

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)**

Saturday 29th April – <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	6.30pm	Peggy Boland (R.I.P)
Sunday 30th April – <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	Matt, Olive & Tony Landy & Veronica & Martin Beddes-Jones (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Thankful for Life Carvajal Cortina family Joshua Harnwell (R.I.P)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May– Feria	9.00am	Dominica & Santan D’Souza (R.I.P)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May– <b>St Athanasius</b>	9.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May– Feria	9.00am	Josie Concannon (R.I.P)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May– Feria	9.00am	Leonard Addison (R.I.P)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May – Feria	9.00am	Rosamma Francis (R.I.P)
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May– <b>St Catherine of Siena</b>	9.00am	Fr James Hannigan (R.I.P)

**Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)**

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	6.30pm	Linda Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	Bill Paternoster (R.I.P)
	11.00am	John Stewart

**May the Month of Mary:**

During the month of May we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Mary, Mother of the Church, the Visitation and this year, Pentecost Sunday when Mary gathered with the apostles in prayer. But the whole month of May has been known as the month of Mary for centuries. A month dedicated to Mary even existed outside May from 15 August to 14 September but at some point, Mary and May combined and the tradition of crowning the statue of Mary with flowers representing her beauty and virtue became a great celebration. This year we have our annual Procession in honour of our Lady on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2023 at 3pm. **“Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence” – St Francis de Sales.**



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**Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)**  
**29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2023**

Dear Friends,

Today is Vocations Sunday. Just as Jesus described himself as the Good Shepherd, so the world of today needs shepherds. People who will hold nothing back in living out their call to be Christians bringing those who are lost in society to know the love of God.

For some of us, the question must be: Am I living out my Calling as I should? – Am I filling the space?

For some of us, the question should be: Am I called to be a Priest? Religious Sister or Brother?

For some of us, it will be: Am I called to marriage? To the single life? IS THIS MY SPACE?

**PRAYER:** O Holy Family of Nazareth, community of love of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, model and ideal of every Christian family, to you we entrust our families.

Open the heart of every family to the faith, to welcoming the Word of God, to Christian witness, so that it becomes a source of new and holy vocations.

Touch the hearts of parents, so that with prompt charity, wise care and loving devotion they be for their sons and daughters' sure guides towards spiritual and eternal values.

Stir up in the hearts of young people a right conscience and a free will, so that growing in “Wisdom age and grace”, they might welcome generously the gift of a divine vocation.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have chosen the Apostles and their successors, the Bishops and Priests of the Catholic Church, to preach the true Faith throughout the whole world. We earnestly beseech you to choose from among us in this Parish, priests and religious who will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved. **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, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Denis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Margaret Dumbrill John Finan, James Francis, Anna Gawlik, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Francesca Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, Matthew Milnar, John Morriseon, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Ivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Elizabeth Smith, Alan Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Theresa Carty, Jay Spencer, Irene (Evelyn's sister) and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord.

**PARISH FINANCES:**

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**Loose**

£521.02

**Envelopes**

£345.00

**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.

**First Holy Communion 2022-2023:**

Please note that there will be two First Holy Communion celebrations, next week (7<sup>th</sup> May) and the week after (14<sup>th</sup> May) at the 11am Masses.

**Confirmation 2022/2023:**

The next Confirmation session will take on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00pm.

**Baptism Course:**

The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of May in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

**Finance Meeting:**

The next finance meeting will take place this Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May in the presbytery at 07:30pm.

**Right to Life:**

At those times when we believe we must defend the weak and the vulnerable, let us pray for knowledge, wisdom and fortitude - three of the Holy Spirit's seven gifts.

**BCCS Child & Family Counselling Services:**

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their head office in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Catherine Munns [cmunns@bccs.org.uk](mailto:cmunns@bccs.org.uk) who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website:

[www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk)

**Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life:**

Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of July. As last year, the Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall.

**R.I.P.:**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frances Carmella Cains. Her funeral will take place this Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm at South Essex Crematorium. Also, please pray for Walter McNeela of Romford Parish (brother of Catherine Friel) who also died recently. May they rest in peace.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023:**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023:** Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours \(tangey-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangey-tours.com))

**The Thresholds Of Hope Easter Talks:**

These will explore what it means to have an intimate friendship with Christ. They will take place on Wednesdays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of May at St Francis of Assisi, Stratford, E15 1NS from 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. The first talk, "Calling on the name of Jesus," will be given by Fr Martin Boland, the Dean of Brentwood Cathedral. All very welcome.

**Gidea Park Study Day On Pope Benedict And The Liturgy:**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, from 11.00 to 13.00 BST, Fr Vincent Twomey SVD, student and friend of Pope Benedict XVI, will speak on 'The Liturgical Vision of Pope Benedict'. The event will not be in person but live streamed from Ireland on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). Fr Twomey has recently produced 'The Dynamics of Liturgy: Joseph Ratzinger's Theology of Liturgy', published by Ignatius Press. Further details of the event are to be found on the attached flyer and on the website [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) A recording of the study day will be made available subsequently on the website.

**Permanent Diaconate:**

**Come and See** Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May at 11:00am to 02:30pm at **St Anne Line Catholic Church 7 Grove Crescent, South Woodford, London, E18 2JR**. All are welcome to this event on the Permanent Diaconate with Bishop Alan, for all those wishing to learn more about the ministry of deacons in the Church and in our Diocese. For further information please contact Deacon Ken: 07971544921