

MASS INTENTIONS

Easter Sunday (A)

Saturday 11 th April – Easter Vigil	8.00pm	Special Intentions Nigel, Reshma and Nioka D'Souza
Sunday 12 th April – Easter Sunday	9am	Michael Palmer (R.I.P)
	11am	Mrs Mary Landy
Monday 13 th April – Within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Tom Dwyer (R.I.P)
Tuesday 14 th April –	10am	John Moody (R.I.P)
Wednesday 15 th April –	9.00am	Joe Dass
Thursday 16 th April –	8.00pm	Paul Tolhurst (R.I.P)
Friday 17 th April –	3.00pm	Robin Charasse (R.I.P)
Saturday 18 th April	9.00am	Teresa Pitman

Second Sunday of Easter (A)

Saturday 18 th April –	6.30pm	John Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 19 th April –	9am	People of the Parish
	11am	Theresa Desmond (R.I.P)

Morning Prayer is
Psalter: Week 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation: to be arranged

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(Langdale Gardens)

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Easter Sunday (Year A)

11th & 12th April 2020

Dear Friends,

We step out of Lent with its darker penitential side into the brightness of Easter. One of the first sounds we hear is that of running feet. There is the breathless Mary Magdalene grasping her discovery of an empty tomb. Her news brings Peter and John running to the tomb, the younger John out-running Peter, handicapped by age and guilt. Peter the first to enter the tomb, to see and believe. Later downhearted disciples left an unfinished meal at Emmaus to hurry back to tell that they had seen Jesus. Disciples heading back to what they had left, an ungenerous land, the fickle sea, the ordinary lives that they had left for an extraordinary man.

Running feet bring an urgent message of Easter joy: THE LORD IS RISEN. But we live in a time and place far removed from the Gospel. It's hard to be joyful when your heart is empty, when you look at an empty chair rather than an empty tomb. Due to the Coronavirus people are in danger of losing their jobs, businesses are going bankrupt there seems little to return to, money is short and our future is filled with uncertainty.

But if we believe in the RESURRECTION, we have faith that we are precious to the God who pursues us, even into the grave, to give us life. All around us lie the signs of hope, the earth stirring with new life; the seed sown in hope fulfils its promise. In Queens hospital, we see Doctors and Nurses putting their life on the line caring for patients, giving hope to them.

As we look into the empty tomb, with our individual emptiness, let us pray that Christ will nudge us awake to hope. In him we have a reason for hope, a reason to live; because He lives. Wishing you all God's blessing this Easter time.

Please keep safe and mind yourself and each other

God Bless

Father Maurice

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Michael Balfour, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Desmond family, Gerry Dique, Anthony Doherty, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Jenny Jones, Ann Kelly, Neil Kelly, Sheila Leahy, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, John Morriseon Frances Nolan, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Nellie Ringrose, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Clara Yankey, Teresa Pitman, Julia Joseph, Mary Kakari, John Barry, Sarah Content, Celia Desmond, Bill and Teresa Shorey, Jean Berry, Dennis Doherty, Francesca Kelly, Paul & Eva AU, Rose Dique, Jim Nolan

Please pray for the repose of the souls:

Freda Willis (Maria Content's sister) who has died recently, her funeral will take place on 20th April 2020, Monday at 1.30pm at South Essex Cemetery

Philomena Pickney who has died recently (Sheila Leahy's sister) her funeral will be on 22nd April 2020, Wednesday at 2.40pm at South Essex Cemetery

Frances Nolan who has died recently, her funeral will take place on 23rd April 2020, Thursday at 11.40am at South Essex Cemetery

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Diocese has provided each Church with their own direct on link for the offertory.

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=elm-park>

Please remember if you are a taxpayer and have envelopes make it known on your donation, otherwise we will not be able to reclaim the tax paid.

We have a Bishop's Pastoral Letter on the website in PDF form please read.

Thank you for all the phone calls and your concerns, remember we are united in prayer for one another.

I say Mass every day for the person's intentions on the newsletter and for all of you that you may remain safe at this time. Do pray for me and all the Chaplains at Queen's hospital as we too are on the front line.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary,

You always shine on our path

as a sign of salvation and hope

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the sick,

who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You Lord, the Salvation of all Nations,

know what we need,

and we are sure you will provide

so that, as in Cana of Galilee,

we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform to the will of the Father

and to do as we are told by Jesus,

who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows

to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger,

O Glorious and blessed virgin,

Amen