

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

HOLY SATURDAY, 31st March 2018

Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter 8.00 pm The People of our Parish

EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR B

1st April 2018 9.00 am Margaret Collins RIP (Farrell)

11.00 am Susan Mahon RIP (Diffley)

5.00 pm *No evening Mass*

MONDAY *No morning Mass*

TUESDAY 10.15 am Pam DeKeyser RIP (Spurling)

WEDNESDAY 9.15 am Margaret and Wilfred Stevens RIP

THURSDAY 9.15 am Jim Sullivan RIP (Harte)

FRIDAY 10.30 am Michael Mulchrone RIP Requiem Mass

SATURDAY 6.00 pm John S Dunne RIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B Divine Mercy Sunday

8th April 2018 9.00 am Terry Nuttall RIP (Patterson)

11.00 am Breda Myers RIP

5.00 pm The People of our Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays 11am to 12 noon
ADORATION & PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
TUESDAYS 10.45am to 11.15am
& SATURDAYS 11am to 12 noon

Prayer for Vocations: Please could you find time to pray this prayer:
Lord Jesus, you love us all so much that you gave your life for us upon the Cross. Thank you for the priests who have served in our parish.
We ask you to continue to bless our parish by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.
Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LISTEN to 9am SUNDAY MASS in our Church by phoning **033 3443 3443**.
Enter Room Access Key: 158 558 54# followed by PIN Code 5286#. Others can hear sounds in your home if you do not turn on your phone's silent button

Parish Safeguarding Representative Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR B

1st April 2018

The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

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Our Parish is twinned with Sacred Heart Parish, Dundee Diocese, South Africa

At the heart of our celebration of Easter is the Resurrection, that transformative event when Jesus, after dying on the cross of Calvary rose to new life three days later.

One writer, John Whale, puts it well when he says that belief in the resurrection is not an appendage to the Christian faith; it *is* the Christian faith. He says: "Therefore the Gospels do not explain the resurrection but rather the resurrection explains the Gospels."

But this raises the question: what do we mean when we use the word "resurrection"? The late Father Michael Hollings suggests that the word actually has three different but related meanings. Firstly it refers to what happened when Jesus passed through death to the new risen life. This is the primary meaning. But related to this, it also applies to what occurs during the sacrament of baptism when we speak of going down into the waters of baptism, dying to our old selves and rising again to new life.

There is also a third meaning which can happen, and happen more than once, in the life of every person. This is the resurrection which comes when an individual wakes up to the surrounding world and starts seeing his or her life in an entirely new way. It is like the equivalent of an electric shock, jolting us into a new reality. This is what the Apostle Thomas experienced when he saw the Risen Christ and, having touched the wounds on his body, exclaimed: "My Lord and My God!"

At Easter we commemorate Jesus coming back to life but we also pray that as individuals and as a parish we may share in that life that he won for us through his own resurrection. As the angels say to the women who made their way to the empty tomb on that first Easter Sunday: "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; He has Risen!" *Fr Dan*

Church Opening Hours: We are fortunate to be able to keep our church open most days during the week but sometimes the church has to be closed early if Father Dan is away or there is nobody available to lock up. As a rough guide these are the hours that the church is normally open during the weekdays:

Monday: 8am-3pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8am-7pm

Thursday: 8am-9pm

If you are unsure about whether the church will be open please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office from 9am to 2pm Monday-Friday on 01277 624891.

Father Dan Away: Please note that Father Dan will be away from Monday, 2nd April to Wednesday, 4th April. While Father Dan is away Father Bob White will celebrate the weekday Masses on Tuesday, 3rd and Wednesday, 4th April at the usual times.

Baptisms at Most Holy Redeemer: If you would like your child to be baptised at Most Holy Redeemer then you must first arrange an appointment to see Father Dan. Rather than emailing or phoning the parish office the best way to do this is to speak to Father Dan after the Parish Mass that you normally attend at the weekend. In order for a child to be baptised at Most Holy Redeemer at least one of the parents must be a baptised Catholic and we do expect parents to be attending Mass regularly with their children.

