

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



The Resurrection of the Lord - Year B - 30th/31st March 2023

Dear friends,

It is with joy and hope in our hearts that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead and the gift of Himself to all humanity. This is the essence of our Catholic faith and the means through which we truly become children of God.

It is wonderful for us to come together in love and friendship to share the greatest event in the Church's year; this is what it means to be 'the Body of Christ'. It reminds us that faith is principally not a private thing, but something which comes into its own when we are together. We are especially blessed this Easter to welcome Chris Clarke into our parish community. The RCIA team and I, have journeyed with him for the last 13 months and its wonderful to finally receive him into the church.



The Easter story is the reason for the Church's existence; it was this event that would not only inspire and motivate those early disciples to enthusiastically proclaim their belief in Jesus as the living Son of God, but also change many lives in the centuries that followed and shape many different cultures.

The Easter event reminds us of Jesus' ongoing presence with us in and through the Church, the sacraments, through our community and through our endeavours to love and live his words of life. The resurrection is the fulfilment of God's promise that he would be with us always. We are so blessed that the greatest love, through which all things came to be, seeks to embrace us, and lead us into the unfolding of God's kingdom, which can happen, here and now – if we allow it. The 'allowing' can only happen if we take the pathway of descent, pushing aside our own agendas and letting God do His work of transformation within us.

Thus, it is our hope that as we journey through life we will be touched by moments of resurrection, moments of new life that will transform us and deepen our faith, hope, and love.

God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to His followers who had begun to lose their hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold. May the light of the risen Lord dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts so that we may recognise His presence among us and faithfully follow Him, who is our life and joy. Grant this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

From darkness comes light, from death comes life. I pray that this will be a living reality for all of us, and especially those who suffer as a result of warfare or violence around the world.

Wishing you and your loved ones Easter joy and peace!

Fr Brett

30th MARCH - 5th APRIL 2024

The Resurrection of the Lord (Year B)

Saturday 30th		Holy Saturday
	8.00pm	Terry Alexander RIP; Intentions of Dianne Alexander (Charlotte, Stuart and Ava-Rose)
Sunday 31st		The Resurrection of the Lord
<i>*St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay</i>	8.45am*	Private Intentions of Ted and Anne Brown
<i>Youth/Family Mass</i>	10.45am	For All Parishioners
Monday 1st		Monday within the Octave of Easter
	10.00am	Mrs Margaret Collins RIP (Serena and Brian Fitzgerald)
Tuesday 2nd		Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
<i>*St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay</i>	9.15am	A Special Intention (Joan and Tony McDonald)
Wednesday 3rd		Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
	11.30am	Thanksgiving for Remission of Stage 4 Cancer of my Husband (Margaret Brown)
Thursday 4th		Thursday within the Octave of Easter
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 5th		Friday within the Octave of Easter
	9.15am	Tina Kentish RIP <i>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12noon, with the Rosary being said at 11.30am.</i>



6th APRIL - 14th APRIL 2024

Second Sunday of Easter (Year B) - Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday 6th		
Youth Mass	6.00pm	Intentions of Kaz O'Malley
Sunday 7th		Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
<i>*St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay</i>	8.45am*	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Godfrey Wade RIP and James McDonnell RIP (Marcelle Wade) The Annunciation of the Lord
Monday 8th	9.15am	Sheila Norton RIP - Recently Deceased (Caroline and Anthony O'Leary)
Tuesday 9th		Feria
<i>*St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay</i>	9.15am	Sheila Rosalind Carradus RIP (Ted and Anne Brown)
Wednesday 10th		Feria
	11.30am	May and Percy Castle RIP (Tony and Liz Castle)
Thursday 11th		St. Stanislaus
	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 12th		Friday after the Second Sunday of Easter
	9.15am	Intentions of George and Brigit Finch (Mary and Chris)
Saturday 13th		
	6pm	Francis Rainey RIP (The Shead Family)
Sunday 14th		Third Sunday of Easter
	8.45am	For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Marcelle Duncan RIP - Remembering Marcelle on her birthday (Malcolm and Family)

New to the Parish? Please go to our website and fill in your details and Fr. Brett will contact you in due course.

If you, or someone you know, would like Communion at home, please contact the Office.

669 PARISH FUNDRAISING GROUP

669 are organising a Parish Fundraising evening at The Polash Indian Restaurant, West Road, Shoeburyness.

Date - Tuesday 16th April

Time - 7.00pm

Cost - £25 per person

During the evening, there will be good food, great company and the obligatory Raffle.

