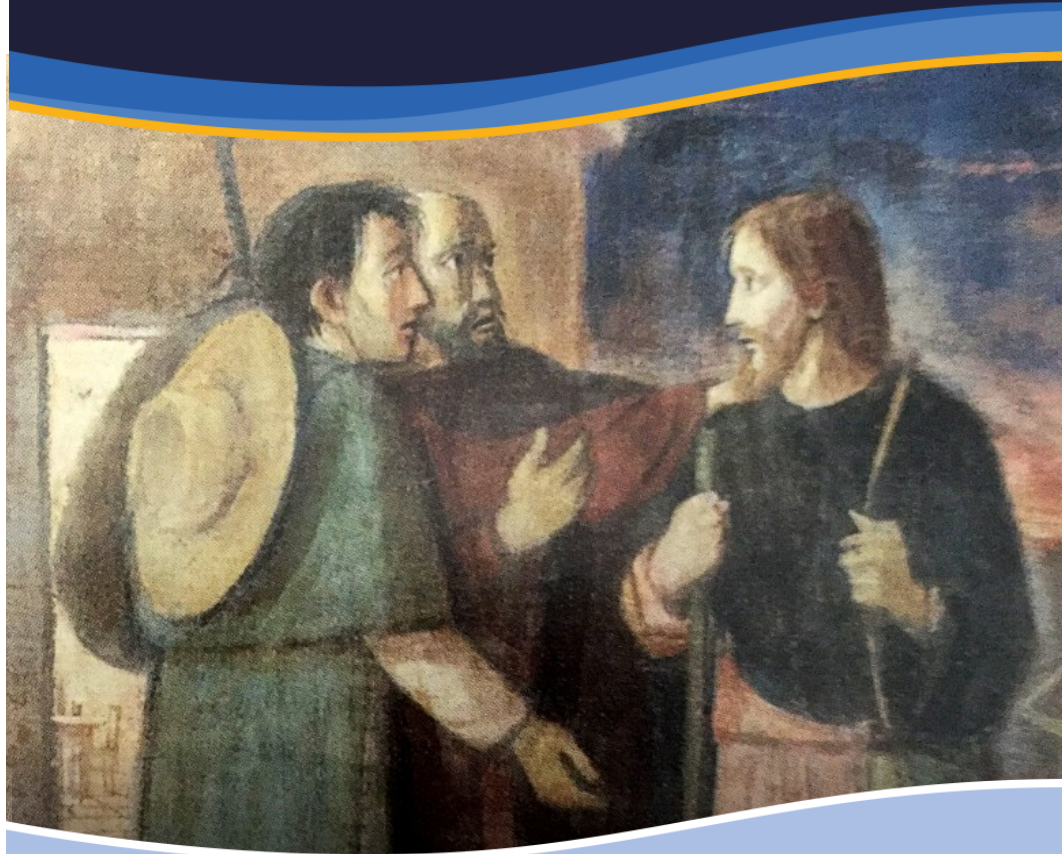




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## **3rd Sunday Easter—5th Sunday Easter**

19 April 2026—3rd May

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## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

**Front Cover Image:** “Stay with us, it is late” by the Italian artist, Luigi Filocamo, 1960. “As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.” *Luke 24: 28 -29*

**GOOD SHEPHERD “VOCATIONS” SUNDAY** on 26th April. Every person has a personal vocation, a way that God calls an individual to live their lives as a disciple. As St Pope John Paul II said

*“Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation!”*

Discerning our vocation is key to understanding who we are and our deepest purpose in life. If you wish to consider what definite service the Lord may have in mind for you go to:

[www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) or [www.brentwoodvocations.co.uk](http://www.brentwoodvocations.co.uk)

***There will be a retiring collection on this Sunday to promote the work of vocations in our Diocese.  
Many thanks in advance for your generosity.***

### **STRONGER TOGETHER IN CHRIST: YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

Centred on Christ, this is an informal space where young adults (18 - 35 years), single or married, can connect with other young adult Catholics, deepen their Catholic Faith and support one another in living their faith with pride and joy.

**The group will next meet in Clergy House on Sunday 26 April at 3.30-4.45 p.m. All very welcome. Just come along.**

Any queries, contact Nilani at [nilani90\\_7@hotmail.com](mailto:nilani90_7@hotmail.com)

**HOLY COMMUNION MASSES** During these coming weeks some of our parish children will receive Holy Communion for the first time in their lives. Please pray for them and their families. May they continue to deepen their relationship with Christ who nourishes them with His divine life in the Eucharist.

Thank you to those men and women in the parish who prepared our children for this great gift of Our Lord's Body and Blood. Not only did they give so generously of their time but, above all, they witnessed by their own faith and care of our children.

### **CARITAS: OUR LADY OF LOURDES JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

This is a new group within the parish that aims by concrete actions to promote and actualize the rich Social Teaching of the Catholic Church.

On Saturday, 7th March, Caritas Brentwood hosted its fourth annual Networking Day here in our parish. The afternoon brought together parishioners, volunteers and charity partners from across Essex and East London to share ideas, learn from one another and celebrate the many ways people are responding to need in their local communities.

For more about the Networking day go to [www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/2026-networking/](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/2026-networking/)

The next meeting of our Caritas parish group will be on **Saturday 16th May 9.00 - 12 noon** in the parish centre. This will be an opportunity to decide on social justice initiatives that our parish can support in practical ways.

If you have a heart for justice and peace issues, just come along.