HALL BOOKINGS The booking officer is Katie Smith who can be contacted Tel: 07437 443738, e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

Parish Centre Alarm: All parish groups should be aware that the Parish Centre is frequently alarmed. If any groups do not know the code for the alarm then they should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Emmanuel Church Car Park: A gentle reminder to parishioners to avoid parking in the Emmanuel Church car park when you come to Mass at the weekend. They have no spaces available for Funeral parking this week.

Parish Hall Keys: One of the sets of keys for the Pastoral Centre which is kept in the key box has gone missing. If any group or individual has this set of keys please could you return it to the key box.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL:

Sara Abbs, Margaret Andrews, Pam Dixon, May Alvares, Eric Hollingworth, Lucy Harding, Peter and Cecilia Clegg, Maureen Bewick, Mary Cronjaeger, Aileen Fleetwood, Mary Carr, Helen Harte, Martin Goldstone, Elizabeth Smith, Barbara Flynn, Jane Jowers, Maura Stone, Dorothy Wheeler, Margaret Bunker, Eileen Savory Pauline Wallace, Grace Howlett, Marlene Hawkins, Caroline Hill, Kirsti Dennett, Jean French, Jean Kenway, Anna Sullivan, Elsie Jackson, Julie Halstead, Beryl Barclay, Diane Bowen, Gertie Walsh, Margaret Sefton, Jenny Flack, Julie Bouchel, Debbie Dowds, Eileen Molloy, John Gaut, George Pritchard, Jim Bowen, Erroll Newman, Christopher Browne, Frederick Stocks, Peter Patterson, Michael Pierce, John Sheldon, Michael Howlett, Tommy Campbell, Francis Monk, Peter Bion, Jamie Taylor, Gerald Connaw, Brian Mardle, Keith Warren, John Sheridan, Priska Wiederkehr. Children: Daisy Locker, Cecilia Fisk, Moriah Egan, Daniel Chesterman, Lucy Wyatt.

May the healing power of the Holy Spirit come down upon all who are ill.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners: If you know any parishioners who are now unable to come to Mass and who would like a visit from the Parish Visiting Group or from Father Dan please could you contact the Parish Office on 01277 624891 with their contact details. If you have a relative who is going into hospital and you would like them to be visited please make sure that you contact the Parish Office with their name and the hospital ward that they are in.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

Michael Mulchrone RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Mulchrone who died recently. Michael's Requiem Mass will take place at 10.30am on Friday, 6th April. Please note that this Mass will replace the normal 9.15am Parish Mass.

Jane Downes RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jane Downes. Jane's Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, 11th April at 10am in the Church. Because of this there will be no Parish Mass on that day.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ellen Dowden, Jean Fernando, Pauline Johns, Patricia O'Rourke, Angela Scott, Maud Price, Sheila Groves, Honey Hansen, Joyce Gamble, Henry Gully.

Clergy: Fr Ronald Roberts, Canon Charles Loughran, Deacon Geoffrey Piper.

Eternal rest grant to them. O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

PARISH HELP SCHEME assists parishioners who need transport to Mass; to doctor or hospital appointment; collecting prescriptions in emergency or shopping Contact **Pat Griffiths 651789** or **Joan Forbes 655636**.

KIDS' CORNER

Easter Sunday

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K	I	D	L	O	R	D	C	W	N

Tomb	Stone	Moved
Lord	Peter	Ran
Linen	Cloths	Head
Teaching	Rise	Dead
Scriptures	Dark	Week
First	Early	Loved
Rolled	Saw	Believe

MHR Youth Club. The remaining club nights for 2017-2018 school year are:
20 Apr, 11 May, 8 Jun, 13 Jul.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD YEAR B 1st April 2018

TUESDAY Parish Visiting Group 7pm (Lounge)
Baptism Preparation 8pm

THURSDAY Church cleaning
Sunflower Club 7pm (Lounge)

SATURDAY Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am-12 noon

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B 8th April 2018

OFFERINGS Thank you for your generous Offerings last Sunday of **£2151.51** (£1539.11 Gift Aided). There was **£61.87** in our **CAFOD BOX** to support Our Parish **CAFOD PROJECT in Sebeya, Ethiopia**

