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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.15am-2.30pm



Easter Sunday
Year C
21st April 2019

*This day was made
by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad*



Having journeyed with Jesus throughout Holy Week, I come with gratitude in my heart to pray the readings given to us for this glorious Easter day.

The **Gospel** (John 20: 1-9) narrates the beautiful story of the first Easter morning and reveals the growth of the disciples' faith in the resurrection.

Peter in the **First Reading** (Acts 10:34,37-43) offers his personal witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. He has 'eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'. He now proclaims Jesus as Saviour.

Paul in the **Second Reading** (Colossians 3: 1-4) from his letter to the Colossians stresses this faith because we have died and 'been brought back to true life with Christ'. Our life is now 'hidden with Christ in God'.

Psalm 117 is a triumphant song linking all the readings - 'the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'. This is very much an Easter psalm and we will meet it again next Sunday.

The Collect - O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection, may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Our Parish Mission will be 18th – 22nd May with Fr Kieran, a Redemptorist priest
Spread the Word!**

**FR MARTIN WISHES EVERYONE A VERY
HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER.**

Easter Offertory Collection: Just a reminder that the Offertory collection taken at the Easter Masses is your personal gift to your 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.

Gift Aid Envelopes are now available for you to collect from the back of the Church.

Divine Mercy Novena: Good Friday 19th April to Divine Mercy Sunday 28th April

Good Friday 19th April: After the 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 20th April: 9.30am

Easter Sunday 21st April: 10.45am

Mon 22nd, Tues 23rd, Thurs 25th, Fri 26th April: After morning Mass

Weds 24th April: After evening mass

Saturday 27th April: After 12.00 noon Mass

Sunday 28th April: 10.45am

Altar Servers: If any person wishes to become an altar server, please come along with a parent to the training sessions on Saturday 11th and 18th May at 9.30am.

Parish Mission. There will be a parish mission, led by Fr Kieran Brady a Redemptorist priest, between May 18th to 22nd.

Parish Lenten Project supporting CAFOD: Please return your boxes from next weekend.

Mass Intentions: If you wish for a mass to be said on a particular date, please let us know in plenty of time to avoid disappointment!

Applications for FHC Programme 2019 / 2020: Parents of children currently in Year 2 and above can apply for the FHC programme next year. Application forms will be available from the Parish office on the 26th April 8.30am-12.00pm and after 6.30pm mass on 27th April from the Van Meenan Room.

Repository: We have a great selection of cards and gifts for **Easter** (21st April), **First Communion** (June) and **Baptism** plus cards for lots of other occasions. Come and see!

Mass for Migrants – celebrating the diversity of London, Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire.

ALL WELCOME! Together with the Dioceses of Westminster and Southwark, the Mass for Migrants is a joyful celebration of the diversity of our Dioceses, as well as reflecting on and praying for the great hardships that many migrants face. Please join Bishops, Priests and thousands of people from across London and the home counties for this Mass on **Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am.** It will be preceded by a banner procession at 10am – banners from parishes and different ethnic groups are very, very welcome – gather outside the Cathedral from 9.30am.

Sharing Hope in Crisis: Do you have a team in your parish that supports your Parish Priest with Pastoral Care, do you think they would benefit from some training?

The Sharing Hope in Crisis team are offering a day for you to hear how they approach situations. This seminar is designed to help you know what to say—and what not to say—to someone facing difficulty and to compassionately share the love of Jesus Christ with those who need it most. The event takes place at the Conference Centre, Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 18th May from 9 am – 4.30 pm. There are only 80 places available so please do sign up as soon as you can. Go to Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sharing-hope-in-crisis-seminar-tickets-58994806053 or email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Refreshments are provided, please bring a packed lunch. There is no charge for the event but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to cover costs.

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Billericay Padre Pio Prayer invites you to a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, CM14 5SH on Mercy Sunday, 28th April 2019. Arrival from 10.30 am for 11 am start. Mass will be at 12 noon. Confession available. The day will end at 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be

available but please bring a packed lunch. Ring Claire Wallis on 01277 658783 if you require further information. ALL ARE WELCOME.

BCYS Sponsored Sleepout: A group from the Parish Partnership took part in the sponsored sleepout organised by BCYS at Abbotswick on Friday 12th April to raise money and awareness for local homeless charities. It was a very thought-provoking experience as it was cold, noisy and uncomfortable. However, unlike many homeless people we were in a safe environment, surrounded by likeminded others and were able to go home to warm homes the next morning. Through your generosity we have raised nearly £2000. You can still donate at: www.bcys.net/sleepout-donations.

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 & each Sunday afternoon 3.00pm-4.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

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

May the courage of Our Lady, St. Joseph & the English Martyrs inspire us to work together to develop the new relationship of our Parish Partnership

Mission Prayer

Father, pour out your Spirit upon us. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word, and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEEKEND 27th / 28th April 2019:

Readers:	Sat	6.30pm	Janet James / Peter Amey
	Sun	8.00am	Alex Rowley / Angela Joseph
		9.30am	Michael Olaniyan / Keith O'Brien
		11.30am	Ray John / Donna Coy

Bidding Prayers: Susan Squire **Church Cleaning:** Group 4 **Coffee Morning:** Team 2
Offerings 14.04.19: Envs: £1,111.86 Loose: £1,065.82 Total: £2,177.68

MASS INTENTIONS

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass	20 th April	12.00pm 8.00pm	NO MASS Eileen Heneghan RIP / Mrs Bray RIP
Easter Sunday	21 st April	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners James Kane RIP / George Compton RIP William Elliott RIP / Kathleen Nieland RIP
Monday	22 nd April	9.00am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Deceased of Willson Family
Tuesday	23 rd April	9.00am	Humphries Family / Ivy & Malcolm Bray RIP
Wednesday	24 th April	7.30pm	Denis Deacy Int / Pauline McGlade RIP
Thursday	25 th April	9.00am	Kevin Walshe Int
Friday	26 th April	9.00am	Mr & Mrs Cornish RIP / Ivy & Malcolm Bray RIP
Saturday	27 th April	12.00pm 6.30pm	Terry Inkersole RIP / Lesley Grainey Rice Int Paul & Johnny Caden RIP / Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday	28 th April	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Dawn Wheelan Smith Int All Parishioners Jack Hughes RIP / Alvaro Lopes RIP

***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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