

MASS INTENTIONS
Second Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Saturday 26th April – Second Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	Vincent Brady (R.I.P)
Sunday 27th April – Second Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Nigel D'Souza Thanksgiving
	11:00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 28 th April – St George	9:00am	Rose Byrna (Int)
Tuesday 29 th April – St Catherine of Siena	9:00am	Emmanuel Formos (R.I.P)
Wednesday 30 th April – Wednesday after The Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Jayesh & Family (Thanksgiving)
Thursday 1 st May – Thursday after The Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Victor Correa (R.I.P)
Friday 2 nd May – St Athanasius	9:00am	Gracykutty Joseph (R.I.P)
Saturday 3 rd May – SS Philip and James	9:00am	Jayesh & Family (Thanksgiving)

Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Saturday 3rd May – Third Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	James Dunne (R.I.P)
Sunday 4th May – Third Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Pope Francis (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Alan Stokes (R.I.P)

Prayer for the Successor of Pope Francis:

O God, who chose your servant, in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favourably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Now that Pope Francis has departed from us, we pray for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace of the Risen Lord and Rise in Glory. **Amen.***



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26th & 27th April 2025

Dear friends,

Easter has come and gone...or has it? Last weekend we celebrated the great Easter Triduum of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord and now it's over. But that's not true. All this week of the Octave, we've extended the feast into a week of Easter days. Now for the coming weeks until Pentecost we'll be basking in the light of the Paschal Candle and reminding ourselves that Jesus is really and truly risen from the dead and his victory is something to celebrate and shout about.

Easter isn't a feast that comes and goes, touching us only briefly, rather Easter is the foundational feast of our faith. We go through these days with a sense of wonder and awe at the great mystery we've shared in.

The Resurrection of the Lord is the HIGH POINT of all the world's history. We as the 'Easter People' are called upon to bring this good news to the whole world. We would be failing in our duty if we did not live up to this mission given to us by the Lord...'Go tell my brothers and sisters' Each one of us must do all we can as the people of the Resurrection to proclaim the mighty joy that this great event brings into the lives and hearts of all people.

We spend the fifty days of Eastertide deepening our own faith and love for Jesus the Risen and Glorious Lord. Let us pray that we will grow daily more aware of what the Resurrection means for us in our lives of faith.

God Bless
Canon Maurice

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Christophe Amblard, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, William Bradbury, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Bernard Carantinos, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Maureen Daly, John Detheridge, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrill, Eddie and Martha Dwyer, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Rev Tom Keighley, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Livan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Dean Partleton, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Dr Nikhil Rao, Jennie Reddy, Louis Russo, Dorothy Ryan, Fr Francis Coveney, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Elizabeth Smith, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, The Salter Family (Bert, Charlie and Bert's Daughter-in-law), Joanne Gardener, Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Melon Vigo, 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.

Right to Life:

While we ponder the depth of the love of God present in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ, we pray that He would make us channels of His Divine Mercy, especially to those who may have suffered the loss of a baby.

Holy Communion Programme:

The next session will be on Thursday 8th of May at 6pm which will be a practice session for the children who are receiving their First Communion on the **11th of May**. For those who are receiving their Communion on the **18th of May** the rehearsal will be on Thursday 15th of May at 6pm. For those who go to non-Catholic Schools we continue with our sessions next Sunday 4th of May at 9:50am.

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 10th of May at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Confirmation Programme 24/2025:

The next session for the confirmation programme will be next Saturday 3rd May at 4pm

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life:

The Mass will take place on 21st of June in Brentwood Cathedral. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, please let Canon Maurice know. Bishop Bosco MacDonald, the lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life writes "The hope of marriage is that it becomes a source of stability and happiness showing us the endless love that God has for all of us".

Mass for Migrant – save the date

The Mass for Migrants takes place annually on the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, and is a collaboration between the Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster. It is supported by the Justice and Peace Commissions, Caritas and Ethnic Chaplaincies of our three London dioceses. It will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Monday 5th May Mass at 2.30pm.

Mother & Toddler Group:

If you would like to join us in 2025, please contact Maria at stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com or 07774 719 806 for more information.

Holy Hour:

You are invited to spend time in prayer, face to face with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: each Sunday evening 6pm – 7pm. You can pray with scriptures, rosary or simply in your own words as you enjoy his presence. It was suggested during our Mission last year that we pray for the following intentions:

- For the Young People of our Parish
- For those caught up in addictions of one kind or another
- For the spiritual and temporal wellbeing of married couples and the families of our Parish
- For those struggling with emotional and psychological wounds
- For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- For the successor of Pope Francis

Youth Mass, First Thursday of the Month, Brentwood Cathedral, from 6pm

Join the BCYS to celebrate Youth Mass each month with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese.

There will be pizza in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a different input each month - speakers, workshops, prayer and worship, Reconciliation or more!

Youth Mass is then celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. **Next date: Thursday 1st May.**

Dates for your Diary

- **Sunday 11th May and Sunday 18th May** – First Holy Communion at 11am Mass
- **25th May** – May Procession at 3pm and BBQ after
- **Wednesday 4th June** – Pastoral visit by Bishop Alan and Confirmation
- **Saturday 12th July** – First Communion Families Pilgrimage to Aylesford, coach leaves at 9am
- **Saturday 14th June** – Horticultural Summer Show in the Parish Hall

An Easter Message:

With great joy, the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham, announces once more: "Christòs anésti, Christ is risen! He is Risen indeed!" This ancient greeting sums up what we celebrate this Easter: the joy of Christ crucified and risen and now living in our midst. And so it is: We are an Easter people, and alleluia is our song!

Our celebration of Easter during the Jubilee Year is for us a special moment of grace, especially when the world is currently experiencing so much instability and economic uncertainty. The darkness of war and violence continues to rage; countless families are displaced, and increasingly countries divert resources from welfare to warfare. We know that hope is not the same as optimism. It is not the belief that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out [V. Havel]. Of course, our Christian hope has a face, the face of our risen Lord. His promise to remain always with us through the gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to hope even against all hope!

May Procession:

The May Procession in Honour of Our Lady will take place on the 25th of May at 3pm. Invitations will be given out to all Parishioners during the next few weeks.