

## Services During the Week

(Each weekday, Morning Prayer will be at 09.10 am.)

<b>Sat 14 Apr</b>	<b>Vigil for the 3rd Sunday of Easter</b>
5.00 pm	Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions.
6.00 pm	Mass Our Parish Community.
<b>Sun 15 Apr</b>	<b>The 3rd Sunday of Easter</b>
08.00 am	Mass Dermot O'Leary. RIP
10.30 am	Mass Rita Claudius. RIP Anniversary
<b>Mon 16 Apr</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>
09.00 am	Mass Meera Mervyn, Regina & Jacob Saverimuthu. RIP
<b>Tues 17 Apr</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>
12.00 noon	Funeral Mass for Kathleen Reynolds. RIP
<b>Wed 18 Apr</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>
09.30 am	Mass Benjamin & Bertha Muneton. 50th Wedding Anniversary
<b>Thurs 19 Apr</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>
09.30 am	Mass Monica & Joseph Lee. Thanksgiving Intention
<b>Frid 20 Apr</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>
09.30 am	Mass Anton Jesudasan. RIP
<b>Sat 21 Apr</b>	<b>Vigil for the 4th Sunday of Easter</b>
5.00 pm	Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions.
6.00 pm	Mass Jack & Betty Rawson. Intentions
<b>Sun 22 Apr</b>	<b>The 4th Sunday of Easter</b>
08.00 am	Mass Alexio Fernandes. RIP Anniversary
10.30 am	Mass Our Parish Community.

### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Unless otherwise stated, there is a Holy Hour every Saturday from 5 pm, during which time the priest will be available in the Reconciliation Room to hear confessions. Confessions are also available on request after weekday Masses or whenever Fr Matthew is in the Presbytery, or by appointment at any time.

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) - 15 APRIL 2018



We are now well into Eastertide and are once again reminded in today's gospel reading how difficult the news of the resurrection was for the disciples to take in: "their joy was so great they still could not believe it". Bear in mind that the women had only come with news of the empty tomb earlier that same day, whilst two of the disciples had run back from Emmaus to share their experience of meeting the risen Lord. Christ proves he is not just a ghost, then explains everything to them, telling them "you are witnesses to this".

The good news is life changing for all who accept it. We are all called to give our lives generously to the Lord who has given life to us. Each week during Eastertide I am highlighting particular ways in which members of the parish community support the mission of our parish, and will then invite every member of the community to make a commitment to get involved in some way. Last week the focus was on the different organisations operating in the parish. This week I want to highlight the various ways in which people help prepare for our worship.

Worship, along with mission, is one of the church's primary tasks. Like the commandments to love God and neighbour these tasks flow from each other and can't really be separated, but worship comes first. As the

Second Vatican Council taught, the Mass is the source and summit of our Christian lives, and so all that is done to prepare for our worship is in itself an offering of praise to God.

Let us start with cleaning. A home needs to be kept clean and tidy, and the same goes for the House of God. Just to be clear (in case anyone thought otherwise), **this all done by volunteers who give generously of their time.** At the moment we have a small number of cleaning teams who take it in turns to clean the church during the week, but we are reliant on a dwindling number of people willing to do this. As well as cleaning the church itself, we get through lots of linen clothes, for example the Purificators used to cleanse the chalices during Mass, which all need to be carefully laundered. Again, we don't send them away to a laundry service: **there is another team of volunteers** who take it in turns to take them home. Then we have the flowers: we are particularly blessed at St Teresa's by a talented and hard-working team of flower arrangers, and the Easter flowers were particularly impressive. The idea of making a flower arrangement by yourself might be a bit daunting but our flower arrangers are very happy to take on apprentices and hand on what they know! Last but definitely not least, all aspects of setting up for Mass on every day of the week, and generally looking after things in the sacristy, all of which 'just happens', thanks to our dedicated parish Sacristan Sylvia.

My heartfelt thanks go to all those involved in preparing for our worship in all these ways. It may be that you feel called to help in one of these areas, in which case you might like to speak to someone already doing it. Later in Eastertide I will be giving out pledge cards, in the hope that everyone will be able to commit to some form of service; in the meantime please pray for a spirit of discernment to know what gifts you can use in the Lord's service, and the generosity to do so.

*God Bless you all.*

*Fr Matthew*

## *Parish - Regular Notices*

**SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL:** If anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important to let Fr Matthew know so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should also inform the Catholic Chaplain of the hospital concerned (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 447761; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877*).

