

## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday 29th April—St Catherine of Siena**

9.00 a.m. MASS - John Docherty RIP and Carmel Docherty INT

**Tuesday 30th April**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Wednesday 1st May**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Thursday 2nd May— St Athanasius**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Friday 3rd May—SS Philp and James, Apostles**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Saturday 4th May—the English Martyrs**

**NO MORNING MASS**

10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. CONFESSIONS

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Esther Godden RIP

**Sunday 5th May 6th Sunday off Easter**

9.30 a.m. MASS - Dick Warren RIP

11.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish

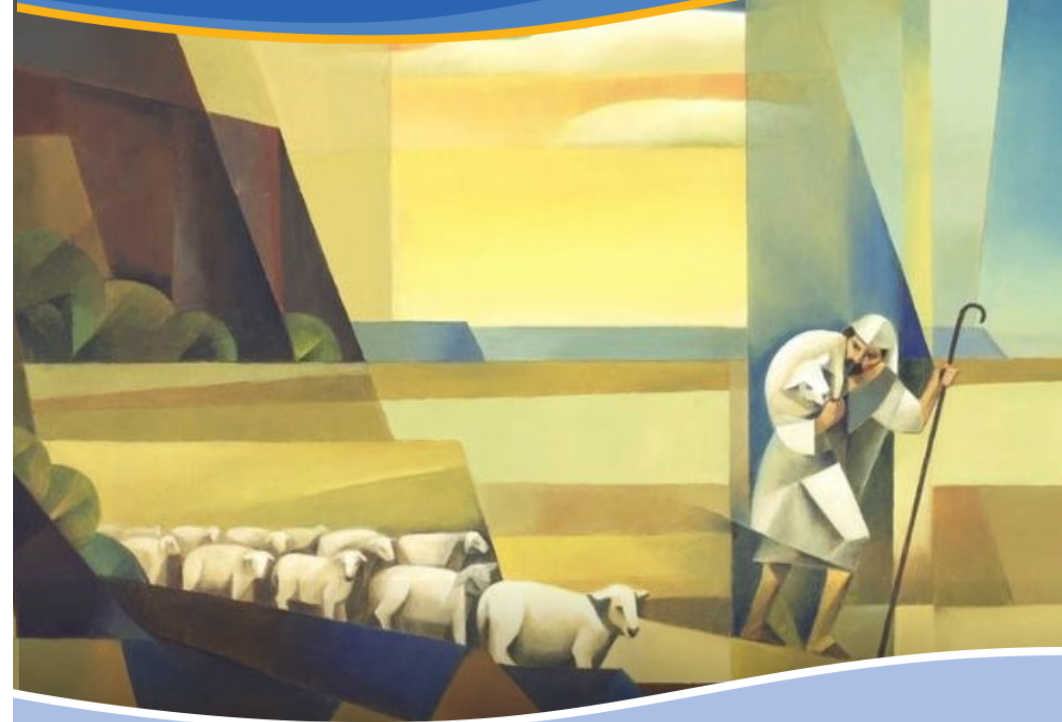
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**4th Sunday of Easter— Good Shepherd Sunday**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

**21st April 2024**

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## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

**GOOD SHEPHERD “VOCATIONS” SUNDAY** The Church invites us to reflect on being called (the word ‘vocation’ comes from the Latin word *vocare*, which means to call): the sheep follow a shepherd because they know his voice. That call is made to each one of you by the Good Shepherd, Jesus. It is a call that only you can respond to and follow.

Our journey through life in response to God’s loving purpose for us is different from one person to the next. Some of us live out our vocation in a particular way such as by being married and having a family. Others will live in a religious community. Many people respond to the call to holiness through the work they do, perhaps as a teacher or in a caring profession. There are as many ways of hearing God’s call and answering it as there are people on this earth. Our responsibility as Christians is to listen to God’s word and hear how he is calling us individually.

We will always need priests and religious as signs of the Kingdom to which we all aspire and to be of service to the Church and the world through sacraments and ministry. If you are single please take the time to discern whether the Lord is calling you in these ways of being his disciple. If you think the voice of the Good Shepherd is calling you in this way, come and have a chat with Fr Martin or speak to another priest or religious.

For more information go to [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org)

*To assist the promotion of vocations in our own Diocese there will be a retiring collection at the end of Mass today.*

**THIS NEWSLETTER** covers the two week period 21 April–5th May.

**PLEASE NOTE** that Fr Martin will be attending the ordination to the priesthood of Brother Simon Piatkowski at Pluscarden Abbey, Scotland from Friday 26–29th April. From 30th April–3rd May, there is a residential meeting for all the priests of the Diocese that has been called by Bishop Alan.

## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASSES THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK**

**21st April - 4th Sunday Of Easter**

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - John Francis Duffy RIP  
9.30 a.m. MASS - Michael McCarthy RIP  
11.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish  
6.30 p.m. MASS - Santo Confessore RIP

**Monday 22nd April**

9.00 a.m. MASS - Marie Francis RIP

**Tuesday 23rd April— St George, Martyr**

9.00 a.m. MASS - Special Intentions  
**11.00 a.m. FUNERAL MASS of Rose O’Donaghue**

**Wednesday 24th April—St Melitus**

9.00 a.m. MASS - Norman Ford RIP

**Thursday 25th April—St Mark, Evangelist**

9.00 a.m. MASS - Reginald & Jean Davis RIP

**Friday 26th April**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Saturday 27th April**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Confessions 5.00–6.00 p.m.**

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Sheila Crawley RIP

**28th April 5th Sunday of Easter**

9.30 a.m. MASS - Mary Burns RIP  
11.30 a.m. MASS - Hugh Francis & Alzira Rita D’Souza RIP  
6.30 p.m. MASS - People of Parish

**ON SATURDAY 4TH MAY 2024** at 1.30 p.m. at St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays, Canon Brian O'Shea, who has served in this parish in the past, celebrates his Golden Jubilee of ordination. All are welcome. Please email [N.Chinnon@sky.com](mailto:N.Chinnon@sky.com) if you intend to come for the purpose of numbers and catering.

#### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 25TH MAY 2024**

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come, please contact the parish office.

### **USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS**

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**CALLING ALL BAKERS AND CAKE LOVERS - YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP** Our next cake sale is after the 9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 28th April. Can you help please by baking something or just simply coming along to enjoy a coffee after Mass and take something home for tea? It's a great opportunity to get together and maybe meet some new people. Thank you!

**QUIZ NIGHT** The Social Committee are organising a Quiz Night on Saturday 18th May at 7.45 p.m. in the parish centre. Tables of 4 to 8 people. Tickets are £8 per person. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will be refreshments and a raffle. Gather your brains and your friends and help us raise money for the parish centre and for our nominated local charity, Eden's Trust. To book your place, please email [events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com](mailto:events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com)

**EASTER RAFFLE** Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Raffle. A fantastic £1,866.50 was raised which will go to the upkeep of the Parish Centre and also 25% to Eden's Trust.

**A NEW PARISH WEBSITE** is presently being developed. We hope that it will provide users with an attractive and informative "encounter" with the life of our parish community. In order to give users an impression of the diversity of that life, we want to use photos both of the community and individual portraits of parishioners. We are very grateful to Greg Gumbrell, a professional photographer and member of our community, who has kindly agreed to take these photos but we need your help.

On Sunday May 5th, Greg will take photos of the whole community during the celebration of Mass. At the end of Mass, he will also ask for individuals to volunteer to stay behind and have a simple portrait photo taken. We are looking for young and old and every age in between; every cultural background to show the rich diversity of our community. Some of these photos will then be used on the website.

If there are parishioners who do not wish to have their photo taken for any reason, they will be invited to sit in an area of the Church where Greg will not take photos.

**ROME MAY 2025 UPDATE** After asking you to put your names forward for your choice of dates for a parish pilgrimage to Rome, next May in the Holy year, the majority of you preferred the dates of the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

We now need to proceed with this and get it booked up. The cost for four nights in a single room is £645 and for those sharing is £575. This does not include flights. What is included is 4 nights bed and breakfast with supper on the day of arrival and lunch on the day of departure, all transport to and from the airports in both countries, entrance fee to the Catacombs, a full itinerary with tickets for the Papal audience and opportunities to visit all the major sites with a visit to The English College and their summer residence Palazzola, daily Mass. All Mass offerings, tips and gratuities are also included. The flights have not yet been released, but are likely to be up to £300 per person with luggage but may indeed be considerably less than that.

If this suits your budget, then to book your place please provide you name and email number or contact at the back of church and we will contact you on how to collect a deposit and what happens next. Please note prices have been based on a certain minimum number travelling and may be subject to a small change.

**LAETARE WEEKEND AND THE FOLLOW UP** The importance of ensuring that welcome and hospitality is central in the life of our community.

Do you have any practical suggestions as to how we might ensure that everyone might receive a warm welcome and feel recognised? Would you like to be part of the conversation and help shape this vital aspect of our parish life?

If so there will be an informal meeting on Saturday 8th June 9.00–10.30 a.m. in the parish centre to think a little more deeply about the quality of our “welcome” in the parish. All are welcome.

**SICK LIST** A list of the sick and housebound can be found at the entrance to the Church.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place on Friday mornings from 9.30 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. and Friday evenings from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS** every Saturday morning 10-11.00 a.m. Please check newsletter for any changes.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** marks the beginning of a child’s relationship with Christ. This is also an opportunity for parents to thank God for the gift of their child and to strengthen or rekindle their own relationship with Christ by the practice of their faith, that is, by coming into Christ’s presence at the celebration of Sunday Mass. If you wish to have your child baptised, please phone the parish office and register for the next two formation sessions. You will be asked to confirm that, at least, one parent is a Catholic and that you are living in the parish. Parents must attend both formation sessions. This formation is for parents of babies, including those not yet born. If your child is 7 or over, they will have to be prepared in an alternative, age appropriate way.

The next formation sessions will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Thursday evenings: *25th April and 2nd May*. Registration is from 7.45 p.m. with an 8.00 p.m. start.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** Thursday 25th April from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre.

#### **PARISH FINANCES PAYMENT METHOD**

Contributions to the parish can be made online via the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=wanstead](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=wanstead) or by scanning the QR code shown here with your smartphone and selecting “General Offertory.” You can also pay by standing order or bank transfer. If you are a taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donations. Any queries, please contact Bob Fox at [wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org](mailto:wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org).



**NOTE:** Could Mr Richard Novak please contact the parish office to confirm his address.