

MASSES & SERVICES FROM: Saturday 22nd April to Sunday 30th April 2023		
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER A Jesus walks with his disciples on the road 23 April 23		
Saturday 22 nd	7.30pm	Hannah Robinson RIP Anniv. (McHardy)
Sunday 23 rd	9.00am	Celia Cornwell RIP Recently (Brook)
April 2023	11.00am	People of our Parish Live Streamed
	3.00pm	LATIN MASS in Tridentine Rite
Monday 24 th	St George, Martyr, Patron of England - Solemnity	
	9.15am	Yvonne Stevenage RIP Recently (Stevenage)
Tuesday 25 th	St Mark, Evangelist	
	9.15am	Deceased members of Scannell Family (Scannell)
Wednesday 26 th	12 noon	Teresa Fowler RIP Recently (Poole)
Thursday 27 th	9.15am	Fr Brian O'Higgins RIP Anniv.
	12 noon	Patrick Lennon RIP Anniv (Lechley)
Saturday 29 th	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor – European Feast	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER A World Day of Prayer for Vocations 30 April 2023		
Saturday 29 th	6.00pm	Daphne McAdam RIP Anniv (McAdam)
Sunday 30 th	9.00am	Mrs Agnes Laffey RIP Recently (Coyne/Hayes)
April 2023	11.00am	People of our Parish

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE on Saturdays from 11.30am to 12 noon and on request to the Parish Priest at any time. You are always welcome to this Sacrament.

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ACTS 2:22-33 God did not allow Jesus' body to see corruption and raised him to life

PSALM 15 Show me Lord the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence

1Peter 1:17-21 Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of Christ, the Lamb

LUKE 24:13-35 At Emmaus, they recognised Christ in the breaking of the bread.

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing orders.

On 16th April: Loose Plate £257.39, Envelopes £123.50 & CAFOD £10. Thank you for your generosity and support for our parish and charities. You can give in donations to the Priest's House and also online for our parish or charities we support at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping//////////

AN EASTER PRAYER

Queen of Heaven, Rejoice, Alleluia. 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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER A

23rd April 2023

Dear Friends & Parishioners,

Jesus came up and walked by the side of the disciples but something prevented them from recognising him. He asked, "What matters are you discussing as you walk along?" (Luke 24:13-35). On Easter Sunday evening the disciples talked as they walked to Emmaus about their grief and bereavement on their loss and death of Jesus, though he as risen Lord was walking with them, but they did not recognise him. As a good counsellor, he asked them to tell him all that had happened over the past few days. Their expectation that he would found a new kingdom of Israel had been shattered by his crucifixion and death. They were confused by the women saying, "They had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive". Jesus lets them express their pain and confusion; he listened to them and draws out how they felt by asking them questions. By explaining the scriptures, he helped them understand God's plan, and after recognising him in the "Breaking of the Bread" they said, "did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road".

This Gospel gives us a model that can help families, friends or ourselves as we go through bereavement or troublesome and anxious times in life. We need friends to listen to us and our problems, who will walk with us at painful times on our journey through life. They can help us to see and understand God's plan in difficult or sad situations. Many find the meditation "**Footprints**" helpful as it shows Christ accompanying us as a friend on our journey through life, in good times and bad. We may not always recognise that he is with us but he never abandons us in the most difficult or darkest moments. The Word of God, which a person may share with us at testing times, can be like a beam of sunlight piercing the clouds of mist or sadness, when we feel oppressed or downcast. In sharing the Word of God with others or their sharing his Word with us, it can be like Christ speaking and giving understanding, comfort or guidance in difficult or sad circumstances. That is why we need to listen to, read and share the Word of God with sensitivity and wisdom.

I again thank you so much for your Easter greetings and very generous Offerings at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. We now look forward to the first Holy Communion of the children in our parish next month. We pray that the Lord will greatly bless them and they progress in their faith journey to receive our Lord, whom we and they recognise in "The Breaking of the Bread", Holy Communion.