Gift Aid Envelopes for the next tax year are now available in the Church porch, please collect today. They are in numerical order so please remember your personal number as this helps. If you are a UK tax payer and not in the scheme then we encourage you to join as we can claim back £1 for every £4 donated. **For Taxpayers: Gift Aid & Standing Order** forms are available in the Church porch and when completed may be posted through Presbytery letter box for processing. *Please pass the standing order form to your bank.*

The Sunflower Club: Do you want to find new friends and activities to enjoy? Then come and join the Sunflower Club. They meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm in the Lounge of the Pastoral Centre – next meeting is this Thursday, 5th April. There are various activities to take part in. For example, lunch on Friday; Sunday lunch once month; a walk in the park on a summer afternoon; trips to the cinema, as well as day trips, theatre visits and holidays. All are welcome. We are very friendly and would love to meet new members. For more details contact Mary Loerns on 01277 525093 or Jac Topples on 01277 622158

Parish Easter Cards Many thanks to the Messengers for delivering the parish Easter cards. If you did not receive a card, please contact the parish office on office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk or 01277 624891 and we will check our records. **Parish Registration forms** are in the Church porch. If you moved into our parish recently or changed address or details, please complete a form and return it to the Priest's House. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to Fr Dan.

Easter Sunday: Please note that there is no 5pm Parish Mass on Easter Sunday.

An invitation The Padre Pio Prayer Group invites you to join them at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Brentwood CM14 5SH, for a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy on Mercy Sunday 8th April. Arrival 10.30am for 11am start. Confession available. Mass 3.30pm. Tea and coffee provided but please bring a packed lunch. All welcome. Tel: Claire Wallis on 658783 for more details.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday, 17th April: The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 17th April. If there is anything that you would like discussed at this meeting please speak to Father Dan or to Bryan Ryane, the Chair of the PPC.

Holy Hour for Vocations: On Wednesday, 18th April there will be a special Holy Hour taking place between **7 and 8pm** in the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay, to pray specifically for vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life. During the Holy Hour Father Dan Mason will be giving his testimony about the call which led him to become a priest and we will also be distributing vocations prayer cards with an image designed by one of the pupils from St Peter's Primary School.

Ecumenical Service for Women's World Day of Prayer, postponed from 2nd March due to snow, will be on **Friday 27th April at 10.30am**, at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Great Burstead, followed by light refreshments. It was designed this year by women of Suriname. *All* are welcome.

Welcomers – new rota for Apr/May is in the Church porch.

BAPTISM *Congratulations to the families of Martin Berry, Imogen Alice Raymond and Cairo Francisco João Dias Brandão Mead, who were Baptised in our Church recently. May the Lord help them to bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God.*

MOST HOLY REDEEMER FACEBOOK GROUP: all are welcome to join. It's a great way to be in touch, share news, events and interesting things we've seen online relating to our faith. If you know of an event you want everyone to hear about, post it in the group and invite your friends from the parish. **It helps the Admin of the group if you have already registered with the Parish.** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/586790021360626/>

Flower Ladies coffee morning on Thursday 12th April at 10.30am at Flat 41, Hawkley Court, Chapel St (parking available behind the flats but is limited). If unable to attend please let Teresa know when you are not available, Tel: 652573. New members are most welcome and remember to bring your diaries!

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 28th May 2018. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a registration fee of £30 and a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. If you have your own place in the race, we would love to have you on our team; we won't set a sponsorship target, but any funds you can raise for us would be hugely appreciated. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413

Soapbox Derby: Helpers needed at the Churches Together marquees at Sun Corner during the Soapbox Derby on Bank Holiday **Monday 7th May**. Please see ecumenical notice board in Porch.

Vacancy: Admin Manager (paid position) in the offices of **Holy Family Parish, Benfleet**. 20 hours pw – timing can be negotiated. If you, or any of your family/friends, are interested, contact Fr. Eduard Fartan on 01268 792082 or email priest@holyfamily-church.org for a job description and person specification. You should then send your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date Tuesday 3rd April.

Vacancies: New Hall School – various. See notice board for information.

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School Alumni wish to warmly invite you to a Reunion to be held at the school on Saturday 7th July 2pm-5pm. In order to ensure you are invited to future communications, go to the school website where you will be able to complete a simple form.

“Inspirational Irene”: Booklets about the life of Irene Yarrow are available at the back of the church free of charge.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, email info@catholicsingles.org.uk or visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk