

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES from Saturday 23rd April to Sunday 1st May 2022		
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER C - THE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 24th April 2022		
Saturday 23 rd	6.00pm	The People of our Parish
Sunday 24 th	9.00am	Patricia Rimmer RIP Anniv. (Holland)
April 2022	11.00am	Mary Curtin RIP Recently (Crouch) Live streamed
	3.00pm	Latin Mass in the Tridentine Rite
Monday 25 th	St Mark, Evangelist	
	9.15am	Irene Robinson's Intentions (Morris)
Tuesday 26 th	St George, Patron of England	
	9.15am	Betty Hurley's Intentions (Morris)
Wednesday 27 th	12 noon	Patrick Lennon RIP Anniv (Lechley)
Thursday 28 th	9.15am	Patsy Fernandes RIP (Murray)
Friday 29 th	St Catherine of Siena, European Feast	
	12 noon	Daphne McAdam RIP Anniv (McAdam)
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER C - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER		
Saturday 30 th	6.00pm	Franko Fernandes Anniv (Murray)
Sunday 1 st	9.00am	Giovanni Borelli RIP (Mansell)
May 2022	11.00am	People of our Parish

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE on Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon and on request.

DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD WEBSITE: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net//>
DAILY SERVICES WITH MASSES STREAMED: www.churchservices.tv/timetable/
Daily Mass at Westminster Cathedral: www.churchservices.tv/westminster/
Daily Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea: <https://lourdesleigh.org/>
St Joseph English Martyrs Bishops Stortford www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford/

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous offerings of £26 for CAFOD on Sunday 17th April. You can give in Offerings to the Priest's House, and also for charities our parish supports at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping/////////

EASTER OFFERINGS: Thank you for your Easter greetings and very generous Offerings at the Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Masses. In our Diocese these are personal from parishioners to support the priest of their parish. Thank you ever so much. Fr John

AN EASTER PRAYER

Queen of Heaven, Rejoice, Alleluia.

For the Son you were worthy to bear, Alleluia.

Has risen as he said, Alleluia. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant, we pray that through his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary,

We may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 2022

24th April 2022

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It was a wonderful experience again to share the Easter liturgies with so many people and it was particularly pleasing to see so many parishioners and friends returning to worship in church having finally come to terms with COVID. Welcome back!!

During this 1st week after Easter, we are reminded of the dramatic circumstances with which the followers of Christ had to deal in the weeks immediately after his death on the Cross. We are reminded of the trauma experienced by all the followers of Jesus between the crucifixion and the meeting of Jesus and the Apostles at Galilee. They were completely bereft of any direction and of any sign of leadership. Where were they to turn? Whom could they trust? Their world had been torn apart. With the benefit of hindsight and the rich accounts upon which we can depend and of which we are reminded each year in our Easter liturgies, we are able to share the profound pain and anxiety of those who were present 2000 years ago, and through the accounts which we hear each year at Easter, we are enabled to reflect on three aspects of our Christian faith:

- The accounts of the trial, death and Resurrection of Jesus are as real and personal to us as they were to the followers of Jesus 2000 years ago.
- The growth of Christianity from the time of the Easter events has helped we Christians better to understand our faith and so become more committed to following Christ enthusiastically every day of our life.
- The witnesses of the events 2000 years ago gave great support to each other and, in the same way, we can help to build our parish and today's church through our personal enthusiasm and commitment both individually and jointly with our friends and other parishioners.

God bless you all, and your work for the Lord during 2022 and beyond.

Deacon Duncan

WE PRAY FOR ALBERT JAMES BAZZONI RIP who died on Tuesday, 5th April. His funeral service will be celebrated at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Monday 9th May at 1.45pm. **May he rest in peace. We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to his family and all who mourn at this time. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them and fill them with hope in his risen life.**

JOURNEY IN FAITH: At the Easter Vigil last Saturday evening Alison, Jon and Kerri, who have been making their Journey of Faith in and into the church in our Parish over the past year(s) were welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. Kerrie received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion and Alison and Jon received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. We pray God's blessings on them and their families as they respond to the Lord's call, to grow in grace and walk with him in their faith journey.

ALTAR SERVERS: We now need a team of Altar servers for our Masses, following the ways things have changed after the lockdowns. We invite adults, young people or children who would like to serve at Mass. We invite some of the families whose children have received first Holy Communion in recent times to consider offering their service to the Lord at the altar. Please contact Fr John or Deacon Duncan if you or a family member is interested in the privilege of serving at Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION Preparation for First Holy Communion will resume for the children **NEXT Wednesday April 27th** at 5.30pm in our Church Hall.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:
May Lord heal & comfort them and who are ill with power of his Spirit.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Jennings, Tom Geoghan, Fr Simon Sullivan (24/4) Fred Taylor (26/4), Rebecca Wallis (27/4), Jim Sullivan (28/4), Patrick Lennon (29/4), Christine Gallacher, James O'Sullivan (30/4), Pamela Anderson (1/5) **Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

COVID REGULATIONS: Please sanitise your hands as you enter and leave church. Wearing a face covering in church helps prevent the spread of Covid and keep safe. Whilst it is personal choice and not obligatory, we advise wearing a face covering in the church. If you have Covid19 symptoms of please stay at home.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - 28th May 2022: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around our Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Year of the Family 'Hearing and Doing the Word of God'. Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. Please contact our Parish Office for further details of the Pilgrimage.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Throughout the fifty days of Easter we read from the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared faith talks on '[The Acts of the Apostles](#)' and '[Paul in Acts](#)', for your use through the Easter season. To access these free **audio** recordings please go to www.whatgoodnews.org and scroll down to 'Acts in Easter'.

PARISH FUNDRAISER - HOLIDAY LET: Two-bedroom, pet friendly holiday chalet to let in Cromer on the North Norfolk coast. Fully refurbished this year to an excellent standard. Very competitive rates. Short breaks available out of season. Parish fundraising has very much suffered in the last two years since Covid has made it difficult to hold community fundraising events. For first time bookings to this chalet, made by Epping parishioners, a donation will be made to the parish. For further details, photos, prices and availability please contact Margaret Lechley on margaretlechley004@btinternet.com or phone/text to mobile 07981363809.

NEW OFFERTORY & GIFT AID ENVELOPES for this financial year starting 6th of April are ready for collection in the church. Parishioners who do not have Offertory envelopes and wish to have them, please contact our Gift Aid Organiser at the Parish Office. We ask parishioners who have Offertory envelopes to contact us if your circumstances for Gift Aid or details have changed. Please use the Offertory envelopes, and especially we ask taxpayers to Gift Aid the donations you make to the church, as this increases the value of your offerings to the church by 25% at no cost to yourself, and is of tremendous benefit to our parish.

'**THE PASSAGE**, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme until 12.00 noon on **Monday 9 May**. Every £1 donated online before 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.'

ON-LINE AUCTION: "Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people from **April 22nd to May 2nd** to take part in an online auction organised by The Kelvedon Parish of St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels. 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. To access the online auction, go to: <https://auction.kelvedoncatholicparish.org.uk/>"

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK needs: tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned peas, tinned carrots, tinned instant mash potatoes, long life milk, small jars of coffee, chocolate spread, snack bars, chocolate bars, small/medium bags of rice, savoury crackers, sponge puddings, shampoo, soap, hand sanitiser (70% alcohol), deodorant, reusable face masks, laundry tablets.