

MASS INTENTIONS
The Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

Saturday 11 th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	Brendan McNiffe
Sunday 12 th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Ewa & Funsho Akinwumi
	11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 13 th May – St Erconwald	9.00am	Victor Correa (R.I.P)
Tuesday 14 th May – St Matthias	9.00am	John Barry (R.I.P)
Wednesday 15 th May – Wednesday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Renee Onodu (Int)
Thursday 16 th May – Thursday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Adele Bruce (R.I.P)
Friday 17 th May – Friday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Ray & Eileen Noonan (Int)
Saturday 18 th May – Saturday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Veronica Dowling (R.I.P)

Pentecost Sunday (B)

Saturday 18 th May – Pentecost Sunday	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 th May – Pentecost Sunday	9.00am	Michael McGarvey (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Departed souls in purgatory
	3pm	Confirmation Mass

Thought for the Week:

Leonardo Da Vinci had started to work on a large canvas in his studio. Then suddenly he stopped working on it. Summoning one of his talented students, the master invited him to complete the work. The horrified student protested that he was both unworthy and unable to complete the great painting which his master had begun. But Da Vinci silenced him. 'Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?' Jesus our Master began to spread the Good News two thousand years ago by what he said and did, and supremely by what he suffered. Jesus illustrated his message and left us to finish the picture. This is the message of Ascension and Pentecost. – **Fr Anthony Kadavil**



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11th & 12th May 2024

Dear Friends,
We congratulate our 22 children who received Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion at the 11am Mass last weekend, 17 more will receive Our Lord for the first time this weekend.
As we share their happiness, we thank the parents for bringing their children to this joyful step along their journey of Faith. We also thank the Catechists, the teachers and the people of the Parish as you have all helped in various ways in leading them to this their special day and you too have a care for their future growth in faith. Remember them in your prayers and pray also for their families.

PARENTS COMMUNION REFLECTION:

Dear Father in Heaven, here are our children.
We give them to you. Reach out and touch them with your love so that they will stop where they are, sense your presence and turn to you.
Take them and make them what you want them to be.
Call them to adventures you have planned for them.
Keep them from sin, but if they sin, draw them back to you.
Keep them from smallness of spirit.
Help them to know themselves and enjoy the person you created them to be.
Help them to use their gifts to serve you.
Help them to plunge deep into the mystery of their union with you and love you above all things.
As for us, help us to love them without possessiveness.
Help us to be patient while they strive to find themselves.
Help us to respect them for what you made them to be.
Help us to guide them with your wisdom. **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 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:

4th & 5th May 2024

Loose

£1043.40

Envelopes

£396.60

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 on Saturday 8th June 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 rehearsal this Monday, 13th May from 7-8pm.

First Holy Communion Programme 23-2024:

The Thanksgiving Mass will take place on 9th June at 11am.

Dates for your Diary:

- **19th May 2024:** Confirmation at 3pm
- **26th May 2024:** May Procession at 3pm
- **09th – 14th June 2024:** Parish Mission Week (*Mission invitation form Fr Royston given to you today*)

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.

Vigil of St Rita:

On Tuesday 21st May, the Vigil of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support.

www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Church Cleaners:

Would you like to help Our Lady keep her Son's house - The Church clean. If you are interested, please come along on Monday mornings after Mass.

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 Artur Berisha who died recently. His funeral Mass will take place on Monday 20th May at 1pm. May he rest in peace.

Youth Mass, Thursday 6th June 2024, Brentwood Cathedral

This may be a busy and stressful time for many of you, particularly those taking exams. The Cathedral and Parish Hall will be open for you to socialise, pray and celebrate Mass with us, or pop in for a break from revision, change of scenery or quiet personal prayer. Pizza from 6pm in the Parish Hall, Mass at 7:30pm in the Cathedral.

Revive. Discover. Empower.” Retreat for Young Adults, 22nd – 23rd June at Walsingham House at Abbotswick

This young adult retreat is an opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection, to **revive**, **discover** and **empower** you in your faith. *This retreat is aimed at those aged 18+, having left school, to roughly 30.* All details can be found at www.bcys.net/events

Walsingham House Anniversary Mass, 31st August at Walsingham Hse at Abbotswick

Celebrate 40 years of team at Walsingham House with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

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://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 the Easter season draws to a close, may the spirit of Easter and new life remain with us. Let us pray that the good works and charity of our church community continue, especially towards the needy among us preparing for the birth of a child.

Prayers for the Parish Mission this Sunday

Father Royston will be here this week to speak about the Parish Mission. I hope you received your invitation last week. This Sunday evening, we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm -7pm to pray for the intentions of our Parish Mission. All are invited.

Health and Safety Co-ordinator A vacancy has arisen for a Health and Safety Co-Ordinator to work full time from Monday to Friday. They will be based at Cathedral House and will be required to travel around the Diocese. Candidates must have H&S experience and H&S qualifications including NEBOSH. Please send your CV and cover letter by email to hr@brcdt.org. Full job description is available on the Diocese website. Closing date for applications: 14th May 2024.