

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**EASTER – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

**Holy SATURDAY 7.30pm** Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter 31March 2018

**EASTER SUNDAY 9.00am** Patrick McHugh RIP Recently (Canny)

**1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2018 11.00am** People of our Parish

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10.00am** Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am** Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00am** Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 9.00pm** Angela Beard RIP Anniv (Beard)

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 9.00am** David Clancy RIP Anniv (Clancy)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER in Paschal Tide - Year B – Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 6.00pm** Intentions of Charlie O'Donnell (Clancy)

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 9.00am** Intentions of the Jacob Family (Canny)

**April 2018 11.00am** People of our Parish

**SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturdays 11am to 12 noon & 5.15pm to 5.40pm**

**MORNING PRAYER of DIVINE OFFICE: 15 minutes before weekday Mass**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after weekday Mass**

**PARISH MASS BOOK Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord B 1 April 2018**

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**WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME & IN HOSPITAL** Hannah Robinson,

Ann Dowd, Francis Wells, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Hilda Silver, Daphne McAdam, Paula Hall, Mark Toohey, Giovanni Borelli, Sean Clohessy, James Bullen, Roger Minnis, Tony Mullan, Fr Martin Knott, Fr Tom Jordan & all in our parish who are ill.

**Catholics who are ill at home or in hospital need our prayers and the Church's ministry. Please inform Fr John or a hospital chaplain if you or your relative, a friend or parishioner is ill, so they can be visited and receive the Sacraments.**

**OFFERTORY LAST WEEK: Thank you for: Offertory Envelopes: £623.50**

**Loose: £401.71 Standing Orders: £800, CAFOD: £32.00**

**PRAYER REGINA CAELI (instead of the "Angelus" during Easter)**

*O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia;*

*For He whom you merited to bear, alleluia,*

*Has risen as he said, alleluia;*

*Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.*

*For the Lord is truly risen.*

*O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*Has given joy to the whole world, grant, we beseech you, that*

*Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother,*

*We may attain the joys of eternal life,*

*Through the same Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

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**EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION of THE LORD 1April2018**

*My dear friends,*

The angel said to the women, "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here" (Mk 16:1-7). In mourning, people naturally go to the grave of a loved one. The women friends of Jesus did just that early on Easter Sunday morning. They expected to find his body and carry out the Jewish burial rites, which could not be completed before the start of the Sabbath day. Instead, they find an angel who told them, "He is not here, he is risen from the dead" and going before them into Galilee. We then have the lovely story of Jesus walking with his disciples from Jerusalem to Emmaus on Easter Sunday evening, "but something prevented them from recognising him". When they were at table with him, Jesus did what he did at the Last Supper, Breaking the Bread; and "their eyes were opened and they recognised him in the Breaking of the Bread".

We might ask ourselves, "What am I looking for?" We might be looking for peace or happiness, security or material things, power or authority. St Paul, tells us to "look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God" (Col 3:1-4). When we look to Christ, he will not disappoint us with broken love or a failed relationship. Since God is pure love, he will always love us and give us victory over suffering, sin and death, through the sufferings, death and resurrection of Christ. He frees us from judgement and condemnation, from sin and guilt, by sharing the new life of grace with us, through his beloved Son, the Risen Christ, our Saviour, who sacrificed his life out of love for us. He gives us the hope of eternal happiness in heaven, where we will see God face to face, and share the joy of his saints and holy ones, in the glory of his kingdom.

I thank everyone who took part in the Lenten exercises and devotions, especially the Holy Week Services, in our parish. Nowadays it is a real challenge to keep up the practice of our faith, with many distractions and competing things to draw us away from the Lord. I encourage parents to show commitment to the practice of their faith, for the good of their children. When we honour the risen Christ as our Saviour, he honours us and all who make sacrifices to stay faithful to him.

***May the Risen Christ bless you, your families and visitors this Easter. Fr John***

**EASTER CARDS:** A big thank you to everyone who helped deliver our Easter cards and especially to Peter Day for all his hard work in organising and delivering. If you did not get a card, or your address or details were not correct, we apologise and ask you to please let us have an update of your address etc. in our Parish Office.

**EASTER LILIES IN OUR CHURCH:** Thank you to everyone who donated a lily in memory of a loved to our church for Easter. If you wish you can still make an offering of £2 for the Easter Season's flowers in our Church. Mark the envelope "Easter Flowers". If you are a tax payer you can Gift Aid your donation using the red Special Donations envelope in the Church, or one of special envelopes in your box.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS IN 2018:** The next preparation session for the children is on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 5.45pm** in the hall. It is essential that children attend all sessions and Catholic parents bring their children to Mass.

