

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)

<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Second Sunday of Easter</b>	6:30pm	John Dwyer (R.I.P)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Second Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00am	Michael Palmer (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Marian & Roy Francis (R.I.P)
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Monday of the Second Week of Easter</b>	9:00am	Tony Eastman (R.I.P)
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter</b>	9:00am	Rosy & Poulose (R.I.P)
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter</b>	9:00am	Charles McLoughlin (R.I.P) & Emmanuel Formosa (R.I.P)
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday of the Second Week of Easter</b>	9:00am	Philomena Reid (R.I.P)
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday of the Second Week of Easter</b>	9:00am	Gerard Vincent (R.I.P)
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday of the Second Week of Easter</b>	9:00am	Christmas Boina (R.I.P)

**Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)**

<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Third Sunday of Easter</b>	6:30pm	Anne Keys (R.I.P)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Third Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00am	Kathy & James Driver & Anne Keys (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Josie Brooks

**Easter Message from Pope Leo XIV:**

This is the peace of the Risen Christ, a disarming and humble and preserving peace. It comes from God. God, who loves all of us, without any limits or conditions. God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs His light. Humanity needs Him like a bridge to reach God and His love. You help us to build bridges with dialogue and encounter so we can all be one people always in peace.



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**Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)**  
**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Dear Friends,

The doors were locked. More fear than peace was in the room. But somewhere behind the locked doors in those frightened apostles' hearts, there was a little vulnerability. That unprotected space in their hearts drew Jesus like a magnet. Put simply, it means that God can help us even when we cannot help ourselves. Love, especially God's love, can walk through any closed door.

Many of us are familiar with a painting by Holman Hunt, depicting Christ with a lighted lantern knocking softly on a door, which has no outside handle. What we would all have drawn from that picture is that only the person inside can open the door. Sometimes, however, all the effort, patience and love in the world cannot get through to a frightened, sick, and depressed person. While that may be true of human love, it is not the case with God's love.

What are your locked doors? Doors of doubt, fear, grief? Doors of anger, selfishness, despair? Doors of control, greed, pride? Let us pray to be as vulnerable as Thomas.

*God Bless*  
*Canon Maurice*

**Please pray for all who are sick, including:**

Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquerque, Christophe Amblard, Sheeba Antony, Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Mary Bowdler, William Bradbury, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrill, Martha Dwyer, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Jean Floreutin, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Ann Keaney, 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, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Robin Stinson, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, The Salter Family (Bert, Charlie and Bert's Daughter-in-law), Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Melon Vigo, Heather Wood, 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.

**Baptism Course:**

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

**Holy Communion Programme 2025/26:**

The next session will be the Pilgrimage to Aylesford this Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. Coach will be leaving St Albans at 9:30am and returning about around 4:30pm. The cost per family will be £5. It is important that parents and all the Children attend as it is part of the First Holy Communion Programme.

**Confirmation Programme:**

The next session for confirmation programme will be the Rite of Acceptance at Brentwood Cathedral next Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April at 3pm. Coach will leave St Albans Church at 1:30pm and return by 5pm. All confirmation candidates are expected to attend.

**Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA):**

Anyone who wishes to know more about the basics of the Faith or is interested in joining the Church is invited to the weekly session every Monday at 7:30pm in the Presbytery.

**Holy Hour:**

Please note Holy Hour continues every Sunday 6 -7pm.

**Mother & Toddler Group:**

If you would like to join us in 2026, please contact Maria at [stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com](mailto:stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com) or 07774 719 806 for more information.

**Monthly Youth Mass**

The next Youth Mass is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May** at Brentwood Cathedral 7:30pm.

**Post Confirmation Group:**

The next meeting will be on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May at 6:30pm – 8pm.

**Assisted Suicide:**

In a Lenten statement, the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Reverend John Sherrington, clarifies the Church's principled objection to the Terminally Ill (Adults) End of Life Bill, and urges Catholics to pray for parliamentarians debating the Private Members' Bill in the House of Lords. In the Easter season, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour on **Sunday, 19 April at 6-7pm** (UK time). This is an opportunity for the Catholics of our two nations to unite and pray for the promotion of a culture of life. We encourage parishes throughout England and Wales to hold Holy Hours around that time. The full letter is on display at the back of the Church.

**Dates For Your Diary:**

- **Holy Communion Families Visit to Aylesford** – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of April (*Coach leaves at 9:30am*)
- **Rite of Acceptance** – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of April at 3pm (*Coach leaves at 1:30pm*)
- **Day of First Holy Communion** – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of May at 11am
- **Day of Confirmation** – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of May at 3pm
- **Procession in Honour of Our Lady** – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> of May at 3pm

**Rest in Peace:**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sandra Nosworthy. Her Requiem Mass will take place this Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of April at 12:30pm. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of James Seymour (Bernie Moody's Father) who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place this Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of April at 11am. His remains will be brought into the Church this Thursday evening 16<sup>th</sup> of April at 7pm. May they Rest in Peace.

**Walsingham House Team 26/27:**

Applications are now open for the Walsingham House Team 26/27. Being on the team is a wonderful opportunity to work with young people from across the diocese, live in community and share and deepen our faith. Applications are open to those aged 18-23 (currently yr13 and above). For more information including the application form please see the website: [Be On Team - Brentwood Catholic Youth Service](https://www.beonteam.org.uk) or email: [michaelkearns@brcdt.org](mailto:michaelkearns@brcdt.org).

**St John Bosco Children's Camp, summer 2026:**

Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. 25<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August or 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August. Activities include archery, fishing, Aquapark visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>. Places are likely to go quickly – early applications are encouraged.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:**

Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes next summer: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Bookings are open at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>. There are some hard copies of the application available at the back of the Church for anyone interested.

**A Day with Mary Pilgrimages:**

1. Pilgrimage to Fatima (8 July to 15 July 2026) Closing date 28 April 2026
  2. Pilgrimage to Italy (1 September to 10 September 2026) Closing date 23 June 2026
- Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/>.

**Vocations Group:**

We have started a vocations group. This will be for young people, year 10 and upwards. The next meeting will take place on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June from 6:30pm – 8pm.