

MASS INTENTIONS
The Second Sunday of Easter (B)

Saturday 6 th April – Second Sunday of Easter	06:30pm	Harry McCormack
Sunday 7 th April – Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Lydia Akinwumi (Int)
	11.00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 8 th April – The Annunciation of the Lord	9.00am	Silvia Ouodu (Int)
Tuesday 09 th April – Tuesday after the Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Mary Nicholas (Int)
Wednesday 10 th April – Wednesday after the Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Marian (R.I.P)
Thursday 11 th April – St Stanislaus	9:00am	Nora Fennessy (Int)
Friday 12 th April – Friday after the Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Mary Rose O'Connor
Saturday 13 th April – Saturday after the Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Nora & Renget

The Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Saturday 13 th April – Third Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	Paul Barulis (Int)
Sunday 14 th April – Third Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Anne & Peter Kelly (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Emmanuel Formosa (R.I.P)

Thought for the Week:

Think back to a time in your life when you feel as though you have truly disappointed God. And now, imagine Jesus showing up at that very moment, and saying to you: 'Peace be with you.' That is what our Lord does for each and every one of us. That, too, is what the miracle of Easter means to us. But today's Gospel reading is also about the ways in which we are called to share that peace and that joy, with a world so filled with doubt and fear. Jesus did not join his disciples in the upper room simply to celebrate his resurrection with them. He also joined them there to give them the gift of the Holy Spirit, and to send them to the world to continue his mission. We are the sent-out people of God, with a mission that comes straight from our crucified and risen Messiah. – **James Laurence**



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06th & 07th April 2024

Dear Friends,
"Peace be with You" – the comforting and gentle words of Jesus in today's Gospel, and in these times of challenge we really need those words to touch all hearts. In today's Mass, let us look at our own hearts. Let us truly be people of peace.

We see the Apostles gripped in fear and the door shut. They could not break through that fear, and they were in need of Jesus, so he came to comfort them. The words "Peace be with you" must have been a wonderful comfort to them. Can you imagine the excitement and the shouts of recognition?

There is a beautiful picture, maybe you know the one I am talking about – the figure of Jesus knocking at the door seeking admission into our lives. It's a real beauty. Doors locked tight on unhappy memories, nasty experiences, are ever so gently pushed open. A new peace enters, but many times people refuse to let Jesus in. Jesus didn't pick saints. He asked people with all their imperfections to follow him, and he still does the same. He wants us to know that he understands us even with all our doors closed.

Prayer: Lord Jesus may the power of your Resurrection touch whatever is dead in us and bring it back to life. Let the splendour of your Resurrection light up the world, scattering the shadows of death.

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.

Mother and Toddlers Group:

Mothers and Toddlers group has now reopened. For more information, please visit <https://stalbaniscic.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 this 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 next Sunday 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 next Thursday 18th April at 7.00pm

R.I.P.:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lar Fennessy who died recently. His Requiem mass will take place this Tuesday at 6pm at St Albans, then after that his remains will be brought to Ireland and his final mass will be on Friday the 12th of April at Our Lady of the Assumption Church Newcastle, County Tipperary. Please pray also for Alan Stokes, his Requiem Mass will take place on the 29th of April. His remains will be brought into the Church on Sunday the 28th of April. May they rest in peace.

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*)

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 next Saturday 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>

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

Mission Appeal:

This weekend we welcome two missionary Sisters who will be making an Appeal on behalf of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus (UK Mission).

Justice & Peace:

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations. In total there was 6 full trollies of food and supplies that were taken to Rainham Food Bank. This will help so many families and we can't thank you enough for your kind spirits, we are praying for you all!

Aid to the Church in Need Appeal

Next weekend we have an appeal from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) which is a Pontifical foundation of the Catholic Church. One of its missions is to support Christians who are persecuted for their faith.