

MASSES & SERVICES from: Sat 30th March to Sunday 7th April 2024
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B)
31st March 2024

Saturday 30 th	8.00pm	EASTER VIGIL AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION
Sunday 31 st	9.00am	Private Intention
March 2024	11.00am	People of our Parish
Monday 1 st	EASTER MONDAY	
April	10.00am	Intentions of Sr Anne
Tuesday 2 nd	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 3 rd	12 Noon	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 4 th	NO MASS	
Friday 5 th	12 Noon	Holy Souls RIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) 7th April 2024		
Saturday 6 th	6.00pm	Vera Doherty RIP Anniv (Doherty)
Sunday 7 th	9.00am	Canon Charles Loughran RIP Anniv (McAdam)
March 2024	11.00am	People of our Parish

HOSPITAL: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all weekend Masses.

DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD WEBSITE:
<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 Standing Orders. **Last weekend you gave: Envelopes: £189.50, Loose: £583.31.** You can give donations to the Priest's House and online for our parish or charities our parish supports at:

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping//////////

IN CASES OF EMERGENCY: Father Martin will usually have his day off on Thursdays. In cases of emergency please call one of the local parishes, either St Edmund's, Loughton – Tel: 0208 5089438, Holy Cross, Harlow – Tel 01279 425776 or The Assumption, Harlow – Tel 01279 429388. This would also apply if Fr Martin is on holiday.



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

EASTER SUNDAY YEAR B

31st March 2024

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice & are glad.



May the wonder and Glory of our Risen Lord fill our hearts with Hope & Joy this Easter Day.

Fr Martin & Deacon Duncan wish you and your loved ones the Peace & Blessings of the Risen Christ this Easter.

THE EASTER OFFERINGS: Just a reminder that the Offertory collection, taken at the Easter Masses, is our personal gift to the priest. Together with the Offertory taken at Christmas this provides a major part of his income for the year. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

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

THANK YOU!: Fr Martin would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to prepare the church for Easter. You have all done a fantastic job!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA – GOOD FRIDAY – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Divine Mercy Novena is from Good Friday **29th March** to Divine Mercy Sunday **7th April**.

Divine Mercy 3pm prayer You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen.



God our Father, by raising your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The classes will resume after the Easter school holidays. The first class will be at the usual time of 5.30pm on Wednesday **17th April**.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: If anyone would like to be an altar server, please see Fr Martin or contact the Parish office.

USHERS/WELCOMERS: We have a very small, dedicated team of ushers who, on a rota basis, welcome parishioners to our weekend Masses. We are in desperate need of more parishioners to join this team. Please speak to Fr Martin if you can help.

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS: The opportunity to receive communion under both kinds will begin from **22nd April**. Many parishes in the diocese have already restored the opportunity to receive from the chalice.

THANK YOU: We express our gratitude to **David Mansell**, who is stepping down as our volunteer gardener for the parish. David has conscientiously carried out this responsibility for the past 7 years and we are extremely grateful to him for giving so generously of his time in keeping the church grounds looking so magnificently. We are now looking for a volunteer to help with the cutting of the grass and general garden maintenance. Please let Fr Martin know if you can help.

HAVE YOU A SPARE ROOM IN YOUR HOUSE in Epping, to offer hospitality to a parishioner who has lived and worshipped among us for the last year and a half? £360 will be paid monthly. Further enquiries to Sister Susan, 01992 575017.

HALL SPRING CLEAN: We need to recruit several able-bodied parishioners to help sort out the cupboards in the hall kitchen and under the stage. The hall is free on **Saturday 6th April**. The work will begin at 9.30am. Please contact Dorothy on telephone number 01992 577173.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: At the end of this financial year we have made donations from our parish funds to the following: SVP Epping, Foodbank, St Clare's Hospice, Norway House, Sick & Retired Clergy Fund, Missio, Lourdes Sick & Helpers Fund, National Youth, Pax Christi, Day for Life, BCCS, The Passage, Marriage Care, Cardinal Hume Centre and Aid to the Church in Need.

GIFT AID: Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year, beginning 6th April 2024, are ready for collection in the church porch. We encourage parishioners to use Offertory envelopes, 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 yourself. **Many thanks to our volunteer parishioner, Michele Murphy for carrying out this role so efficiently for our parish.**

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. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gerald Bryan (31/3), Molly Denihan (3/4), Tommy Callaghan, Bertha Tedder, Canon Charles Loughran, Fr Ronald Roberts (4/4), Norah Murrhly (5/4), David Clancy, Phyllis McClean (6/4), Stephen Fitzpatrick, Deacon Geoffrey Piper, Ted Povey (7/4). ***Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.***

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: "St Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."