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please pray for Dyllis Barrie-Dangerfield, Ciara David, Tyrone Foster, Greg Gallagher, Catherine Hunt, Bridie Jones, Luis Lai, Joan Marshall, Ann Mathew, Chris McNamara, Brendan Mitchell, Amanda Monroe, Agnes Osei-Minkah, Giuseppe Palumbo, Lawrence Pereira, Tony Sheridan, Maureen Springham and Theopillai Stanislaus. Also, the sick Priests of the Diocese - Frs Tom Jordan & Martin Nott. (*Please help keep this list up-to-date: if you or a family member is included in this list and you feel that this is no longer necessary, or if you wish to add a name to this list, please contact the Parish Office*).

**ANNIVERSARIES FOR APRIL:** Ellen Arnold, Bill O'Brien, Michael Cahill, Aleixo Fernandes, Ray Fitzgerald, Max Godfrey, Robert Jackson, Anne McGrory, Meera Mervyn, Vilma Mowlan, Dan O'Shea, Teresa O'Shea, Jai Ramcharan (Jnr), Joseph Rene, Margaret Reynolds, Joseph Souris, Olive Stephens, Anna Tan and Evalina Underwood.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** If you are expecting a baby or have a baby for baptism in the next couple of months, please contact Helen Mac Mahon on 020 8590 9981 who will help you make the appropriate arrangements.

**MASS REQUESTS:** Special envelopes for this purpose are available at the back of Church. Please use one for each request and place your donation within it.

**CHURCH HALL:** The Church Hall is available for bookings by Parishioners and non Parishioners alike. Please contact Sid on 07887983310 for bookings and conditions.

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30 AM MASS ON SUNDAY:** Tea & coffee will once again be available in the Hall after Mass.

## Parish – Meetings this Week

**Tuesday:** Coffee Morning Group in the Pastoral Centre after Mass.  
Legion of Mary in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30 pm.  
Prayer Group in the Church at 7.30 pm.

## Parish – In & Around

**ADMISSION TO CATECHUMENATE:** Please pray for Nivetha, who will be admitted to the catechumenate at **the 10.30 am Mass** in preparation for her baptism on the Sunday after Ascension.

**MASSES THIS WEEK:** **Mass on Monday will be at the earlier time of 9.00 am.** See next item regarding Mass on Tuesday.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACEM:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Reynolds who died during Easter week, and for all who mourn her. Her funeral Mass will take place here **this coming Tuesday at 12 noon.** (this will be instead of the 9.30 am Mass). Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Rosita Columba, mother of Linda Field, who died on Easter Sunday. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**THE CATHOLIC CLOTHING GUILD:** Please make a point of going along to the Hall **after all Masses this weekend (13/14 April)** to see the display of all the donated garments and find out more about the work of the Guild. New members are always welcome. Alternatively, you can always contact Margaret Flavin on 0208 590 8808 or Sheila Nugent on 0208 554 1203 for further information. Thank you for your continued support.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Team C.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** The Offertory collection (inc. Standing Orders) for **last weekend amounted to £947.39 of which 75% was "Gift Aided"**. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

**RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** **Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocations Sunday** and is traditionally a day of prayer for vocations for the priesthood and religious life. All of the resources to promote Vocations to Priesthood and the Religious life will be directly funded from the retiring collection which will take place **after all Masses next weekend.** So, please give generously and, as donations may be "Gift Aided", do remember to use one of your "Special Collection" envelopes for your donation and increase your gift by a further 25%! On the Diocesan website [www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org), there is a host of information for anyone considering a vocation to priesthood or the religious life. You are also very welcome to contact the Vocations Director, Fr Graham Smith on 01702 465720 or [fr.gjdsmith@gmail.com](mailto:fr.gjdsmith@gmail.com)

**CAFOD LENTEN BOXES:** The donations made this year in **the Lenten Boxes amounted to £501.29.** The following message has been received from CAFOD - *Thank you for all your support to our Lent Fast Day (& Lenten Box) appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)*

**MARATHON FOR BCCS:** Thank you to all who have so generously supported Fr Matthew's fundraising efforts for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. **The Marathon takes place next Sunday, (22 April)** so there is still time to donate either online or directly to Fr Matthew. Visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/frmatthewbccs>. Meantime, we wish Fr Matthew "Godspeed" for next Sunday.

**RAMFEL:** Donations of non-perishable food for the RAMFEL Foodbank may be left in the Sacristy **next weekend**, to support refugee families living in our local area. Cereal, rice, tuna, biscuits, tinned tomatoes, long-life milk and orange juice are especially welcome - visit [www.ramfel.org.uk/wordpress/news/](http://www.ramfel.org.uk/wordpress/news/) for more information. RAMFEL is currently not able to accept donations of clothing.

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** For reasons of safety, and to avoid wax dripping on to the carpet, it is not permitted to place any candles on the votive candles stands other than the votive lights provided. Any other candles found on the stands will, regrettably, be extinguished and removed.

