



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2022**

**“Come and have breakfast.....Do you love me? Feed my Sheep”**  
**The source & summit of our faith is the Eucharist**

On this Third Sunday of Easter Time, we hear of the disciples’ unyielding determination to embrace their call to bear witness to Jesus, crucified but raised up by God. The earliest disciples who experienced the risen Christ and the beginnings of their own transformation continue to spread this message despite the cost. Facing opposition from fellow Jews, they stand firm: “We must obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29). To follow and bear witness to Jesus means to be like the one whom God brought through death to fullness of life.

The second reading also presents the full paschal mystery: the “Lamb that was slain” now shares “honour and glory and blessing” with God (Rv 5:12). Revelation is apocalyptic literature, which always looks forward to the final completion of God’s work of salvation. While its intricate symbolism can be difficult to interpret, Revelation fundamentally offers hope for the future – hope rooted in God’s saving action in past and present.

John’s resurrection account hints that the call to bear witness to the death and resurrection of Jesus applies to all disciples, for it is a message for all people. Today’s reading comes from the last chapter of John, probably an editor’s epilogue, but still part of the Good News.

Like Revelation, this Gospel account is laden with symbolism. Here it presents the risen Christ’s encounter with seven disciples. Seven, a biblical symbol for perfection or completion, suggests the entire community of disciples. As in the first reading, listening to Jesus bears abundant fruit. The disciples cast their net as he instructs, and the catch exceeds all expectation. This great number of fish (153) also carries a deeper meaning. Since Greek zoologists listed a total of 153 species of fish, the tremendous catch implies that the Good News must be carried to all humankind.



**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 (Cycle C)**

**Parish Diary**

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am
Wednesdays	9.00 am – Eucharistic Service
Friday	Adoration following 9.00 am Mass
Confessions	Saturdays 9.30 am - 10.00 am
Legion of Mary	After Sunday morning mass (11.30 am onwards)
Baptisms	By Appointment (Saturdays 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm)
FHC Children	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 11am – Lounge

**Liturgical Calendar**

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Third Sunday of Easter (C) (St Joseph the Worker: Day of Prayer for Human Work)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Saints Philip and James, Apostles – Feast
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	The English Martyrs – National Feast
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	St John Payne, Priest, Martyr
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Fourth Sunday of Easter (C) (Day of Prayer for Vocations)

**Masses & Intentions This Week**

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	10.00 am	Helen Ging
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.00 am	No Mass
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 pm	Patronal Parish Feast Day Mass Of The English Martyrs – National Feast
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 am	For The Sick of the Parish
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 am	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Padaer Phelan – RIP (donor – Lynn & Geoff Coxel)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Kindly observe the timetable for the masses in case of any changes.

**Parish Notice Board**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Next Sunday's second collection will be for Promotion of Vocations. Your generosity, as always is greatly appreciated.

**Easter Offerings**

Fr Britto would like to thank everyone for the very generous Easter offerings, cards and gifts he received. He would also like to thank you all for such a lovely send-off on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April. He would like you all to know that he arrived safe and well, although very tired after a long journey. Please remember Father in your prayers.

**First Holy Communion**

Please remember the FHC children in your prayers as they prepare for this special occasion. Please also remember the catechists who willingly give their time to help prepare the children.

### Parish Finance:

24.4.22 - Gift Aid: £37    Loose Plate: £150.64    Total:    £187.64

### Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Kathleen Clifford, Marie D'Arcy, Anna Heneghan, Tommy Higgins, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

### Communication Desk

#### The Acts of the Apostles

Throughout the fifty days of Easter we read from the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared faith talks on '[The Acts of the Apostles](#)' and '[Paul in Acts](#)', for your use through the Easter season. To access these free audio recordings please go to the home page of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and scroll down to 'Acts in Easter'. Thank you.

#### Is God Calling You to be a Priest?

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at St Edmund of Canterbury Church. Please see noticeboard in the porch for further details. Or go to the website [brentwoodvocations.org](http://brentwoodvocations.org)

#### BCYS

You are all very warmly invited to celebrate our May Youth Mass, on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May (next week!) at Brentwood Cathedral.

Each month, we begin with Pizza and Drinks from 6pm in the Parish Hall which everyone is very welcome to and catered for (please let us know if you have a large group and if there are any dietary requirements!) there is an activity or input before Mass, and for May our wonderful Walsingham House at Abbotswick volunteers with lead us in a selection of prayer stations and activities centred around the Rosary, as May is the month of Mary. At 7:30pm we celebrate our lively Youth Mass in the Cathedral, where this month we will be joined by Fr Adrian Lowe to preach the Gospel.

#### The Passage

'The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme until 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May. Every £1 donated online before 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.'

#### Praying The Hours

Three short videos are now available on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) introducing The Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office. Fr Adrian Graffy is in conversation with Sr Anne Spilberg and Fr Gerard Bradley. The different hours are explored and at the end of part 3 links are

provided for text and livestream of the Office in various languages. Simply go to the website, scroll down on the home page and click on 'Praying the Hours'. Thank you for your interest.

### Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 – 29 July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now on-line: [www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood) For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

### Pilgrimage to Aylesford

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Legion of Mary of this parish will be going to Aylesford for a day pilgrimage in honour of Edel Quinn on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2022. Everybody is invited and the cost for the coach is £15 each person. The coach will be leaving from our car park by 9 a.m. Please contact Michael Okafor on 07956586370 and pay immediately as the seats are going quickly.

### Late Vocation To The Priesthood

A vocation discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 will take place at St Beuno's in North Wales from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The direct link for further details and booking: Discernment Weekend.

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2>

### Refugee Community Support Group

A volunteer group is being set up at St John Payne School in Colchester, in conjunction with the Diocese of Brentwood and Caritas Brentwood, to raise funds and provide practical support for a refugee family, to be housed in Colchester. Anyone interested in becoming involved or finding out more is warmly invited to attend a meeting, chaired by Fr Dominic Howarth, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 1.30pm, at St John Payne Catholic Church Hall, Blackthorn Avenue, Colchester CO4 3QD. Please email [SJPRefugeeProject@gmail.com](mailto:SJPRefugeeProject@gmail.com) for more information.

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