If you would like to join us for the evening please contact - Suzanne Halvey or Brian Lish,

suzehalvey@hotmail.com

Please let us know ASAP as we need to confirm numbers by Friday 12th April. We thank you all for your support and look forward to seeing you ☺🙏🙏.

PARISH THANK YOU PARTY

On Saturday 13th April, following the 6pm Mass, there will be a party in the hall, with food and drink, for anyone who helps out at all in the Parish. (Ushers, Altar Servers, Cleaners, Gardeners, Choirs/Musicians, Catechists, Ministers etc.)

PLEASE, PLEASE let us know if you are coming. We are getting outside Caterers in and they need to know numbers by this week!

300 CLUB NEWS!

The results of the 300 Club March Draw are as follows:

1st Donald Braybrook £50.00

2nd Graham Alcock £20.00

3rd Paul Schofield £15.00

Congratulations to you all!

Not too late to enter. Forms available in the porches of both churches, or from the Office.

ROSARY GROUP

We will be on an Easter break and will resume on Tuesday 9th April at 3.30 All welcome 🙏

OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK

Please note that Sharon will be spending her time next week recovering from the fact that Fr. Brett has worked a full week, so the office will be closed. Fr. Brett will gladly deal with anything spiritual, but office stuff will generally get left for the one who knows what she is doing (most of the time)...



The office will be open as follows:-
Tuesday 9th April: 8am - 6.00pm
(lunch from 11am for an appointment)
Wednesday 10th April: Closed
Thursday 11th April: 8am - 4pm
Friday 12th April: 1pm—4pm

COFFEE MORNING

No Coffee Morning this weekend, but next weekend, the 7th April, there will be a McEvoy's Freebie, where tea, coffee and biscuits are on the house!

All are very welcome to come in after the 10.45am Mass.

On the 14th April, Engracia will be raising money for Cancer Research—a cause close to many of our hearts.

HANGING BASKETS

I'm not actively involved in the Plant stall on the day of the upcoming Summer Fayre, but I'm willing to support the new team with some colourful hanging baskets, but sadly I don't have any empty baskets available myself! If anyone has any unwanted, nearly new, or baskets in good condition, it would be really helpful and appreciated. If so, please message me on 07766380135. The hanging baskets are always very popular on the day!

Many thanks in advance.

Margaret Munson 

COMMUNION IN YOUR PEW

If your mobility is not so good and you require Communion brought to your pew, speak with an Usher.

EASTER OFFERING FOR THE PRIEST

The collection taken over the Easter Sunday Masses is an opportunity for you to make your own personal Easter offering to the priest. Together with the Christmas collection, this forms his main income for the year. If you have gift-aid envelopes, you will find a purple envelope marked "Easter Sunday" amongst the sequence of your other gift-aid envelopes. Please use this envelope for your offering. If you pay by cheque, then please make it payable to "Catholic Church Shoeburyness"; your offering will still make its way to Fr Brett.

If you support the parish community by paying through a *Standing Order*, then please note that this money does not form part of the Easter offering to the priest, but goes to the parish.

Thank you for your kindness and support.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last week came to £580.70 excluding any Gift Aid or Standing Orders.

Thank you!

SVP FOODBANK APPEAL

Pope Francis asks us 'not to forget the hungry and marginalised'.

As part of our Offertory gifts at each Mass, we include a small basket of food, which represent our donations to the SVP, and reminding us to support the needy.

Can you remember to bring at least ONE item with you when you attend Mass. Just leave them in the porch and Caroline and Anthony or Charlotte will deliver.

Details of their food requirements are available on the [St. Vincent's Centre Southend Facebook page](#).

Packet and Tinned Meals/Veg; Tea Bags, Coffee, Sugar, UHT Milk, Toiletries - you name it, they usually



CARITAS BRENTWOOD

NETWORKING DAY

Interested in the Catholic response to homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, assisting with the Cost of Living Crisis, or tackling the causes and effects of climate change? You are invited to the 2024 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, Saturday 27th April, 10am – 2.30pm, at the St Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford (10-minute walk from Romford Station on the Elizabeth line, Bus routes from London are regular, parking is available but limited and a bike rack is also on site). This day is a chance to be sustained, share ideas and good practices with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. Details and Registration at www.caritasbrentwood.org/network
If you are interested in coming along, please email Sharon in the Office.

