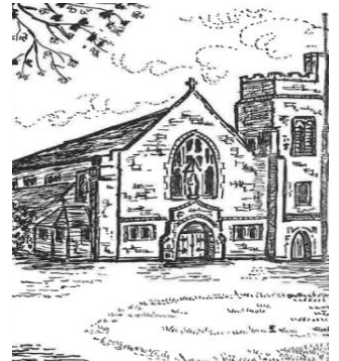


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EASTER SUNDAY

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On this Easter Sunday, we are reminded of a great hope, our hope in the Risen Jesus. When all seemed lost, after Jesus was dead and buried after his crucifixion, when the Apostles were hiding for fear of reprisals, Jesus rose again as he said he would, and hope and joy filled the disciples' hearts.

By his death on the cross, Jesus destroyed death and opened up the way to eternal life for us. He is that light that shines in the darkness, a light that the darkness cannot overcome, and he gives us great hope, hope not just for the present but a hope that reaches out into eternity.

Today, despite the present situation of our world, still we rejoice because Christ is Risen and he gives us great hope.

A very big thank you to all those who have helped to make this year's Easter celebrations so special – the cleaners, the flower ladies, the organists, the choirs, readers, ministers, servers, the money counters, the ushers, the very nice man who put up the cross in front of the church, and indeed, the children who led the Children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday accompanied by Miss Linehan.

We also welcome into our church community Richard and Lincoln who were received in the Church at the Easter Vigil, and congratulate Richard's wife, Rosalynn, who was confirmed. We remember them in our prayers as they continue their Journey of Faith. We also give grateful thanks to the catechists who helped them over the last year on the RCIA course.

Wishing you all every blessing over this Easter period,

Fr Mark

SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS WED. AUDIENCE ON APOSTOLIC ZEAL (21)

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on apostolic zeal, we have been reflecting on the spread of the Gospel through the witness of men and women of every time and place. Today we turn to Africa and the prophetic missionary vision of Saint Daniel Comboni, centred on the liberating power of the Gospel. In a social context marked by the evil of slavery, Daniel Comboni preached Christ, crucified and risen, as the source of authentic freedom, not only from sin but from every form of enslavement that debases our human dignity. Ahead of his time, he recognized the need for an integral evangelization involving local clergy, catechists and lay leaders, grounded in the Gospel message and its summons to the building of a just, solidary and humane social order. For Saint Daniel Comboni, Christian charity, manifested in our solidarity with those who suffer, is the ultimate inspiration and driving force behind all missionary outreach. May his love of the Church, his commitment to her universal mission, and his pastoral concern for the future of the peoples of Africa continue to inspire the evangelizing efforts of the Church in our own time.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR – ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD, HORNCHURCH

St Mary Mother of God in Hornchurch are looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community and also carry out some financial duties. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills as well as financial experience. Hours: 20 hours per week working three or four days per week. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to hr@brcdt.org . Closing date for applications is 7th April 2024.

GIFT AID BOXES: This year's new gift aid boxes are now available for you to collect at the back of the Church. If you pay online, your box will only include second collection envelopes.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you have a specific date in mind, please book at least 4 months in advance to avoid disappointment. We currently have no availability until July.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 25TH MAY 2024: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. **If you would like to come, please leave your name & contact telephone number on the list at the back of the Church.**

CONCERT FOR ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP: Come and enjoy an exciting variety show of music and entertainment, to raise money for the camp, which provides holidays for over 100 children. The camp is restarting in 2024. The fundraising concert is on Saturday 13th April 2024 - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Wine and refreshments included. Adult tickets £10; children £5. Bookings by phone: 07957382592. Online bookings and more details: www.boscocamp.co.uk/events

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP: Come along to find comfort, support and understanding at our welcoming and informal bereavement support group. Sheila Delander and Liz Hill will lead the group. We invite you to join us as we navigate through grief together. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 3rd April, at 2pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. There will be subsequent meetings scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month. You're not alone on this journey.! All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

VOLUNTEERS AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP, from 27th July – 3rd August, help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. Details: www.boscocamp.co.uk

URSULINE LINKS VACANCY: Youth volunteer programme are recruiting for a director for the charity's future working in Forest Gate, London. If you feel you have the relevant skills and experience to fulfil this role, please send your CV to officemanager@ursulines-ru.uk All suitable applicants will be sent an application form to complete. Closing date 19th April 2024.

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS: Please join us for our next monthly prayer vigil on Saturday 20th April at Holy Trinity school, Sydney Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0TB. We will begin with mass at 10am, followed by a peaceful, prayerful procession to Marie Stopes abortion centre. There we will hold a vigil of prayer whilst trained counsellors offer help to women entering the clinic. Return procession around 1pm with prayers and hymns. Refreshments afterwards. Please see flyer on noticeboard.

YOUTH 2000 LONDON RETREAT DAY: Come and See. Youth 2000 are running a retreat day for young adults (16-35) on 11th May at Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon. It is jam-packed one day event, where people come together as a community of young adults in prayer and friendship. The retreat is an invitation to come as you are, and to come and see who Jesus is and what He can do in your life. The cost £25 and more information can be found at: <https://www.youth2000.org/events/london2024>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Philip Norman Brandon RIP who has died recently. Please keep his family in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Carly Menon, Gina Mifsud, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward, Hannah Haughey and for all our family and friends who are ill.

FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

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To donate £5



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SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Holy Saturday Vigil Mass	30 th March	8.00pm	<i>Easter Vigil</i> Patrick Brennan RIP & Charles Finch Int
Sunday Easter Sunday	31 st March	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	KSC Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
Monday	1 st April	10.00am	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
Tuesday	2 nd April	9.15am	Nora Maguire RIP
Wednesday	3 rd April	7.15pm 7.30pm	<i>Evening prayer</i> Ollie Gilsenan RIP
Thursday	4 th April	9.15am	Joseph Ma RIP
Friday	5 th April	9.15am	Mr Roy Corigdon RIP
		7.00pm	Sister Nora Lally Int
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 th April	9.15am	Mary Magdelene Adaeke Rafua RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Teresa & Tony Woods RIP
Sunday Second Sunday of Easter	7 th April	8.00am	Jack Louro RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
		3.00pm	Divine Mercy chaplet / Holy Hour

Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.

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