

MASS INTENTIONS
Third Sunday of Easter (A)

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| Saturday 22 nd April – Third Sunday of Easter | 6.30pm | John Dwyer |
| Sunday 23 rd April – Third Sunday of Easter | 9.00am | Carvajal Cortina Family (Int) |
| | 11.00am | Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P) |
| Monday 24 th April – St George | 9.00am | Deceased Onodu and Friends |
| Tuesday 25 th April – St Mark | 9.00am | Pauline Fennessy (R.I.P) |
| Wednesday 26 th April – Feria | 9.00am | Edward Di Marscio (R.I.P) |
| Thursday 27 th April – Feria | 9.00am | Nigel D'Souza (Thanksgiving & Special Ints) |
| Friday 28 th April – Feria | 9.00am | Sally Patton (R.I.P) |
| Saturday 29 th April – St Catherine of Siena | 9.00am | Josie Concannon (R.I.P) |

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

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| Saturday 29 th April – Fourth Sunday of Easter | 6.30pm | Peggy Boland (R.I.P) |
| Sunday 30 th April – Fourth Sunday of Easter | 9.00am | Matt, Olive & Tony Landy & Martin Beddes-Jones (R.I.P) |
| | 11.00am | Thankful for Life Carvajal Cortina family Joshua Harnwell (R.I.P) |

Reflection for Easter:

This time of Easter takes us back to a fundamental truth the Church possesses and can't keep to herself. It is the bold proclamation of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead and the truth that the love of God is the greatest power in the universe. For if God can raise the dead and do the impossible then everything else is possible. Here is what Pope Francis urges us in 'The Joy of the Gospel' – that the Faith of Christians embrace the Kerygma, facing each day and every challenge confident that the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is with us and active. The Easter message is not bland or tame. It is an earthquake, a spiritual revolution needed for our time.



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Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)
22nd & 23rd of April 2023

Dear Friends,

On Easter Sunday evening, two disciples of Jesus were returning to their native village. They were filled with sadness because the man on whom they had pinned their hopes had been executed. Then the Risen Jesus joined them, opened their eyes and turned their sadness into Joy.

In the same way, our faith and the faith of those around us can put our own lives in a new context to give hope where there was only despair, to give trust where our lives are betrayed by broken promises and shattered relationships.

Easter Resurrection gives us new meaning to all the difficulties and pains that we have to live through. We have to read our own lives in terms of the life of faith in the Risen Lord. This gives us all hope beyond any despair in our lives.

We can reach out to a new vision, a new life and find the light of the Risen Lord. The Risen Christ is a light in our darkness and no situation can overpower this LIGHT.

Prayer: O God of mystery, out of death you delivered Christ Jesus, and he walked in hidden glory with his disciples. Stir up our faith, that our hearts may burn within us at the sound of his word and our eyes be opened to recognise him in the breaking of bread. Grant this through 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, 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 Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Iwan 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:

15th & 16th April

Loose

£576.43

Envelopes

£385.13

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:

The next session for the first Holy Communion will be the practice on Thursday May 4th, 2023, at 6pm. All meet in the Church.

Confirmation 2022/2023:

The next Confirmation session will take place on Sunday 30th April. The coach will leave St Albans at 1.30pm for the Rite of Acceptance at Brentwood, where the candidates will meet the Bishop. The coach will return at 5pm.

Baptism Course: The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 13th 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 26th of April in the presbytery at 07:30pm.

Right to Life:

Let us pray for all those who care for people with disabilities, including family members and professionals, that the Lord would revive their spirits and that they would get the necessary respite care they require to relieve body and mind. Lord hear us

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

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.

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 1st of May 2023 at 12pm. All are welcomed.

R.I.P

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frances Carmella Cains. Her funeral will take place on the 4th 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 24th to Saturday 29th of July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com))

Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society:

The Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' are in concert in aid of the BCCS on Friday 30th June 2023 at Brentwood Cathedral at 07:30pm. Tickets are £30 – Bookings: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567> Full Details: www.bccs.org.uk/getinvolved/events/