

MASS INTENTIONS

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord (Year C)

Saturday 16 th April – Holy Saturday Celebration of the Easter Vigil	8.00pm	Una McLaughlin (R.I.P)
Sunday 17 th April – The Resurrection of the Lord	9.00am	Anne Kelly (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Helen Ging (R.I.P)
Monday 18 th April – Monday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Nora McLoughlin (R.I.P)
Tuesday 19 th April – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Anne O'Connor (Get Well)
Wednesday 20 th April – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	James O'Keefe (R.I.P)
Thursday 21 st April – Thursday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Nellie Ringrose (Intentions)
Friday 22 nd April – Friday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Francis Seaman (R.I.P)
Saturday 23 rd April– Saturday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	John & Emily Bolton (Int)

Second Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Saturday 23 rd April – Saturday within the Octave of Easter	6.30pm	John Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 24 th April – Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Marian Francis (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Eric Malyan (R.I.P)
		Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)

Reflection on Easter: Easter is itself now the cry of victory. No one can quench the life that Christ has resurrected. Neither death nor all the banners of death and hatred raised against him and against his church can prevail. He is the victorious one! Just as he will thrive in an unending Easter, so we must accompany him in a Lent and a Holy Week of cross, sacrifice, and martyrdom. As he said, blessed are they who are not scandalised by his cross. Lent, thus, is a call to celebrate our redemption in that difficult combination of cross and victory. Our people are well prepared to do so those days: all that surrounds us proclaims the cross. But those who have Christian faith and hope know that behind this Calvary of El Salvador lies our Easter, our resurrection. That is the Christian people's hope. – **St Oscar Romero**



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Today Easter Sunday we celebrate in a special way the most important feast of our Christian faith. St Paul wrote to the Corinthians "If Christ had not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain". The Resurrection is not only an event which occurred in Palestine two thousand years ago. It is a present reality in our daily lives. We share Christ's victory over sin and death and we have the hope that one day we shall share fully in the light and glory of the Risen Lord. As the Paschal Candle represents the light of Christ, we are confident that the light of the Risen Lord will scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds and fill us with the Joy of his Life.

We would like to say a special word of thanks to all of our parishioners who helped to make the Easter Services and Celebrations a very joyful occasion – Church cleaners, flower arrangers, altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, the readers, the choirs and all those who have helped in any way. Also, a special thanks to our student for the Priesthood, Matus Meleg in helping to lead the music for the Easter Triduum and the Masses. As he continues his studies, he will still be helping us at the Sunday Masses and with the First Holy Communion programme.

CONGRATULATIONS We congratulate James McDonald, Tracey Law, Michelle Kearns and Charles Clark on being received into the Church during the Easter Vigil. We welcome them as full members of the Church and will continue to journey with them in faith and love.

Prayer God, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened the way for us to eternal life. May our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives. We ask you this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

*God Bless and Keep Safe,
Canon Maurice*

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, John Barry, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rob Brown, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Celia Desmond, Desmond family, Denis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, James Francis, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Hedde, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Christine Johnson, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Stuart Keen, Francesca Kelly, Neil Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, George Kiparrisi, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Ivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Baby Teddy Rands, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Nellie Ringrose, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Jay Spencer and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord

Donations and Gift Aid Form

We have been asked to provide details so that parishioners can pay their donations by direct debit or standing order. It is an easier form of donation the details are as follows:

Bank HSBC

Account name: Catholic Church Elm Park St Albans

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account number: 31019848

We can still collect the gift aid for these donations so please remember to fill in the gift aid form.

Weekly Offertory Envelopes

If you have not yet collected your new box of envelopes, please look for the box with your name on it which is on the table at the back of the Church, by the stairs.

Baptism Course: The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 14th May in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

First Holy Communion Programme

The next session will take place on Thursday the 21st of April at 7pm. The children will meet in the hall and parents to meet in the Church, as usual, for their session. It is important that parents attend as well as the children to help you in your faith so that you in turn, will help your children and help you to be more confident in your faith.

Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA) The R.C.I.A programme continues every Monday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Anyone interested in joining the church or learning more about the faith is welcome to come along.

Rest in Peace

We pray for one of our Parishioners Greta Anglim who died recently. For many years Greta was involved with the First Holy Communion programme and was also involved in organising the Liturgical music, Her funeral took place on Saturday 16th in County Tipperary, Ireland. We will be having a memorial Mass for Greta in the Church in the near future. This will be announced later. We also pray for Francis Seaman, husband of Elizabeth, a member of our present choir. His funeral will take place on the 3rd May at 11.30am at St Anthony's Church, Forest Gate

Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer

Bishop Alan will lead the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24-29th July, a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. The pilgrimage team includes a doctor and nurses, for those who need assistance. For those with limited mobility, there will be many young people on hand to assist with wheelchairs. It is a wonderful week, Canon Maurice will be attending and if you would like to go, you can book online at www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood. For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor on 01206 735623.

Right to Life - As we celebrate the ultimate victory Christ won for us on the cross. We pray for victory in all the church's efforts. We pray especially for the church's battle to protect all life, protecting the dignity and wellbeing of human beings, from conception to their natural death.

School Vacancies

Details for the following vacancies being advertised throughout the Diocese can be found at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

Headteacher St Alban's Primary, Elm Park
Headteacher St Joseph's Primary, Upminster
Headteacher Holy Family Secondary School, Walthamstow
Deputy Headteacher St Mary's, Tilbury
Deputy Headteacher St Alban's, Elm Park.
Deputy Headteacher, St Joseph's Primary School, Harwich

Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23:

If you will be 18+ in September, and are looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, deepening teamworking and practical skills in a context of youth leadership, and developing your faith, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be perfect for you. For more information please contact Joseph Beattie, by emailing josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or calling 01277 373959. There is an open afternoon from 2-4pm on Sunday 10th April; for more information and to register, go to www.bcys.net/events/whopenday/

Easter Egg Ticket 476 to 480 please collect in the office