

MASS INTENTIONS
The Resurrection of the Lord (A)

Saturday 8 th April – The Resurrection of the Lord	8.00pm	Gill D'Souza (R.I.P)
Sunday 9 th April – The Resurrection of the Lord	9.00am	John & Elizabeth Lopes (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Francis Nolan (R.I.P)
Monday 10 th April – Monday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Marion Francis (R.I.P)
Tuesday 11 th April – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Nickolas Walsh (R.I.P)
Wednesday 12 th April – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Christine Johnson (R.I.P)
Thursday 13 th April – Thursday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Sean Smith (R.I.P)
Friday 14 th April – Friday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Ann O'Connor (R.I.P)
Saturday 15 th April – Saturday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Laurance Girjma (R.I.P)

Second Sunday of Easter (A)

Saturday 15 th April – Second Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	Linda Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 16 th April – Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Anne & Peter Kelly (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Pete Franklin (R.I.P)

Reflection for Easter:

One of the questions the disciples had on that first Easter morning was 'If Jesus is not in the tomb, where is he now?' In the light of his appearances to them, they came to understand that he was to be found among themselves, the community of believers. The risen Lord journeys with us, and he wants to journey through us as well; he wants to take flesh in our lives so that we become living signs of his Easter presence. He wants to live in us that his life-giving love becomes a reality in our world today. We can be grateful this Easter for the ways that the Lord's life-giving love has taken flesh in the lives of so many people.

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**



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The Resurrection of the Lord (Year A)
8th & 9th April 2023

Dear Friends,

It is impossible to describe the greatness and joy of this day for Christians. This is the day Christ broke the chains of sin and death and rose to life. He did this, not just for himself but for us too. He wants us to share in his great victory over evil and death. This is the heart of Good News – The disciples were full of sorrow, and he consoled them. They were discouraged and disheartened, and he gave them confidence and conviction. That was his gift to them, and he invites us to share it too. On this Easter Sunday the Spirit of the Risen Lord is in our midst as we pray and worship together. The power of the Risen Lord transforms our lives and enables us to be a sign of love in the world. May the joy of the Resurrection fill your lives with faith and love this Easter time.

We congratulate Pedro, Hayley, Nicola, Golda, Charlie, Edward, Dorothy, Katie, Jane, Carlo and Gina who were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

***Take care, God bless,
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, 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 Hedde, 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 Morrison, 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:

1st & 2nd 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 on Thursday April 20th, 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 13th May at 4pm.

Baptism Course: The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 15th of April 2023 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 24th to Saturday 29th 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:

As we reflect on the Resurrection and God's victory over death, we pray for the generations yet to be born, that they would also know the saving power and love of Christ. 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 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.jgp.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 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

School Holiday

St Albans school have now finished for the Easter Holidays and return next Monday 17th April. We wish them all of God's blessings during this Eastertide.

Thanks:

We would like to say a special word of thanks to all our parishioners who helped to make the Easter Service and Celebrations a very joyful Occasion. The Choir, Altar servers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Church cleaners, welcomers, flower arrangers and those who helped with the refreshments after the Easter Vigil.

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 15th of July. As last year, the Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall.

The Campion School Open Evening:

Open evening will be on Thursday 29th 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.