

MASS INTENTIONS
The Resurrection of the Lord (B)

Saturday 30th March – Holy Saturday – No morning Mass Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Celebration of the Easter Vigil	9.00am 8.00pm	Kathy & James Driver (R.I.P)
Sunday 31st March – The Resurrection of the Lord	9.00am 11.00am	Ann O'Connor Garry Honeyball (R.I.P)
Monday 1st April – Monday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Mary Rose O'Connor
Tuesday 2nd April – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	John Barry (Int)
Wednesday 3rd April – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Alfreda Willis (R.I.P)
Thursday 4th April – Thursday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Barry McManus (R.I.P)
Friday 5th April – Friday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Mick Cullen
Saturday 6th April – Saturday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Claire Ramm (Int)

The Second Sunday of Easter (B)

Saturday 6th April – Second Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	Harry McCormack
Sunday 7th April – Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am 11.00am	Lydia Akinwumi (Int) Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)

Reflection for Easter:

The joy of the Resurrection is something which we must learn to experience, but we can experience it only if we first learn the tragedy of the Cross. To rise again we must die. Die to our hampering selfishness, die to our fears, die to everything which makes the world so narrow, so cold, so poor, so cruel. Die so that our souls may live, may rejoice, may discover the spring of life. If we do this then the Resurrection of Christ will have come down to us also. But without the death on the Cross there is no Resurrection, the Resurrection which is joy, the joy of life recovered, the joy of the life that no one can take away from us anymore! – **Metropolitan Anthony**



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30th & 31st March 2024

Dear Friends,
We step out of Lent with its darker penitential side into the brightness of Easter. One of the first sounds we hear is that of running feet. There is the breathless Mary Magdalene grasping her discovery of an empty tomb. Her news brings Peter and John running to the tomb, the younger John out-running Peter, handicapped by age and guilt. Peter the first to enter the tomb, to see and believe. Later, downhearted disciples left an unfinished meal at Emmaus to hurry back to tell that they had seen Jesus. Disciples heading back to what they had left, an ungenerous land, the fickle sea, the ordinary lives that they had left for an extraordinary man. Running feet bring an urgent message of Easter Joy: the Lord is risen. But we live in a time and place far removed from the Gospel. It's hard to be joyful when your heart is empty, when you look at an empty chair rather than an empty tomb. There is no hurry in your day where there is no-one and little to return to, and your days are filled with uncertainty.

But if we believe in the resurrection, we have faith that we are precious to the God who pursues us, even into the grave, to give us life. All around us lie signs of hope, an earth stirring with new life, the seed sown in hope fulfils its promise.

As we look into the empty tomb, with our individual emptiness, let us pray that Christ will nudge us and awaken us to hope. In Him we have a reason for hope, a reason to live: because He lives.

**God Bless you,
Canon Maurice**

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, John Detheridge, Katherine Day, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Margaret Dumbrell John Finan, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Rev Tom Keighley, 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, Iivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Dean Partleton, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Dr Nikhil Rao, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Dorothy Ryan, Fr Francis Coveney, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Elizabeth Smith, Alan Stokes, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Bernie Whoriskey, Elizabeth Wyles, 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:

23rd & 24th March

Loose

£637.00

Envelopes

£342.00

Mother and Toddlers Group:

Mothers and Toddlers group has now reopened. For more information, please visit <https://stalbanscic.my.canva.site/> We thank Maria, Sarah and all of the staff who support our Mother and Toddlers group.

Baptism Course:

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

Confirmation Programme:

The next session for the Confirmation programme will be the Rite of Acceptance for Candidates on 21st April at 3pm where they will meet Bishop Alan. The coach will leave at 1.30pm.

First Holy Communion Programme 23-2024:

The next meeting for parents and Children will take place on the 18th April at 7.00pm

R.I.P:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lar Fennessy who died recently. His funeral arrangements will be made later. May he rest in peace.

Dates for your Diary:

09th – 14th June 2024: Parish Mission Week (*More details later*)

Diocesan Pilgrimage 2024:

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](https://www.brentwood-lourdes-tours.com/) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: kathrynyoung@mail.com

Congratulations

We congratulate Antonio Moafi-Jozani, Precious Edobor, Martin Deme, Veronika Urszin, Alan Driver who were baptized at the Easter Vigil and received into full communion with the Catholic Church. We welcome them as full members of our Church as we continue to support and journey with them in faith in love.

Volunteer at the St John Bosco Children's Camp:

From 27th July – 3rd August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, but there are limited places. Applications open until the end of March. Details: <https://boscocamp.co.uk/volunteer-applications>

Apprenticeships at Walsingham House:

Walsingham House are offering a two-year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry & Chaplaincy, ideal for those finishing Year 13 in July or for anyone up to age 21. Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Marys University, Twickenham. For more info, email clairebailey@brcdt.org or visit the website www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/

Catholic Women's League – Upminster:

Welcome you to their weekly lunch every Wednesday at 12 noon. £6 simple meal and fellowship. Details available from Father Joseph.

St Albans Original Church 1939:

Situated in Carnforth Gardens. This opened as our Church in 1939-1965 when the present Church was opened in 1961. Has anyone photographs of the old Church, especially the interior? From 1961 it was used as a hall but is now converted into dwellings. Please contact the clergy if you can help.

Concert in Support of Young volunteers journeying to Lourdes:

This will take place on the 20th of April 2024 in Parish Hall. Tickets will be on sale this Sunday onwards £5 each.

Youth 2000 London Retreat Day: Come and See.

Youth 2000 are running a retreat day for young adults (16-35) on 11th May at Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon. It is jam-packed one day event, where people come together as a community of young adults in prayer and friendship. The retreat is an invitation to come as you are, and to come and see who Jesus is and what He can do in your life. The cost £25 and more information can be found at: <https://www.youth2000.org/events/london2024>

Parish Administrator – St Mary Mother of God– Hornchurch:

St Mary Mother of God in Hornchurch are looking for a Parish Administrator. Hours: 20 hours per week working three or four days per week. Closing date for applications is 7th April 2024. Job description: Parish Administrator -Hornchurch (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us).

Thanks

We would like to say a special word of thanks to all our parishioners who helped to make the Easter services such a joyful and prayerful occasion: The Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, church cleaners, flower arrangers – those who participated in any way in the liturgy over the Triduum – Readers, washing of feet etc. Thank you all for making Easter special for all of us.