

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

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> April – <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	6.30pm	Linda Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April – <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	Anne & Peter Kelly (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Pete Franklin (R.I.P)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April – Feria	9.00am	Sally Patton (R.I.P)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April – Feria	9.00am	Josie Concannon (R.I.P)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April – Feria	9.00am	Mary Barry (R.I.P)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April – Feria	9.00am	Peter Costello
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April – Feria	9.00am	O’neill Family (Int)
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – Feria	9.00am	Helen Ging

**Third Sunday of Easter (A)**

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	6.30pm	John Dwyer
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April – <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	Carvajal Cortina Family (Int)
	11.00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)

**Reflection for Divine Mercy Sunday:**

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering **ABC**:

**A – Ask** for his Mercy. God wants us to approach him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour his mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B – Be Merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C – Completely trust** in Jesus. God wants us to know that our reception of the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



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**Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)**  
**15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2023**

Dear Friends,

The doors were locked. More fear than peace was in the room. But somewhere behind the locked doors in those frightened apostles' hearts, there was a little vulnerability. That unprotected space in their hearts drew Jesus like a magnet. Put simply, it means that God can help us even when we cannot help ourselves. Love, especially God's love, can walk through any closed door.

Many of us are familiar with a painting by Holman Hunt, depicting Christ with a lighted lantern knocking softly on a door, which has no outside handle. What we would all have drawn from that picture is that only the person inside can open the door. Sometimes, however, all the effort, patience and love in the world cannot get through to a frightened, sick, and depressed person. While that may be true of human love, it is not the case with God's love.

What are your locked doors? Doors of doubt, fear, grief? Doors of anger, selfishness, despair? Doors of control, greed, pride? Let us pray to be as vulnerable as Thomas.

*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 Dumbrell 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, Iivan 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:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Loose**

£766.89

**Envelopes**

£444.56

**Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA):**

Anyone who wishes to know more about the basics of the Faith or is interested in joining the Church is invited to the weekly sessions which take place on Mondays at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group, is also invited to come along.

**First Holy Communion 2022-2023:**

The next session for the first Holy Communion will be this Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7pm. Parents will meet in the church and the children will meet in the Parish Hall.

**Confirmation 2022/2023:**

The next Confirmation session will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm.

**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.

**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))

**Right to Life:**

While we ponder the depth of the love of God present in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, we pray that He would make us channels of His Divine Mercy, especially to those who may have suffered the loss of a baby. Lord hear us

**Pastoral Care**

If anybody is going into hospital and would like pastoral care, please contact Helen Miranda on 01708 477890

**Diocese of Brentwood - Foundation Governor Vacancies**

Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email your expression of interest to [victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or call Victoria on Telephone: (01277) 265284

**Job Vacancies**

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Closing Date: 28/04/2023, Teaching Assistants  
The governors wish to appoint qualified Teaching Assistants to support children across the school with a range of needs. **Required ASAP** Scale 3 Point 5-6. 30.5 hours per week worked over 5 days. Full job description and application: <https://ats-haveringschools.igp.co.uk> Visits to the school are essential. To arrange an appointment with the Head teacher or SENCO, please contact the school office on 01708 745506.

**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.

**The Champion School Open Evening:**

Open evening will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 for admission to year 7. Guided tour from 4:30pm, talk from headteacher at 5:15pm and 6:30pm and evening finishing at 7:00pm. Parking available at school playing fields.

**Beginning Experience Weekend:** If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your spouse, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2023 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322 838415 or Maura 07795 498445 or email: [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

**Mass for Migrants:** The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to a celebration of annual Mass for Migrants on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2023 at 12pm. All are welcomed.