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Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 8.15am-4.00pm



Third Sunday of Easter

Year B

15th April 2018

Christ, our Advocate with the Father

We are celebrating the Easter season with joy. This week's readings remind us how much Jesus has won for us, and that his forgiving love is always there for us all. In the **First Reading**, (Acts 3: 13–15, 17–19) Peter clearly puts the responsibility for the death of Jesus onto the Judaeen people, who had received so much. Yet they can still turn to the risen Christ and repent. They, and we, may well use **Psalm 4 (5)** as our cry and prayer for mercy. The Psalm is at the same time full of confidence and trust.

The **Second Reading**, from St John's letter (1 John 2: 1–5), speaks unambiguously of sin, but reminds us that we have the remedy – Jesus Christ, our Advocate with the Father.

The **Gospel** (Luke 24: 35–48) offers us another of the appearances of Jesus after the Resurrection. He meets the fear and agitation of the disciples by offering peace, allowing them to touch him and share a meal with him.

Our readings also underline *our* role as witnesses. May we go forward this week, confident in God's love for us, and eager to witness to him.

A big thank you! Fr Martin would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to prepare for Easter – church cleaners, altar servers, choir, musicians, flower ladies etc. Also, a big thank you to everyone for their most generous Easter offerings. God bless you.

Lenten Project – StreetInvest: We will have a **second collection** for StreetInvest this weekend. Please return your box contributions after this.

Gift Aid Envelopes: If you have not done so already, please collect your Gift Aid envelopes from the back of the Church.

Kathleen McMonagle: Kathleen's funeral will take place on Tuesday 24th April at 12.20pm. Please keep Kathleen and her family in your prayers. May she Rest In Peace.

Rite of Acceptance - Confirmation Candidates: A reminder that there will be a Rite of Acceptance Service at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 22nd April, starting at 2.30pm. There will be a coach going from St. Mary's – please meet at 1.15pm at the Church.

St. Mary's Summer Fayre – Saturday 16th June: An initial planning meeting for parishioners to discuss the 2018 Summer Fayre, will be held on Thursday 26th April at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. Please come along and support your parish. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Save the Date – Let's Celebrate!! Please join us to celebrate the contribution made by the many volunteers who support our Parish & Church at a mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 22nd September at 6.30pm. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

CAFOD Collection: Many thanks to those who donated to CAFOD at the First Holy Communion Stations of the Cross. We raised £225.42!

Children in Year Five: Will the children in year 5 please see Fr Martin after mass.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: Your new rotas are available for collection from the Sacristy.

Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA) Why not come and see? We meet on *Mondays at 7.30pm until 9pm* in the Van Meenen Room (room jutting out from church in the car park). Contact Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office. You are most welcome. Bring a friend!

Quiz night in the parish hall Saturday 28th April, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Tickets £5 each, bring your own drinks and nibbles and there will also be a raffle. Max. tables of 10 please and please no children under 10. To book a table or for more details call Joanne on 01708 747026.

Happy School Bag Collection: The Happy School Bag collection is coming around again. It is the same principle as Cash for Clothes but run by the PTA. Donations are to be dropped outside the Van Meenan Room (without blocking the side door to the church) at all masses on Sunday 29th April 2017. Unfortunately we **cannot accept** curtains, duvets or towels.

Memorial Plaques Would you like a memorial plaque placed on one of our pews for a much missed love one? Application forms in the church porch or ring Brenda on 01708 452442. £200 per plaque.

St. Mary's Presents: Next meeting of the St. Mary's Social Committee (St. Mary's Presents) will be on Thursday 19th April at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. New members desperately needed! Come and help put the community back into your Parish! For more details please contact Brenda 01708 452442.

Pass It On! Every first Saturday, 2-4pm in the parish hall. This is a free social event for older generations to pass on stories, skills and advice to younger generations. All welcome! If you require help with transportation or for more info call Joanne on 01708 747026.

