

MASS INTENTIONS
Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Saturday 10th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 11th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Confirmation Candidates
	11:00am	Gavin Turner (Birthday Int)
Monday 12 th May – St John Houghton	9:00am	Renee Onodu (Birthday & Exam Int)
Tuesday 13 th May – St Erconwald	9:00am	Father Rijo Francis (R.I.P)
Wednesday 14 th May – St Matthias	9.00am	Intentions of the English Family
Thursday 15 th May – Thursday after The Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Daniel Kennedy (R.I.P)
Friday 16 th May – Friday after Fourth Sunday of Easter	9:00am	David Eyre
Saturday 17 th May – Saturday after Fourth Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Holy Souls

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Saturday 17th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	Josephine Tighe (R.I.P)
Sunday 18th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Funsho & Ewa Akinwumi (Birthday thanksgiving)
	11:00am	David Evans (R.I.P)

Prayer for The New Pope:

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. We ask that you guide him with your Holy Spirit and grant him humility, wisdom and courage to lead your church. May he be a beacon of hope and unity for all people. May you be his shield and deliver him from all harm. May you grant him length of days and a fruitful papacy. May you give him happiness and peace and bring growth in holiness to your Church under his leadership. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



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10th & 11th May 2025

Dear friends,

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocations Sunday. We meet together as God's people, drawn from many different backgrounds but all united by a common faith in the Risen Lord. In our Mass today we thank God for calling us to belong to His Church, the community of all who believe. Being a member of the Church means responding positively to God's will, addressed to each and every one of us in the Gospel. We are challenged to listen to this call in the depth of our hearts and consciously and deliberately accept this invitation of the Good Shepherd.

St John Paul II, in his message for Vocations Sunday said: 'Let yourselves be charmed by Christ, the infinite appeared in your midst in visible and imitable form. Let yourselves be attracted by his example, which has changed the history of the world and directed it toward a joyful goal.' Fall in love with Jesus Christ, to live his very life, so that our world may have life in the light of the Gospel.'

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray in a particular way for Vocations to the Priesthood for our Diocese.

Prayer for Vocations:

Lord Jesus Christ, You have chosen the Apostles and their successors, the Bishops and Priests of the Catholic Church, to preach the true Faith throughout the whole world. We earnestly beseech You to choose from among us in this Parish, Priests and religious who will gladly spend their entire lives to make You better known and loved. **Amen.**

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, David Lynch, 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.

PARISH FINANCES:

3rd & 4th May 2025

Loose

£692.04

Envelopes

£755.26

Right to Life:

Let us pray for the grace to always be close to the Lord as the Blessed Virgin is close to Him, especially in our prayers for our vulnerable neighbours, including the sick and infirm, the widow and orphan, and the unborn.

Holy Communion Programme:

For those who are receiving their Communion next Sunday 18th of May the rehearsal will be this Thursday 15th of May at 6pm.

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 14th of June 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 on Sunday 25th for the Procession in Honour of Our Lady. The Confirmation Candidates will lead us in the Fifth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary.

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".

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.

The Acts Of The Apostles:

Throughout the Easter period we read each day in the Liturgy from the Acts of the Apostles. Talks by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park, are available on www.whatgoodnews.org. Please go to 'Faith Talks' and scroll down to 'Acts of the Apostles' and 'Paul in Acts'.

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 intentions of Pope Leo XIV

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 5th June.**

Dates for your Diary

- **Sunday 18th May** – First Holy Communion at 11am Mass
- **Sunday 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

Parish Social Committee:

Our Parish needs a social committee to organise Parish Events. For those interested in helping we invite you to a meeting in the presbytery on Monday the 12th of May at 7pm. We need helpers to organise the May Procession and to help with the BBQ afterwards. We would be very grateful for your help in this matter. Thank you.

St John Bosco Children's Camp – Brentwood Diocese:

The St John Bosco Camp provides an opportunity for children to have an exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in the Essex countryside. Children live in tents, in groups of seven or eight and the entire week is taken up with a full programme of planned and supervised activities. This camp will be for children in Year 5, 6 and 7. For application please visit: <https://boscocamp.co.uk/child-applications>

Job Vacancy:

Housekeeper/support worker (16 hours) to a small religious community. Assisting elderly sisters to maintain their independence and social interests. Pay £12.60 per hour. Contact Sr Kathleen on 01277 220276 or email kathleen.page@dcmillhill.org **Closing date: May 20th.**