**READERS AT MASS:** There will be a training session for new Readers at Mass, on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (10am-12.30pm)**, with the possibility to join the Reading Rota in May 2018. If you might be interested in joining our team of 30 Readers, or have queries, please contact Deacon Duncan (01992 577173) to notify your interest

**LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY RITE:** A number of parishioners have requested that we have a celebration of the traditional Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Rite in our Church. The first of these Masses will be celebrated by a visiting priest, in our Church, on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon**. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH & THE BIBLE:** Fr Levente Balazs Martos from Hungary, will lead a study day on this topic at Gidea Park Church Hall, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am until 3pm**. There will be a panel discussion with Fr Levente, Fr Adrian Gaffy & Fleur Dorrell, Scripture Coordinator at the Bishop's Conference. Admission is free, but bring a packed lunch. Please book your place by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or phone 01708 449914.

**Mass for Migrants, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday Monday), 11am, Southwark Cathedral.** For decades the Church has welcomed people from many shores, and this Mass celebrates the international diversity of our congregations. Celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark, with our own Bishop Alan, and many priests and people from across London, Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire, this Mass is full of joy. All are welcome. More details on the poster at the back of the church.

**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Boxes of offertory envelopes for 2018/19 are now available, personally addressed. Please collect your box in the church porch. If you would like to join our Gift Aid Scheme please contact Michele Murphy, our Gift Aid Organiser, at the Parish Office. Similarly, please contact Michele if you are in the Scheme but no longer a tax payer.

**JUMBLE SALE:** Our next parish Jumble Sale will be on **Saturday 28 April at 2pm**. Please keep the date free. More details nearer the time.

**COFFEE AFTER 11am MASS:** There will not be coffee after the 11am Mass on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** as there is a baptism party in the Hall.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** will take place this year from **13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May**. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with collecting. Details to follow nearer the time.

**PARISHIONER SPONSORSHIP:** James Ryan will run the **London Marathon 2018** to raise money for Barnados Children's Charity, helping young children who are poorest in society. Can you help James raise £1000. His Just Giving Page is in the link attached [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jimmyryan88](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jimmyryan88). Many thanks.

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 28 May 2018. We ask for a registration fee of £30 for each place, and a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. If you have your own place in the race, we would love to have you on our team and won't set a target for sponsorship, but any funds you raise for us would be hugely appreciated. For further information, please contact Julie at [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) or 07912 277413

**QUIZ NIGHT FOR THE BOX:** **Friday 20 April 7pm for a 7:30pm start** at The Box. Teams of 6 or 8 people. £5 a ticket – Licensed bar – bring your own nibbles! Buy tickets from Marjorie Austin (01992 571 156) or Kate Collin (07951 484 805)

**VACANCY: Education Office in Brentwood:** PA/Executive Assistant required (PA or Senior Secretarial experience essential) to support the Director and Deputy Director in the education Department. The role is for 35 hours a week, 5 days a week over 42 weeks a year. If you, any of your family or friends – are interested, first contact: [recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org) for job & person specification.

**EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL GRANT AID SCHEME:** The Council awards grants to organisations involved in community, cultural or sport activities to support these groups and provide successful services to the residents of the Epping Forest district. Please see flyers in the church porch.

**Walsingham House at Abbotswick – come and see!** The refurbished House is open, and we love receiving visitors to enjoy the grounds and chapel. You will find pictures and information at [www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick](http://www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick). The date of the "official opening" is **Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>**, when you are welcome to Middy Mass with Bishop Alan, and stay for the afternoon, enjoying the beautiful grounds.

**Walsingham House at Abbotswick – support our fundraising:** Over £320,000 has been raised - £90,000 came from parish collections and parishioners' donations. **Thank you.** There is £200,000 left to raise – if 500 people each donated £400, our refurbishment debt would be cleared. Could you do that? **Every penny is invested in our young people, and in Abbotswick as a house open to all.** Contact [Frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:Frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org), call 01277 373959, post cheques to Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH, or visit [www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations](http://www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations) to make a donation online.

**OUR PARISH HALL** is available to hire for bookings. Special rates apply for charities and parishioners. Please phone Arnold Verrall on 01992 573633 or mobile 07764404813 for further information and to book.