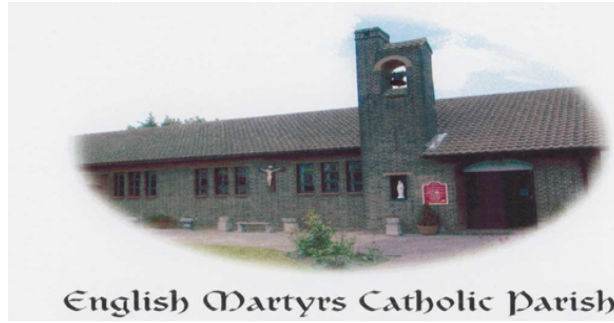


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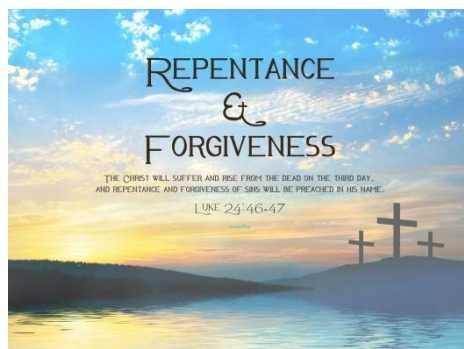
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**

**ANTISEMITISM IS NOT CHRISTIAN**

Knowing something of the Holocaust, we are troubled by the way Peter accuses the Jews of crucifying Jesus: “Jesus, whom you handed over” (3:13-15) are these and similar words in Acts 2:23, 36; 4:10-11; 5:30; 7:52 not unjust and implicitly anti-Jewish? The important search for the sense intended by Luke (who composed Peter’s speech as a way of summarizing his essential message) should take into account these things:

- 1) Peter carefully restricts his accusation to those Jews who were actually involved in the Lord’s death. Later Christian preachers in Acts do not accuse Jews of other times and places.
- 2) Significantly, Peter implicitly groups himself with those he accuses. He says the Jews had “handed over” and “rejected” Jesus. These are exactly the same Greek words that Luke’s account uses not only to describe Judas’ betrayal (22:48) but also Peter’s own denial (22:57). Peter for this reason considers himself no different than the people he is accusing.
- 3) Peter immediately attaches an offer of forgiveness (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 5:31). Undeniably, the crucifixion was a malicious act, but God has reversed that evil in the Resurrection and so shows the cross to be the very means of salvation.
- 4) Peter readily offers pardon because “I know... that you acted in ignorance” (Acts 3:17). Is this why the Lord forgave him? It certainly evokes Jesus’ prayer of forgiveness for his crucifiers, “for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). The deep irony of Christian anti-Judaism through the centuries is that Christ explicitly forbade it even as he suffered on the cross.

For from stirring up Christian hatred for Jews, Peter maps a path to mercy. Jesus forgave both Peter and his crucifiers. Against this backdrop, the assurance of 1John 2:1 is dramatic and solid: “If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one”.



**Third Sunday of Easter**

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Third Sunday of Easter (B)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George, Martyr, Patron of England – National Solemnity
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	St Mellitus, Bishop
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

### Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 am	Jonathan Wright – RIP (donor – Michelle Taplin)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 am	Timothy Cummins RIP/Anni (donor – Michelle Taplin)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 am	Cathy Cosgrove – RIP/Anni (donor – John & Louise Cosgrove)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	10.00 am	Mencia McGuire – RIP (donor – Maria Dickson)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.00 am	René Blanchetière – RIP (100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) Lucienne Blanchetière – RIP Sonia Wylie (nee Chesnais – RIP (donor - Terry & Frances Bethell)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.00 am	Margaret (Terry's sister) – RIP (donor – Terry & Frances Bethell)
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 am	James Driver – RIP (donor – The Manning Family)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 am	The Driver Family – RIP (donor – Jim & Liz Manning)

### Sunday Masses In Church

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.universalis.com)

### Parish Notice Board

### Communication Desk

#### Ronald John Cooper - RIP

We were very sad to hear of the recent death of Ronald John Cooper, a past parishioner of English Martyrs. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for those dear to him.

### Baptism

We welcome into the family of our Parish James Patrick Dominique, who will be baptised today and we congratulate his parents Gareth and Sasha.

### 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 Gaffy, 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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

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