BRASIL: On the 29th April after the 9.30am mass there will be a display in the hall during the coffee morning. It will be information, photos and correspondence from St. Mary's sister parish in Sao Paulo including memories of the special relationship and the visit in 2000. It would be lovely to see you so come and have a chat.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick –Fundraising & Official Opening: Over £320,000 has been raised, including £90,000 from parish collections and parishioners' donations. **Thank you.** There is £200,000 left to raise! **Every penny is being invested in our young people, and in Abbotswick as a house open to all.** Contact Frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org, call 01277 373959, post cheques to Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH, or look at www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations to make an online donation. We love receiving visitors to enjoy the grounds and chapel. You will find pictures and information at www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick. The date of the "official opening" is Saturday September 1st, when you are very welcome to Midday Mass with Bishop Alan, and then to stay for the afternoon, enjoying the beautiful grounds. Do save the date!

Deanery Vocations Holy Hour: Wednesday 18th July at 7.30pm, St. Edward the Confessor, Romford. All are welcome, whether you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or want to pray for those that are. This event will include a vocations testimony from Fr Graham Smith, the Vocations Director of the Diocese.

CHURCH EVENTS:

Children's Liturgy: Sundays for children at the 9.30am Mass.

Baptism Course: First and second Thursday of the month.

Baptisms: Last Sunday of the month.

Charismatic Prayer Group: Wednesdays at 8.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: *Every Thursday 2.30 – 5.30pm & every First Friday from 9.00am – 7.00pm.*

RCIA Journey in Faith: Mondays at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room.

Rosary: Wednesdays at 7.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Weekdays after 8.30am Mass in Our Lady's Chapel. Saturdays after 12 noon Mass in Our Lady's Chapel.

St Vincent de Paul Society: Meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Van Meenen Room. New members always welcome. If you, or anybody you know, would like/need a visit or help from the SVP please contact us through the church office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially Roseleen Ammerman, Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Phil Clerkin, Joyce Cougill, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Margaret Faye, William Fernandez, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajj Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahon, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Richard Mole, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O'Neill, Kathleen Payne, Philomena Perry, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Jill Ridley, Paul David Ridley, Oliver Roome, Maura Shanney, Jane Stevenson, Anne Sullivan, Edna Sullivan, John Sullivan, Alex Taylor, Pat Taylor, Marie Tweedie, Maria Wallace, Mary Wallace, Josie Walsh, David Wells, Maureen Williams and for all our family and friends who are ill. **Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.**

WEEKEND 21st / 22nd April 2018:

Readers: Sat. 6.30pm
Sun 8.00am
9.30am
11.30am

Jane Hull / Sarah O'Connor
Albert Mathew / Joshua Duah
Emma McMillan / Ella Donald
Jason Sunshine / Helen Cheshire

Bidding Prayers: Gail Pitchley

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 1

Offerings 08.04.18: Envs: £1,008.99

Church Cleaning: Group 3

Loose: £957.05

Total: £1,966.04

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 14th April **12.00pm**
6.30pm

Hubert Ward RIP / Raymond Grant RIP
Stephen Slattery RIP / Elizabeth Tang RIP

Sunday 15th April **8.00am**
Third Sunday of Easter **9.30am**
11.30am

Frank McDonagh
Ted Rackham RIP
All Parishioners / Selby Tweedy RIP

Monday 16th April **8.30am**

Norah Lenehan RIP / Nikki Bailey RIP

Tuesday 17th April **8.30am**

Bridget O'Connell RIP

Wednesday 18th April **7.30pm**

Christine Summers RIP

Thursday 19th April **8.30am**
2.30pm

Martin Keane RIP
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 20th April **8.30am**

Jack Louro RIP

Saturday 21st April **12.00pm**
6.30pm

Brid Daly RIP
Barbara Bland RIP

Sunday 22nd April **8.00am**
Fourth Sunday of Easter **9.30am**
11.30am

Paddy & Mary Harrington RIP
All Parishioners / Bill Murphy Int
Bridget & John Reilly & Grandchildren

Hospital: Are you going into hospital this week for surgery?

***Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick
after all Sunday Masses.***

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