

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead:

Francis Brennan

May he rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Henry Taylor, Carmen Cilia, Chu Chin Ooi, Saunders Wilkie, Mary Wilkinson, Sarah Saunders, Reece Doyley, James Cavanagh, Patricia Biggs, Carlton Hayes, Rosina Marshall, Sister Margaret O'Brien, Sister Conrad McCarthy, Thelma Fogg, Helen O'Donovan, Hazel Wilding, Anna Ayles, Anne Newton, James Brown, Sr Madeleine Carey, John (Sean) Gilligan, Oluwarotimi Olateju, Colin Taylor, Julia Harris.

Mass Timetable Week 18th April

All our services are live streamed

Monday & Wednesday

Open for 10am Mass

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

8am Mass no public
live streamed ONLY and recorded

Saturday

Open for Mass at 10am & 6pm

Sunday

This week at 9am & 11am
(The 11am Mass is recorded)

*Bookings to attend mass will no longer be
required from 24th April*

The Sunday Mass times are currently
subject to review and are likely to
change in May We will keep you
updated via the website and emails.

**Remember when attending Mass
that there is a one system in
operation and the stewards will
direct you to a seat**

Please wear a facemask, sanitise your
hands, observe appropriate distancing
& follow the instructions of the
Stewards.

Confessions

Are taking place by Appointment.



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Third Sunday of Easter (B)

18th April 2021

Like the first group of disciples, we gather in joy to celebrate the reality of the physical resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We come to encounter the risen Lord and to witness to our faith.

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Peter proclaims the good news that God raised Jesus from the dead for our forgiveness.

Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5

Jesus is the sacrifice who takes our sins away.

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

The disciples are stupefied to encounter a very physical Jesus, risen from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

PEACE
BE
WITH
YOU

Towards a new 'normal'

We are all waiting with some anxiety to know how the past week's relaxation of restrictions will turn out. Incidence of covid-infection is rising in Redbridge. We are warned not to abandon cautions. The primary and over-riding concern of our parish is that no one shall come to any harm from joining us at mass and parish activities. Our Health and Safety committee is well equipped with medical and social expertise. Their verdict this week is that we need to hear again the precautions that are absolutely necessary. Face masks must be worn. Since we friars are bubbling we can dispense with them on the sanctuary for no one else climbs the steps except for access to the ambo. Distancing must be observed. We have become careless about gathering in the porch and failures to keep a distance. Please listen to the stewards' instructions and obey them.

More benches?

It was wonderful to see more families coming back last weekend. We are trying to maximise the number of people we can safely accommodate. We heard a proposal to provide more seating by adjusting position of the benches. Other churches do it we are told. But when we looked we found no way that respected the distancing needed. As I write we are looking to introduce another mass each Sunday, but first we need to find ministers of communion, readers and stewards who will provide the service needed. It is possible that masses will be at 8.30, 10 and 11.30 as soon as next Sunday. Watch the web.

Web update

Two recently added articles on our website are - 1) Easter Reflection; 2) Franciscan Prayer (a reflection in isolation?) both by Fr Austin. These articles can be found on our homepage.

Parish Pastoral Council

We have not met for some months. But the members have in different degree been active and some very active. Now it is time to try to meet, and we will do so at 8pm on Monday by zoom. I am reminded that we are a *Pastoral Council*. Pope Francis says we priests should "have the smell of the sheep around them". Dare I say it is the same for our PP Councillors: sleeves rolled up, feeding, guiding protecting, searching for the lost and healing? Each of the component elements of the parish is coming under review, and already some volunteers are coming forward. Spring is in the air.

London Citizens Assembly, Wednesday 28th April, 6pm - 7:30pm

Why bother? Five years ago we saw the then candidates put in the dock to answer questions about their commitment to identified social issues. The sheer weight of numbers courteously posing the questions, narrowing the potential for squirming out of their promises was impressive and effective. We need to do it again. By registering to join in you can make your contribution. Our parish has been a leader in the work of Telco – a constituent part of London Citizens. Last time we sent 2 busloads. Can we match that figure with a simple engagement in a zoom? Pope Francis is telling us to engage in projects just like this. To promote the common good.

REGISTER: <https://applecartarts.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173609526>

Mass Intentions

Sunday 18th April

People of the parish
Liz Martin sick
J Sanderskov RIP

Monday 19th April

Chu Chin anniversary
Allen Charles RIP
Bernard O'Leary RIP

Tuesday 20th April

Maureen Orders & family
John Maton RIP
Holy Souls

Wednesday 21st April

George Leworthy RIP
Miley & Family
Bernard O'Leary RIP

Thursday 22nd April

Bertie & Pat D'Souza RIP
Esther Sheahan v ill
Trinity intentions

Friday 23rd April

Martin Loughran RIP
Sean McLoughlin intentions

Saturday 24th April

Michael Butterworth RIP
Lillian Jenkins RIP
Sr Catherine Collins

Sunday 25th April

People of the parish
Catherine Gaughan anniversary
Kathleen Hanley sick

Retiring Collections

Thank you for your generous donations for the Holy Land which was in excess of £400.

Next weekend there will be a basket for donations for the promotion of vocations.

Job Vacancy

Chigwell Convent is currently looking for a temporary part-time manager (approx. 25 hrs/wk). There is the possibility of this becoming a permanent position. For more details please contact Sr Maria at chigwellmanager@sacredheartsjm.org

Childminder needed

A parishioner is seeking child-minding assistance from June for a 8 month old baby. Contact Georgina on 07886707096.

Confirmations 2021

We are pleased to note that our confirmation candidates have completed the preparation programme with Fr Michael O'Kane and the Catechists and will receive this special sacrament in May. Confirmations cards are available from the parish office.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations 25 April

Are you a single committed Catholic aged 18 - 43, female and male, of any nationality, who may ponder a possible vocation to the Religious Life as a brother and sister; perhaps called to the ordained ministry? On 25 April we have World Day of Prayer for Vocations, so let us pray especially that more may consider these ways of service in the Church from our families and parish communities! Perhaps, yourself or someone you know? If you need guidance on this, please speak with one of the Friars or via vocations@friar.org