Spend 3 months in Palestine and Israel

MONITORING HUMAN RIGHTS

**FULL TRAINING GIVEN
EXPENSES COVERED
LIVING ALLOWANCE PROVIDED**

FINAL CLOSING DATE: 14 APRIL 2024 at 5PM

- Monitor human rights abuses for the UN and others
- Stand in solidarity with Palestinian and Israeli peace activists in the West Bank
- Advocate for justice, equality and an end to the military occupation of Palestine

For more info visit: quaker.org.uk/applyeappi



EAPPIUK & Ireland



As we journey through Holy Week, and look for hope in the Resurrection, I ask you to keep the people of Gaza, the West Bank and Israel in your prayers.

We continue to work with our partners: Catholic Relief Services, Sadaka Reut, Caritas Jerusalem, Hotline for Refugees and Migrants, Jerusalem Legal Aid Centre and our local Gazan partner who we cannot name for security reasons. They are clear that with your support, they can continue to provide practical help to families in Gaza right now. Thank you for all you do to make this work possible.

During this holy time, we are united in prayer with Pope Francis and all those who pray that peace may prevail in all hearts. Every person is a child of God, and we must do all we can to be alongside our brothers and sisters of all faiths living through violence, fear and destruction.

I invite you to [add your name as a sign of your prayers](#), which we will share with our trusted partners who are responding to this terrible crisis. I know that they will appreciate your prayers and take comfort from them. **Elizabeth Funnell** - CAFOD Country Programmes Rep. Middle East

A prayer for peace in Israel and Gaza

Christ, Prince of Peace,
hear our prayer and lament,
for our suffering sisters and brothers.
Our hearts are heavy as we witness lives torn apart,
as we see the faces of frightened children
and hear the pleas of those without water or food.

We pray for the dead and the grieving,
for the injured and the afraid.
We pray for courage and perseverance,
for those working for healing and to bring aid.
We pray for world leaders,
that they may strive for a just and lasting peace.

God of new beginnings,
in your ways are compassion and hope.
Open our hearts to dialogue and understanding.
Lead us all to answer your call
to become peacemakers
today, and all the days of our life.

Amen.

YOUTH 2000 LONDON RETREAT DAY:

Come and See.

Youth 2000 are running a retreat day for young adults (16-35) on 11th May at Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon. It is jam-packed one day event, where people come together as a community of young adults in prayer and friendship. The retreat is an invitation to come as you are, and to come and see who Jesus is and what He can do in your life. The cost £25 and more information can be found at: <https://www.youth2000.org/events/london2024>

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR 2024/25

NOW READY FOR COLLECTION

The new gift aid envelopes (both for weekly donors and standing order users) are available for collection at the back of the church. They come into use the Sunday after Easter so please do collect them as soon as possible. If you are unable to find yours please contact Paul Driscoll on either 07847 469583 or pdstmoldboys@blueyonder.co.uk

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A JOURNEY INTO WHOLENESS WITH GOD

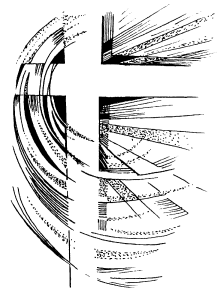
The cross is the measure of Christ's love for us. This love has the power to heal and save. The cross is an act of love, both on the part of the Father who sent his only son to save us, and on Jesus' part, who lays down his life in love. Jesus disregards the shame of the cross and goes through suffering, not around it.

Likewise, God sends us on the path towards wholeness not by eliminating obstacles, but by making use of them.

The focus of Christian healing is an invitation to go on a journey into wholeness with God. A key part of healing is the ability to recognise and forgive our own shadow side. The full journey towards wholeness includes the negative experiences (the cross) that we usually reject.

The resurrection is the ultimate healing of our humanity. It restores humanity to its fullness.

Annie O'Connor *Healing Through the Life, Death and Resurrection of Christ*



NEWS FROM OUR TWINNED PARISH OF MPULUZI, SOUTH AFRICA

(Words and photos from Fr. Gerald Gostling)



Celebrating the Fifth Sunday of Lent in Embalenhle Township.



Below—The bigger one is due for Confirmation, and has been with us since he was 2 years old.



With my friend, Archbishop William Slattery retired, from Pretoria.



VACANCIES AT ST BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL

Pastoral Support Assistant—Five Days Per Week, Term Time Only, 8.00am – 4.00pm Scale 7 –12 (£24,294 – £26,421)
(Pro rata actual salary £20,827 – £22,650)

We are looking for a positive, enthusiastic and approachable professional to support Heads of Year and work alongside Learning Mentors supporting identified students.