**CAR PARKING:** Please remember it is essential that emergency vehicles have access to the church at all times. Since we can't realistically build a bigger car park at present, those who are able to walk to church are encouraged to do so, and those who can park further away and walk the last part to do that, so that the spaces in the church car park are available for those who have greatest need of them. Also, we are still looking for volunteers to help the Knights of St Columba steward the car park at the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. If you can spare the time to join the rota, then please put your name on the list in the Porch.

**CHURCH GROUNDS:** Please remember to do what you can to keep the church grounds tidy - if you see some litter and it is safe to do so, please pick it up and put it in one of the two bins provided.

**VISITORS:** If you are a visitor to St Teresa's then you are most welcome and we very much hope you enjoy the service you are attending. If you are a tax payer and would like to "Gift Aid" your Offertory donation, then please use one of the special "Gift Aid" envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** You are very welcome here. Please make yourselves known to Fr Matthew and complete one of the Parish Registration Forms as soon as possible.

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**DRAGON THEATRE COMPANY** proudly presents "An Evening of Comedy & Drama" at St George's Hall, Woodford Ave, Gant's Hill **next Friday & Saturday (20 & 21 April) at 8 pm** (Doors open at 7.30 pm.) Do come along for an entertaining evening. There's something for everyone from "spine-tingling" to the "farcical". Tickets cost £5 (includes tea or coffee) and can be obtained from the Box Office on 07960 676180.

**REDBRIDGE FAITH FORUM:** The next RFF Network Meeting will be held **on Tuesday, 24 April** from 11.45 am-1.30 pm, at the Central Library, Ilford with the theme "Routes Out of Poverty". Please save the date and hear from local

organisations who provide practical help and support to those living in poverty or struggling with debt.

**ROSARY ON THE COAST:** Inspired by similar events in Poland and Ireland, a group of lay faithful have called for a national Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life and Peace in the British Isles, taking place **on Sunday, 29 April at 3 pm**. In our diocese, there will be groups praying the rosary at Bradwell, Hadleigh, Leigh-on-Sea and Southend. See <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/> for more information. If you are not able to travel, you might like to pray the rosary by yourself or with your family at this time.

**THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY** invites you to a Mass of Thanksgiving for Canon Patrick Palmer **on Thursday, 03 May at 2 pm at St Cedd's, Goodmayes**. The Mass coincides with the 70th anniversary of his death and is an opportunity to give thanks for his vision, creation and legacy from which we have benefited in the schools and churches of Ilford. We invite former students, particularly if there are members of the school's first cohorts, to join us in this Mass. Please make contact via the details below so that your invitation can be sent to you. Due to numbers, this will be an invitation only event and these will be given on a first come first served basis. After the Mass at St Cedd's, there will be a short buffet reception back at the Academy with an opportunity to meet with some of our current students, staff, governors and members of our wider community. You will need to bring your invitation with you to be admitted to the Church and the Academy. For further details of the event and invitation requests, please contact Ms J Bolton, Headteacher's PA at [jbolton@tpc.academy](mailto:jbolton@tpc.academy) or on 020 8590 3808.

**MASS FOR MIGRANTS:** 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 on **Monday, 07 May (Bank Holiday Monday) in Southwark Cathedral at 11.00 am** is full of joy. All are welcome.

**VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN (20S AND 30S):** From 25-27 May, the weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) in Liverpool and has as its theme "Discerning God's Call in my Life". There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also

considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham **on Saturday, 26 May** as we honour Our Lady of 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. Further details will follow shortly.

**THY KINGDOM COME:** The Vicariate of Evangelisation, supporting our effort to renew our diocese, has decided to join THY KINGDOM COME 2018 - a global wave of prayer for the renewal of the Christian faith. It could not be easier for everyone, of all ages and levels of business, to help our own families, friends, parish, diocese and the nation to renew their friendship with Jesus. All you need do is to pledge to pray between 10-20 May. More information and resources will be made available during the weeks coming up to the event. Meantime, you can log in to <https://www.thykingdomcome.global> for more information.

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE BIBLE:** Fr Levente Balazs Martos from Hungary, and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will lead a study day on this topic at Gidea Park Church Hall, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH **on Saturday, 26 May from 10.30 am until 3 pm**. The study day will include a panel discussion with Fr Levente, Fr Adrian Graffy, and Fleur Dorrell, Scripture Coordinator at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Admission is free, and you are invited to bring a packed lunch. Please book your place by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or by phone 01708 449914.

**REFRAME:** It's tough when you're asked about a controversial issue. Reframe is an inspiring and practical experience of applying the wisdom and genius of the heart of the Gospel to 'hot-button' and relevant topics. Engaging and well-trained speakers want to share the experience of Catholic Voices and help ordinary Catholics to change controversy into an opportunity to share the Church's story in your conversations at work and at home. Find out more about the programme by coming to our Workshop at The Champion School, Hornchurch **on Saturday, 02 June from 10.00 am – 3 pm**. Sign up at

<https://doodle.com/poll/zhmvqkyfyvi8shc5> To find out about Catholic Voices, visit [www.CatholicVoices.org.uk](http://www.CatholicVoices.org.uk)

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run **on Monday, 28 May** which finishes in front of Buckingham Palace. For each place, we ask for a registration fee of £30 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; we won't set a sponsorship target, but any funds you can 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.

**THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** will be hosting their annual Charity Golf Day at The Rayleigh Golf and Country Club, Hullbridge **on Monday, 11 June**. Tickets are priced at £55 per person and include bacon rolls & tea/coffee on arrival, 18 Hole Stableford Competition and a Golfers' Lunch. For tickets and further information, please contact: Julie Abbott on 01268 784544/07912277413 or email [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK** – come and see! The refurbished House is now 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, 01 September**, 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! Also, please continue to support the fundraising efforts. Over £320,000 has been raised so far, including £90,000 from parish collections and parishioners' donations. Many thanks for that. There is still £200,000 left to raise – if 500 people each donated £400, our refurbishment debt would be cleared. Could you do that? Every penny is being 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 look at [www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations](http://www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations) to make an online donation

**ST CEDD'S CATHOLIC CLUB:** Music every Sunday night from 9 pm, admission £5. Social Dancing in the Lower Hall every Monday from 8 pm to 9.30 pm – Learn to Jive, Foxtrot, Quickstep, Waltz and Line Dance. Classes £7 (OAP £5).

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**ST CEDD'S YOUTH CLUB**, Blythswood Road, Goodmayes (opposite Homebase) is a Youth Club open every Friday evening from 6 pm to 8 pm for Youngsters in School Year 5, 6 and 7 and from 8 pm to 10 pm for those in School Year 8 upwards. Come along and play Badminton, Table Tennis, PS4, Table football, air hockey or try one of our other games. Or just come along to relax and hang out, listen to music or just to see friends. Membership costs £3.00 and then £1.00 a week or visitors are £1.70 weekly. Come along and try us any Friday evening. Any questions please ring John on 07803116729.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** If you have any items for inclusion in the weekly Newsletter then please email them to Gerry Gillan at [gerry.gillan5@gmail.com](mailto:gerry.gillan5@gmail.com) and copy to [admin@stteresasnewbpark.com](mailto:admin@stteresasnewbpark.com) The copy deadline for including items in the Newsletter is Thursday 12 noon. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee to include all requests we receive in the paper edition but we will make every effort to accommodate articles and insertion requests in the on-line edition including job vacancies.

## *Job Opportunities.*

**THE URSULINE ACADEMY, ILFORD** is seeking to recruit from September a new Business Manager as well as an English & Teacher of Chemistry. Applications please to [uai.org.uk](http://uai.org.uk). **Closing date for applications is this coming Wednesday, 18 April.**

**THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY** is seeking to recruit a new Headteacher, a practicing Catholic who is fully committed to Catholic education and the mission of the Academy, from January next year. Full details of the post and appli-

cation forms are available on the Academy's website at [www.tpc.academy](http://www.tpc.academy). **The closing date for completed applications is 12.00 noon on Monday, 23 April.** Completed application forms should be emailed to the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Bolton, at [jbolton@tpc.academy](mailto:jbolton@tpc.academy)

**SS PETER & PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** is seeking to recruit a Main Scale Class Teacher for EYFS/KS1 for September. To arrange a preliminary visit, please contact the school. NQT's welcome to apply. Applicants in sympathy with the Catholic ethos of the school are encouraged to apply. Application forms available from the School Office on 020 8478 1267. **Closing date for applications is Tuesday, 24 April.**

**ST AIDAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY** is seeking to recruit for September this year, Class Teachers KS1 & KS2. Please contact the school ([www.staidansacademy.org](http://www.staidansacademy.org)) for further details and an application pack. **Closing date for applications is Thursday, 26 April.**

**ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL, WANSTEAD:** Applications are invited for our Nursery Class to start in September 2018 (girls born between 01/09/14 – 31/08/15) and Reception Class (birthdays between 01/09/13 – 31/08/14). Please contact our Admissions Secretary for further information and to arrange a visit to view the school. Please telephone 0208-989 4700 or e-mail [enquiries@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjosephsconventschoo.co.uk)

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:** The Catholic Education Service is currently recruiting for an Assistant Director (Education) to lead its work on Religious Education, Inspections, Leadership, Governance and wider education policy. *Full details on the role and how to apply can be found on the Catholic Education Service website [www.catholiceducation.org.uk](http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk)*

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE AWARE OF THE POSITION OF THE EMERGENCY FIRE EXIT DOORS IN THE CHURCH.**