May we recognise the Lord accompanying us through life and be attentive to his Word as he speaks to us on our faith journey. Fr John

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The next session for the children will be on **Wednesday 26th April** at the usual time of **5.30pm** in the hall.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

MRS PATRICIA GRAVES who died on Monday 10th April. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated in our church on **Tuesday 9th May** at 11.30am followed by burial at Epping Cemetery. **May she rest in peace.**

MRS ANNE DOWD, who died on Tuesday, 11th April 2023. **May she rest in peace.**

MRS MARIE CREHAN, a longstanding parishioner here, who died on Thursday 20th April 2023, funeral arrangements pending. We offer our sympathy to her daughter, Louise and to all her family. **May she rest in peace.**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, & let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. We offer our sympathy and prayerful support to their families and all who mourn. May the Lord send his Spirit, the Comforter, to console them and give them with the hope of eternal life through Christ's resurrection.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:

Lord Jesus Christ, our Most Holy Redeemer, by the grace of your Holy Spirit, grant comfort and healing to your servants who suffer in mind, body or spirit. When they are afraid give them courage, when they are afflicted give them patience, when dejected lift them up with new hope, when alone, assure them of the prayerful support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

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Fr Stewart Foster, David Mansell, Toohey Family, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Paula Hall, Catherine Steel, Peggy Flanagan, James Bullen, Albert Fuller, John Millward, Fr Michael Butler, Fr John Taylor. **May the Lord send the healing power of his Holy Spirit down upon them and all who are ill.**

BAPTISM: *Congratulations to the family of Amelia Rose Carter baptised in our Church on Sunday 16th April. May the Lord bless her and her family and help them bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

EPPING CHORUS will hold a quiz night in our church hall on **Friday, 12th May** - 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £10 per person from Maggie Knope on 01992 573101. Please see poster on notice board in the porch for more details. NB a Friday quiz.

LARGE PRINT BOOKS: If anyone has some large print books to donate for a 95 year old lady who is losing her sight? Please contact Deacon Duncan on 01992 577173 if you can help. Many thanks.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS: "The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark & Westminster invite you to a celebration of the annual Mass for Migrants on **Monday, 1st May 2023**, at 12pm. Banner bearers please gather at St Bonaventure's Secondary School at 11:15am for refreshments and to prepare the procession of banners at 12noon. The Mass at St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate E7 9QB will be hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood with Bishop Alan Williams SM as celebrant and Fr Dominic Howarth preaching. You are kindly invited to attend in person to celebrate the significant contribution made by migrants to the life of our Dioceses."

CHAIRS IN CHURCH: There are cushioned chairs in our church with arms that may be more comfortable for people who may find the pews hard or uncomfortable.

MASS FOR THE KING: A special Mass will be offered in our Church on Friday, 5th May, at 7.30pm, for King Charles III on the eve of his coronation, praying that God may bless, guide and inspire him in his sacred office, for the leadership of the nations.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: We recently made donations from our parish funds to the following charitable causes: Marriage Care, St Clare's Hospice, Cardinal Hume Centre, Carmelite Monastery, Aid to the Church in Need, Providence Row, Columban Missions, Mercy Ships, The Passage, CAFOD, International Refugee Trust, St Francis Leprosy Guild, Day for Life, Smile Train, Orbis UK, Sick & Retired Clergy Fund, World Communications, Promotion of Vocations, Peter's Pence, Apostleship of the Sea, Catholic Education Service, Home Mission Day, World Mission Day, Prisoners' Sunday, Racial Justice. National Youth Sunday, Pax Christi, Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund, Some donations were in lieu of second collections that we should have taken in church during the course of the year.

PARISH HALL JOB VACANCY for a part time Site Manager here at The Catholic Church, Epping. The post will be part-time (6 hours per week – with flexible working hours to be agreed). Salary £12 per hour. Please send your CV and a cover letter by email to admin@eppingparish.plus.com. Job description is at [Vacancies - Brentwood Diocese \(dioceseofbrentwood.net\)](https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net) and on the Church porch notice board. **Further details form the Parish Office. Contact by post, email or phone message.**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - 27th May 2023: "Join Bishop Alan & parishes of our Diocese of Brentwood at Walsingham to celebrate Mass at the Basilica and walk the Holy Mile to Walsingham Abbey for Vespers & Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you wish to join, please contact the Parish Office."

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK The Foodbank needs the usual items. Thank you for your generous giving to those in need! **WE HAVE FOOD BANK VOUCHERS** for anyone who may need them. Please contact Fr John or our Parish Office.

WE LIVE STREAM 11am SUNDAY MASS IN OUR CHURCH on youtube: Our church has a broadband connection again and it is possible to resume livestreaming on [youtube.com/channel/UCAbSuwE8X5AOaugAT35hREw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAbSuwE8X5AOaugAT35hREw) or search on google: **The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Epping and visit the channel. mobile phones scan the QR code to take you to the channel.**

