

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
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
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Monday of the Third Week of Easter</b>	9:00am	Maric Madeleine (Birthday Int)
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – St Anselm of Canterbury</b>	9:00am	Vincent Prosper (Cook Family) (R.I.P)
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter</b>	9:00am	James Watson (R.I.P)
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – St George</b>	9:00am	Mark Finnegan (R.I.P)
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April – St Mellitus</b>	9:00am	Annie & Dennis Downs (R.I.P)
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April – St Mark</b>	9:00am	Kellie Moulding (R.I.P)

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

<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	6:30pm	James Nolan
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00am	Edward Di Marscio (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Paul Donald Norton (R.I.P)

**The Prayer of Saint Anselm (Feast Day 21<sup>st</sup> of April):**

O Lord my God, teach my heart where and how to seek you, where and how to find you. Lord, you are my Lord and my God, and I have never seen you. You have created and re-created me, all the good I have done comes from you, and still, I do not know you. I have not yet accomplished that for which I was made. Teach me to seek you, and as I seek you, show yourself to me, for I cannot seek you unless you show me how. Let me seek you by desiring you, and desire you by seeking you; Let me find you by loving you and love you in finding you.



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**Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)**  
**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Dear Friends,

On Easter Sunday evening, two disciples of Jesus were returning to their native village. They were filled with sadness because the man on whom they had pinned their hopes had been executed. Then the Risen Jesus joined them, opened their eyes and turned their sadness into Joy.

In the same way, our faith and the faith of those around us can put our own lives in a new context to give hope where there was only despair, to give trust where our lives are betrayed by broken promises and shattered relationships.

Easter Resurrection gives us new meaning to all the difficulties and pains that we have to live through at this time. We have to read our own lives in terms of the life of faith in the Risen Lord. This gives us all hope beyond any despair in our lives.

We can reach out to a new vision, a new life and find the light of the Risen Lord. The Risen Christ is a light in our darkness, and no situation can overpower this LIGHT.

*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.

**PARISH FINANCES:**

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Loose**

£727.28

**Envelopes**

£929.00

**Baptism Course:**

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on 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 take place this Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2026 at 7pm. Children will meet in the Parish Hall and Parents in the Church. We also continue the sessions every Sunday for the children and parents not attending Catholic Schools at 10.10am to 10.45am.

**Confirmation Programme:**

The next session for confirmation programme will be the Rite of Acceptance at Brentwood Cathedral this 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**. Please attend today's Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life.

**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:**

Today **Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April**, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have asked us to hold a Holy Hour. This is an opportunity for the Catholics of our two nations to unite and pray for the promotion of a culture of life. Please join us this evening for our Holy Hour from **6-7pm**. We pray that minds and hearts will be open to this beautiful and great truth about the value and importance and dignity of every human person. We will conclude with benediction and prayer.

**Dates For Your Diary:**

- **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

**Walshingham 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](http://Be On Team - Brentwood Catholic Youth Service) 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.

**Job Vacancy:**

**St Helen's Catholic Infant and Nursery School Vacancy Required for September 2026:** Class Teacher (ECT or MPS). We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-motivated person to join our staff in September 2026. Please contact the school office for further information and an application pack: [office@st-helens-inf.esssex.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-helens-inf.esssex.sch.uk).

**Deadline:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Interviews:** WC 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026