For more details see their website:

<https://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

Full-Time Receptionist

Five Days Per Week, Term Time Only Plus Two Weeks, 8.30am – 4.30pm Scale 7-12 (£24,294 - £26,421) / pro rata actual salary £21,852 - £23,766)

The Receptionist will be the face of the school, as the first point of contact either by phone or once on site. If you are interested in becoming part of the team, please fill in a non-teaching application form found on our website under <https://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

Exam Invigilators - use same link as above for more details.

EVENTS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

Sunday 28th April 2024 1.30pm - KSC Charity Lunch at the Basilica Restaurant, 65 Hamlet Court Road Westcliff - This is to raise funds for BCCS. Total cost £25.00 per person for a 3 course meal. The meal will include a talk on the work of BCCS, a fundraising raffle and a personal appearance by "Teddy Jim" who is one of BCCS's fundraising Bears.

Saturday 25th May 2024 - KSC are running a coach trip for The Brentwood Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Total cost for the return trip is £20.00 per person. At present they are picking up at St. Peter's Eastwood but if there

are sufficient numbers from other parishes additional pick up points may be able to be accommodated.

***If you are interested in either of the above events, please contact the Parish Office and Sharon will be able to pass on more information, or contact Ian Burden of the KSC directly:
Tel: 07503 465249 or email:
ian.burden1@btinternet.com***



BCYS YOUTH MASS—THURSDAY

4TH APRIL

Celebrating the Easter week with a Praise and Worship Music Work- shop.

Meet in Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza and refreshments, before being lead in a music workshop with Art Wangcharoensab from the Cathedral music department.

Singing is a wonderful way of praying together, sharing our talents and celebrating our faith, particularly in the joyful week following Easter Sunday! You are welcome to sing, bring an instrument or just listen! At 7:30, Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral, where you are also welcome to sing, play, read or serve (just bring along an alb or instrument.) All information can be found at www.bcys.net

Absolutely everyone is welcome!

BARGAIN!

Used John Lewis 'Alexa Tear Drop Ceiling Light Pendant'.
Was £325 when new.
Yours, for a donation to parish funds. Contact
Brian: bfitzg6306@sky.com



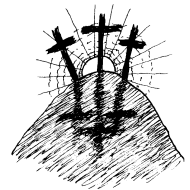
Easter reminds us that hope should never be lost for as dark the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. May all your prayers be fulfilled and may wonderful blessings be upon you and all your loved ones on this very special day. Happy Easter.

Read, Love and Learn



A FINAL THOUGHT...

A Liturgy that Never Ends... What we do in our liturgy spills over into our lives. We put into practice what our mouths confess. We lay our claim to God's eternal promises. That's why the Three Day Feast is something not to be missed. We need to be enriched and encouraged by the Holy Spirit working through our worship. Our parish needs to feel that sense of community which comes about when we all gather to form the Body of Christ that we are. The Triduum is about the falling and rising of our everyday affairs, about the life and death decisions we have to make. And it never really ends because our lives continue...



ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

Please remember the following :

† Marjorie Quinn, Hilda Skingle, Helen Rant, Peggy Townsend, Irene Hayward, Lee Walsh, Albert Carter, Walter Whittam, Alice McAry, Colin Parrish, Canon Toft, Fr. Roberts, Bernard Fitzgerald, Ellen and Frank Nathaniel Paice, Michael Sullivan, Trenear Michell, Leslie Townsend, Sr. Margaret Mary O.C., Edgar Butcher, Stanley Blotnys, F. Sleznikas, Florence Weller, Winnifred Manning, James Lowe, Millicent Powling, Kathleen Fotherby, Pat Kenna, Mary Tobin, Bernard Clark, Pam Hatch, Marianne Harcourt, Patricia Key, Olive Phillips, Brian Woodcock, Robert Crothers, Julia Carlile, Michael Fallon, Johanna Howlett, Maureen Reeves, Kenneth Shuhan, Mary Hulbert, Pamela Chambers, Mona Reid, Amalia Zamora, Winifred Burke, John McManus, Vasia Brown, Teresa Malone, John Dodd, Jack Hanley, Maria Dicks, John Dodson, Conrad Douglas-Mackenzie, Kitty and Norman Grange, Severino d'Andrea, Joanna Chisholm, John Pegler, Carmel Collis, Dominic Bann, Lindiwe Ncube, Michael Jackson, Darren Case, Jack Stennett, Sheila Edwards†

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If you know of anyone housebound who would want Communion at home, please let us know.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound in our parish, as well as our friends and family.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.

Amen.



Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers

Office Hours - Office closed this week

Re-opening again on Tuesday 9th April

Hall Bookings: 292726 in office hours

Gift Aid: Jim Filmer. Tel. 07775 898409

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