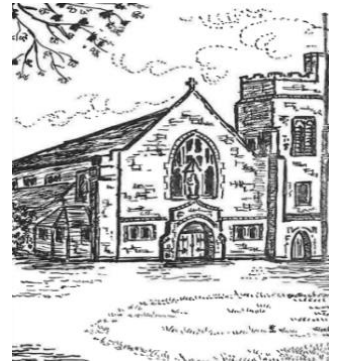


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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The second reading from the 1st Letter of John on the 4th Sunday of Easter Year B delves into our identity as children of God, loved deeply by the Father. This realization of our divine filiation is a source of hope and strength, assuring us of our value in God's eyes. The world may not recognize this identity because it did not know Him, but this does not diminish the truth of our belonging to God and being the recipients of His immense love.

This identity is not just for contemplation but calls us to mission. As children of God, we are called to live out this identity in the world, bearing witness to the love and sacrifice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Our mission involves bringing others into this one flock, echoing Jesus' call for unity and inclusivity. It's a mission that requires us to recognize Jesus in our midst, follow His example of sacrifice and love, and invite others to experience the salvation He offers.

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter Year B collectively challenge us to deeper faith and commitment. They invite us to see Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for us, to embrace our identity as God's beloved children, and to live out this identity in a world that desperately needs the message of hope and salvation. In doing so, we become beacons of Christ's light, guiding others to the safety of the one flock under the one shepherd, Jesus Christ.

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, or the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese and for those currently in training. The second collection supports the education and formation of our seminarians.

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE FOR VOCATIONS

In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched Vocations Sunday, which we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday. This year it is on the 21 April 2024, which marks the 61st Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

As Catholics and people of God we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. He continues to call and cry out to us each day to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to the priesthood, some to religious life or to live as kind single people. Everybody is called! What is God calling you to?

Along with the whole Church, let us pray for vocations today. Let us take time to stir the hearts and minds of the people around us to think about the topic of Vocation. The National Office for Vocation (NOV) invites you to talk and encourage children, young people, grandchildren, students, family members to respond generously to the calling of the Lord.

VOCATIONS: Interested in a Vocation to the Priesthood? – The next vocations evening will be on Tuesday 7th May at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Patrick Daly. Contact Fr Mark Swires - VocProm@brcdt.org – for more information.

SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS WED. AUDIENCE ON APOSTOLIC ZEAL (24)

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our catechesis on apostolic zeal, we have been reflecting on the spread of the Gospel through the witness of Christians of every time and place. Today we turn to Saints Cyril and Methodius, two brothers who are venerated as “the Apostles of the Slavs” for their outstanding missionary work among the peoples of Moravia. As part of their effort to proclaim and inculturate the word of God among the Slavic peoples, they developed the Cyrillic alphabet, which made it possible to preach God’s word and to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in the language of the people. Encountering opposition, they came to Rome, where they received support from the Pope. Cyril died in Rome, while Methodius, now ordained a bishop, returned to continue the work of evangelization in the Slavic lands, where he died a martyr’s death. Saint John Paul II proclaimed Cyril and Methodius Co-Patrons of Europe in recognition of the abundant harvest of Christian faith and culture whose seeds they sowed. May the prayers of these two great Saints inspire among the peoples of Europe today a renewed commitment to the reconciliation, unity and peace that are the Holy Spirit’s gifts for the conversion of hearts and the building of a culture of authentic justice and fraternity.

CAMPION SCHOOL CHOIR- SUNDAY 28TH APRIL: Members of the Campion School Choir will be singing at the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 28th April- all are welcome.

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>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, SUMMER 2024 Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). Book at <https://www.tangneytours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood/>. Bursary support is available for those in financial hardship. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please contact Kathryn Young: 07941 471503 kathrynyoung@mail.com

VOLUNTEERS AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP, from 27th July – 3rd August, help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+. www.boscocamp.co.uk

CHILDRENS LITURGY: Will recommence next weekend and is now open to children in School years 1, 2 and 3 during the 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Josephine 'Jo' Brown RIP, Charlotte Johnson RIP & Daniel 'Danny' McCarthy RIP who have died recently. Please keep their families in your prayers.

DANNY McCARTHY RIP: The funeral will take place at St Mary's on Friday 10th May at 11am with the Reception of the Body on Thursday 9th May at 5.30pm

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, Danny McCarthy, 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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CHURCH EVENTS:

Children's Liturgy: Sundays in term time for children in years 1, 2 & 3 at the 9.30am mass.

Baptism course: Please take a Baptism form at the back of the church.

Exploring Your Faith: Last Tuesday of every month. 8-9.30pm in the Van Meenen room.

RCIA Journey in Faith: Thursdays 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Rosary: After all weekday masses and on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in church. All welcome.

Pass it on!: First Saturday of every month in the parish hall from 2-4pm. Free to all.

Toddler group: Tuesdays during term time in the parish hall 2 – 3pm. FREE

Youth Club: Friday evenings 7.30-9.30pm in the Parish Hall. (members only).

Children's choir: During 9.30am mass – meet in the choir loft. All children welcome.

Adult choir: Please come and join us during 11.30am mass. All welcome.

Catholic fellowship For people with special needs Saturdays 10-12pm in the Parish Hall.

St Vincent de Paul Society: Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7pm in the Van Meenen room.

Foodbank: Donation box is in the porch of the church. Donations go to Rainham foodbank.

Church cleaning: Every Friday morning at 9.45am during term time. Helpers needed.

Repository: Beautiful gifts and cards available. Open after all weekend Masses.

Flower arranging: Contact Angela on 07974417007. The flowers are normally done on a Friday.

SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	20 th April	6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter	21 st April	8.00am	Clive McDonagh RIP
		9.30am	KSC Vocations to Priesthood & Religious life
		11.30am	Eamon Commins RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	22 nd April	9.15am	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
Tuesday St George	23 rd April	9.15am	Ann Kearney RIP
Wednesday St Mellitus	24 th April	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Terry Inkersole RIP
Thursday St Mark	25 th April	9.15am	Deceased members of the Finch Family
		11.00am	Funeral - Requiem Mass Charlotte Johnson RIP
Friday	26 th April	9.15am	Grant Cambridge RIP
		7.00pm	Jim O'Connell RIP
Saturday Vigil Mass	27 th April	9.15am	Danny McCarthy RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Marie & Selby Tweedie RIP
Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter	28 th April	8.00am	Mary & Danny McCarthy RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Jack Hughes RIP

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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