

### **OUR PRAYER FOR ALL AFFECTED BY CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC:**

**Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to you we turn in our distress; in faith we pray, look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead and comfort mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out in love, so that together we may give glory to your name, through Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

### **PRAY FOR our doctors, nurses, all working in hospitals, NHS & Emergency Services.**

For all who are ill at home or in hospital, for carers looking after people who are elderly or vulnerable in care homes or at home. For all who feel stressed on being isolated or alone and depend on the goodness of others. For our families, ourselves and those in need at this time. We can light a candle at home (being careful and safe in doing so) and ask Jesus, the Light of the World to be a light and Saviour for God's people in this time of need, and we ask Mary the Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church to pray with us and for us.

**IN NEED OF HELP:** If you or someone you know needs help urgently, please contact the Priest's House and we will do what we can to assist through parishioners who have volunteered their help, the church, the Foodbank or local agencies. Recently we made a donation of £1000 from Parish funds to Epping Foodbank to help those in need.

**THANK YOU** to people of all ages who have helped people in our area to cope with unexpected difficulties at this time. Reaching out with kindness and caring for people on their own or in need is the practice of charity. Simple things like a phone calls, e-mails or forwarding information on how to cope is a very real help for many.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** preparation course and the First Holy Communion Masses have now had to be postponed. We will inform Parents of the new dates to be set for both, when it will be declared safe for people to congregate again in church.

**CATHOLIC PAPERS & MAGAZINES, MAGNIFICAT & CHILDREN'S Easter Booklets** are on a table by the side door into the Church, Sacristy and Priest's House. It is open during the day time and you can pick up your paper or magazine. The Catholic Herald is now moving from being a weekly to a monthly publication.

**WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME:** Please contact a Priest or Hospital Chaplain if you, your relative, or a parishioner, is ill at home or in hospital so that they may have ministry and the Sacraments.

**DOMESTIC CHURCH PARENT RESOURCES:** Find a link on the Diocesan news page, where they publish an article recommended to parents of school-aged children to enable them to continue worship in the home and continue the season of Lent / Easter with their families without gathering publicly for Mass.

[www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/domestic-church-resources-parents-covid-19/](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/domestic-church-resources-parents-covid-19/)

**CHURCH UPDATES Re CORONAVIRUS:** For the latest updates please visit: [www.cbcew.org.uk/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/) and also go to [www.vaticannews.va/en/church.html](http://www.vaticannews.va/en/church.html)

**PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL:** As PAH is now closed to visitors, the charity with whom I (Melanie Hollinshead) volunteer has set up a new service for patients. Family & friends can send personal messages, or collate messages to [paht.messagetoalovedone@nhs.net](mailto:paht.messagetoalovedone@nhs.net). There is a dedicated phone line (01279 868128) available between 10am and 12noon each weekday when a staff member or volunteer will write down the message for particular patients. Full details on <https://www.bishopsstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/message-to-a-loved-one-new-way-to-contact-patients-in-pah-9105668/>

**LITURGY OF THE WORD IN THE LOCKDOWN:** Fr Adrian Graffy has prepared two talks on the first two readings from the Old Testament in the Liturgy of the Word at the Easter Vigil. The first talk, 'Easter Genesis', examines chapter 1 of Genesis, and, with reference to *Laudato Si* of Pope Francis, points to the relevance of the text for today. The talk on 'the Binding of Isaac' in Genesis 22, gives reflections and insights into the paschal mystery and has something to offer for inter-faith relations. Please use and circulate as you see fit. Thank-you.

<https://www.whatgoodnews.org/faith-talks> Specific links to each talk:

<https://www.whatgoodnews.org/faith-talks-1/2020/4/6/easter-genesis>

<https://www.whatgoodnews.org/faith-talks-1/2020/4/6/the-binding-of-isaac>

### **WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD & ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR:**

Sally Rutland (11/4) Martha Sheehan (13/4), Mary Tracey & Bridget Taylor (14/4). Agnes Ruocco & Brendan O'Neill (17/4), Mr & Mrs Verani (18/4), Charles McGarry & Ellen Gladdon (19/4) **May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

**CORONAVIRUS VOLUNTEERS:** Everything Epping Forest is managing a contacts database of people willing to act as "community volunteers" who could assist with deliveries etc to "self-isolating" people in the district during this outbreak. If you would like to be added to the database, and are happy to have your contact details passed on to anyone who requests them, please email [everythingeppingforest@gmail.com](mailto:everythingeppingforest@gmail.com) with: your name, contact number, Area (town, village, streets) you are willing to volunteer in.

**IF YOU NEED HELP** or assistance and would like to contact a volunteer in your area, please email [everythingeppingforest@gmail.com](mailto:everythingeppingforest@gmail.com) with "REQUEST" in the subject line or text 07710 447868 and state where you live. Everything Epping Forest will not be responsible for arrangements between parties. Anyone using this initiative does so on the understanding that arrangements between volunteers and anyone in need are the responsibility of those individuals. Everything Epping Forest will only pass on contact details to anyone requesting them as part of the initiative.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you or anyone you know wishes to have Mass offered for a particular intention or for anyone, living or dead, please contact Fr John at The Priest's House, by letter, e-mail or phone stating the intention, and the Mass will be offered in our church as soon as possible – and probably in private at this time.