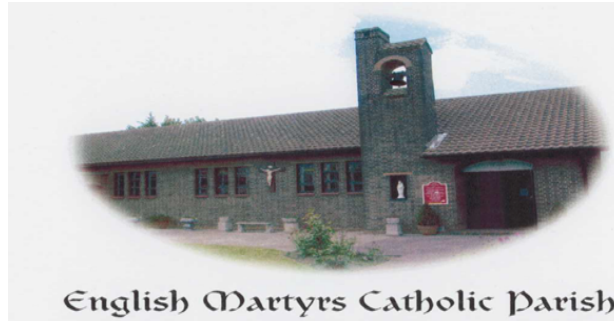


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English Martyrs Catholic Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY 11TH APRIL 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday

John 20:31 says the gospel was written to nurture the act of committing oneself to the Son of God. For this act, John constantly uses the verb “believe” (pisteuo, ninety-eight times). It takes time and prayer to learn the spiritually powerful meaning of the word “believe” in John’s account of the gospel. Believing does not mean merely acting as if something is real. Believing means developing the spiritual faculty to perceive the invisible reality at the heart of all things, analogous to the ability to see and hear the physical world. Two levels of seeing operate in John. Physical seeing leads to an embryonic form of faith (see 6:30, “What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?”), which remains tied to earthly forms of existence (3:6). But true believing enables one to see beyond physical sight (6:40; 9:35-39).

For the early Christian communities, Apostles were those who had had the honour of being an eyewitness to the Risen Christ (Acts 1:22; 10:40-41; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8). The community of the Beloved Disciple that produced John’s account accepted that tradition. “What we have seen with our eyes ... and touched with our hands ... we proclaim now to you” (1 John 1:1-4). But in a crucial sense, the Gospel subordinates apostleship to the task of ordinary Christians to believe. For John, believing in Jesus is the important step. Apostles might see Jesus risen, but they too must learn to believe. Thomas moves in one instant from earthly to spiritual believing. Jesus teaches that anyone who knows him through believing is equal to the Apostles, who know him by sight.

The power of believing in Jesus to transform human existence is evident in Luke’s vignettes of the early Jerusalem community. “Those who believed” throbbed with Paschal life, conquered deeply rooted human habits and became “one heart and soul.”



Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday 11th April 2021

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 11 th April	Second Sunday of Easter (B) (Divine Mercy Sunday) (Octave of Easter)
Sunday 18 th April	Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 11 th April		
Monday 12 th April	10.00 am	Cathy Cosgrove – RIP/Bday (donor – John & Louise Cosgrove)
Tuesday 13 th April	10.00 am	Margaret Street – RIP/Bday (donor – Michelle Taplin)
Wednesday 14 th April	11.00 am	Funeral Mass of Pauline Carroll - RIP
Thursday 15 th April	10.00 am	Ann Turner – Well being (donor – Michelle Taplin)
Friday 16 th April	10.00 am	John & Greta Street – Special Intentions (donor – Michelle Taplin)
Saturday 17 th April	10.00 am	James Driver – RIP (donor – Maria Poddington)
Sunday 18 th April	10.00 am	Jonathan Wright – RIP (donor – Michelle Taplin)

Sunday Masses In Church

Sunday 11 th April	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)
Sunday 18 th April	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)
Sunday 25 th April	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)

Liturgy Of The Word

Apps to access readings for Mass: Daily Readings for Catholics, and Laudate. You can also access the readings by going to the website www.universalis.com

Parish Notice Board

Pauline Carroll – RIP

Pauline's funeral service will take place here at English Martyrs on Wednesday 14th April which unfortunately, due to the restrictions, will be for family and close friends only. However please continue to pray for the family and especially Richard.

Communication Desk

Reading The Acts Of The Apostles

One of the features of the Easter season is our daily reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared two audio talks on this interesting book. They can be accessed at any time free of charge by simply going to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org It is hoped they will be a useful accompaniment to our daily reading from Acts.

Calais Light

Hear the first hand story of a refugee who became a Harvard graduate: Calais Light's first online Zoom event features Celebrity Refugee author, Dina Nayeri, reading live from her award-winning book: *The Ungrateful Refugee - What Immigrants Never Tell You*. Dina escaped to the US from Iran at 8yrs old with her Mum, & won a Masters from Harvard. Register now for 22 April at 6.30 for exclusive reading & Q&A at: <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/calais-light> and find more info on the website: <https://www.calaislight.com/>

Financial Support for your Parish

We wish to thank those who have been most generous in your contributions to the parish finance. Those who have not yet thought about giving, you have the option of either donating on line, information below or simply pop your envelope through the Presbytery letterbox.

USEFUL WEBSITES

For those who have access to a computer, you may find the following websites of help in keeping up to date with developments:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net>

<http://walsingham.org.uk> (For Live stream masses)

Vacancy at Sir William Petre Almshouses, Ingatestone

A vacancy has arisen at the Almshouses situated along the High St in Ingatestone. The Almshouse is a one-bedroom property. Candidates must be over 50 years and in need. Preference may be given to Roman Catholics. Applicants please contact Mike Falcone, Trustee, Ginge Petre Trust on tel 07935 959388.

Parish Administrator – Christ The Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park

A Parish Administrator is required to provide support to our Parish Office. The successful applicant will ideally be a Secretary or Administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. S/he must be a good team player with excellent communication and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel. It is important that all applicants are self-motivated, organised, can multi-task, work to deadlines, and use their own initiative within this role. Closing date: Monday, 28 April 2021 at noon. Full details of the position and how to apply can be found on the Diocesan website

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

Vacancy -BCCS

We at the Brentwood Catholic Children' Society (bccs) are seeking to appoint new members to our Board of Trustees to help guide and support our work. It is important for us to maintain a broad, diverse Board of Trustees that brings a wide range of expertise and ages to the table. Experience as a trustee is not required as a full induction programme will be provided. We are particularly keen to attract the input of youth trustees (age 18 +) to ensure our provision and services remain contemporary and there is no upper age or gender limitation to the role. Please read our full Trustee Advert and Role Description on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/trustees> and contact our Director, Bernadette Fisher bfisher@bccs.org.uk for more information.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish: David Calder, Kathleen Clifford, Evelyn Golding, Anna Heneghan, Paul Hogan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy,

Sheila Murphy, Don Muscat, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright. Rose Yates in Emerson Court.

Parish Priest : Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020)
Parish Administrator : Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (11am-2pm) (07956 473389)
Diocesan Safeguarding Representative : Katie Nash (07825293308)
Finance & Maintenance : Mr Graham Daniels (01708 452406)
Parish Gift Aid Organiser : Dr Steve Pinder (01708 445443)
Hall & Lounge Bookings : English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)

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Parish tel no: 01708 507020

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