**MASS FOR MIGRANTS** on Monday 4th May 12 noon at St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate E7 9QB Main celebrant: Bishop Alan Williams Preacher: Cardinal Richard Moth. For more information [www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/migrants-mass-2026/](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/migrants-mass-2026/)

*If you wish to go and travel with Fr Martin to Forest Gate, please meet at Wanstead Tube Station at 11.00 a.m.*

**PRAYER AND MEDITATION** group meets in the Pastoral Centre every Tuesday from 10.50 to 11.50 a.m.

**TEA, COFFEE** and games for children after every 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Come and join us in the parish centre. If you would like to join the tea and coffee team, please speak to one of them after Sunday Mass.

**OUR PARISH DECEASED:** Please pray for the souls of

*DAVID AMATO* whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 21st April at 10.30 a.m. followed by committal at the City of London at 11.30 a.m.

*TEODOZJA FOREMSKI* whose Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 24th April at 11.00 a.m. followed by committal at the City of London at 12.30 p.m.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are holding a Rosary every Tuesday during the month of May, members will start at 7pm each Tuesday and all are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre. Each week we will dedicate the Rosary for special intentions:

First week: Vocations to Priesthood

Second week: Vocations to Religious life

Third week: The Sanctity of life and Peace in our world

Fourth Week: The Faithful Departed & The People of the Parish.

**A BIG THANK YOU** from the *Social Committee* to everyone who supported the Easter Raffle and many congratulations to the winners. The Raffle raised the fantastic sum of £810. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**BAKE SALE** after the 9.30 a.m. Mass on 10th May—Please come and join us for tea/coffee and cake after Mass. If you would like to make some cakes, donations will be gratefully received. Please drop them into the Pastoral Centre before the 9.30 Mass.

**WINE TASTING 16TH MAY 8 til 10PM** Get a table of friends and family and come and enjoy tasting 7 wines organised by Theatre of Wine. Tickets £24, table nibbles provided but feel free to bring your own food. To book and for more info please call 07977 863362 or email [events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com](mailto:events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com)

Please visit the Repository after Sunday Masses where we have a collection of cards, rosaries, booklets etc., available.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027** takes place in Seoul from August 3-8 next year. This gathering of young people with the Pope happens every three years in a different part of the world. It's an opportunity for them to meet each other, share their experiences, deepen their faith and renew their commitment to Christ [www.wydseoul.org/en](http://www.wydseoul.org/en)

A group of young men and women from our Diocese will be travelling with the *Brentwood Catholic Youth Service* to Seoul. Among them will be Justin Vaitulevicius, one of our senior altar servers. He will be representing our parish at World Youth Day.

But we need to support his fundraising efforts to raise some £3000 that will cover the costs of flights, accommodation, food, etc. The Wanstead Knights of St Columba already have some fundraising initiatives in mind.

Let us get behind Justin in these coming months and do everything we can to make sure that he is at *World Youth Day* as our parish representative, lifting our community to Almighty God.

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT:** From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again - Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) [+44 797 338 0443](tel:+447973380443)

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** 17th-24th July led by Bishop Alan Williams. For more information on the pilgrimage and those requiring care and support, please contact Deidre Pembroke on 07977 071128 email: [lourdes@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:lourdes@dioceseofbrentwood.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 on 25th July to 1st August or 1st to 8th August.

Application details can be found on leaflet at the entrances to church or visit <https://boscocamp.co.uk>.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE RUNNING, WORK AND MISSION OF THE PARISH** by giving using any of the following ways:

- The easiest way to give is by setting up a regular Standing Order: [www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/offerings-and-donations/](http://www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/offerings-and-donations/)
  - By scanning the QR code shown here with your smartphone
  - Online DONATE via the Diocesan website [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net)
  - Using the digital collection plate (DCP) in the main entrance.
- If you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering:***  
[www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/gift-aid/](http://www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/gift-aid/)



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# WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

## **Sunday 19th April Third Sunday of Easter**

Saturday 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass – Anthony Eustace RIP

9.30 a.m. Mass—John Docherty RIP & Carmel Docherty Ints.  
11.30 a.m. Mass—John Francis Duffy  
5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

## **Monday 20th April**

9.00 a.m. Mass –Celine Fernando RIP

## **Tuesday 21st April NO MORNING MASS**

10.30 a.m. Funeral of David Amato

## **Wednesday 22nd April**

9.00 a.m.—Michael F McCarthy RIP

## **Thursday 23rd April NO MORNING MASS**

## **Friday 24th April**

9.00 a.m. Mass—Stephen Brown RIP  
11.00 a.m. Funeral of Teodozia Foremski  
*ADORATION 7.00-8.00 p.m.*

## **Saturday 25th April NO MORNING MASS**

*11.00 a.m. Holy Communion Mass*

***CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.***  
6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass –Pascal Ebot RIP

# WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 26th April—Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Good Shepherd “Vocations” Sunday**

9.30 a.m. Mass—Christophe Francine RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Daniel Tooth RIP

5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

3.30 p.m. Stronger Together in Christ: Young Adults’ Group

**Monday 27th April**

9.00 a.m. Mass—Emily Hart RIP

**Tuesday 28th April**

9.00 a.m. Mass—Annie Quinn RIP

**Wednesday 29th April**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Thursday 30th April**

9.00 a.m. Mass—Breda Maloney Ints.

**Friday 1st May**

9.00 a.m. Mass—Timothy J Murphy

*Adoration 9.30-11.00 a.m. & 7-8.00 p.m.*

**Saturday 2nd May**

**NO MORNING MASS**

*11.00 a.m. Holy Communion Mass*

**CONFESSIONS 5-6.00 p.m.**

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass— Betty Harte RIP

**Sunday 3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9.30 a.m. Mass—Kenneth Winger RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Owen Branley RIP

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish