

MASS INTENTIONS
The Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

Saturday 20 th April – Fourth Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	John Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 21 st April – Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	John Barry (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Patrick Waters
Monday 22 nd April – Monday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	James Sydney
Tuesday 23 rd April – St George	9.00am	Mark Finnegan (R.I.P)
Wednesday 24 th April – St Mellitus	9.00am	Jane Driscoll (R.I.P)
Thursday 25 th April – St Mark	9:00am	Pauline Fennessy (R.I.P)
Friday 26 th April – Friday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Edward Di Marscio (R.I.P)
Saturday 27 th April – Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Thanksgiving

The Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Saturday 27 th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Saoire Ruane (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Cataline Bautista (R.I.P)

Thought for the Week:

God doesn't call the qualified, but He qualifies the called. God knows us and He calls us by name. As we are looking at different saints or clergy to learn from them, others look at us and learn from us. And as our struggles become real even as others turn to us for guidance, we also have a shepherd to turn to for help. Most of us sometimes forget this, but we are leaders in our own way. The Church of tomorrow depends on how we set the foundation for the church of today. There will be crisis and there will be need, but there will always be good people standing behind us. – **Teresa Tu Tran**



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20th & 21st April 2024

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?

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 may be for their sons and daughter's 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.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that all of us contemplating and initiating the assiduous prayer, generous obedience, dignified poverty and virginal purity lived out in your midst, we might set about fulfilling the will of God and accompanying with far sighted sensitivity those among us who are called to follow more closely the Lord Jesus, who "has given himself for us". Amen

**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 Dumbrill 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:

13th & 14th April

Loose

£557.03

Envelopes

£372.60

Mother and Toddlers Group:

Mothers and Toddlers group has now reopened. For more information, please visit <https://stalbanescic.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 11th May 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 on Saturday the 4th May 2024 at 4.00pm.

First Holy Communion Programme 23-2024:

The rehearsal for the First Holy Communion children will take place on either the 2nd May or 9th May at 6.00pm, depending on when the children are making their First Holy Communion.

Dates for your Diary:

- **05th & 12th May 2024:** Holy Communion Day at 11am Mass
- **19th May 2024:** Confirmation at 3pm
- **26th May 2024:** May Procession at 3pm
- **09th – 14th June 2024:** Parish Mission Week (*More details later*)

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.

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/

R.I.P:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alan Stokes, his Requiem Mass will take place on Monday the 29th of April. His remains will be brought into the Church on Sunday evening at 4pm. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Mary Cogan. Her funeral will take place in St Albans Church on Tuesday the 7th of May at 11am. May they rest in peace.

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>

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 \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com)) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: kathrynyoung@mail.com

Right to Life

As we continue to celebrate our Lord's triumph over death, let us pray for all those who are close to death, especially those who are alone, that they would always be treated with respect and have their human dignity upheld.

Prayers for the Parish Mission this Sunday

This Sunday we will have the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament From 6pm -7pm to pray for the intentions of our Parish Mission which will take place on the 9-14th of June 2024. Everybody is encouraged to come along and pray that this mission will bring many blessings to our parish community and that many people will be drawn back to the Church. Anybody wish to help with the Mission is encouraged to come to a meeting this Monday at 6.30pm at the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Deputy Headteacher Vacancy at St Joseph's, Upminster.

St Joseph's is looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher, starting from 1st September 2024. The Governors and Headteacher invite applications from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably- qualified practising Catholic leaders. Full details can be found on the school website: <https://st-josephs-upminster.net/vacancies/> Applications must be submitted by 9am on Wednesday 8th May 2024.

John Barry (R.I.P)

Johns' wife Jean would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their cards & sympathy during this sad time, at the loss of a lovely husband, Father & Poppa.