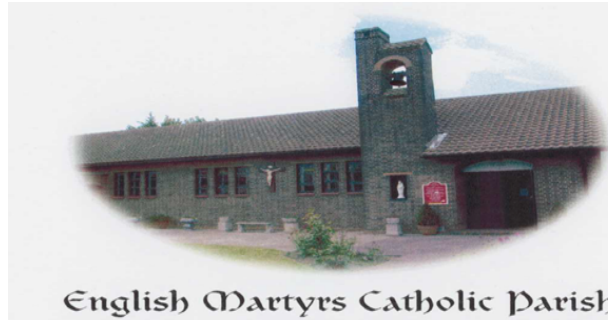


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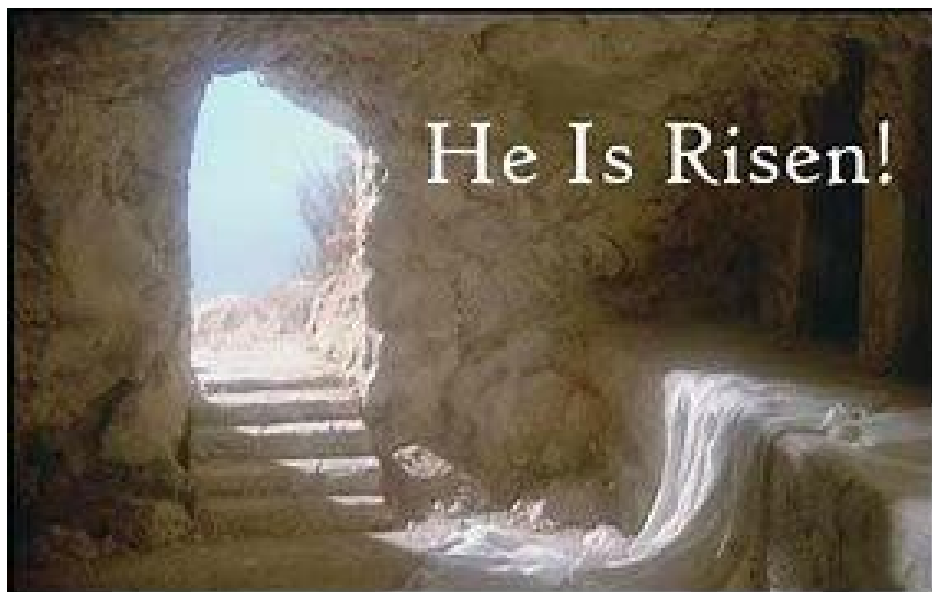
EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY 4TH APRIL 2021

The EMPTY TOMB

Each one of our four canonical gospels ends with stories of the discovery of the empty tomb and accounts of appearances of the risen Jesus. Throughout the first week of the Easter period the gospel at mass is taken from this material. Today we read John's account of the discovery of the empty tomb. The account gives a prominent role to Mary Magdalene, who becomes known by Christians as 'the apostle to the apostles. It is she who discovers the empty tomb and passes on the news. Why is it empty? She will know why when Jesus appears to her late in the chapter.

The disciple whom Jesus loves, thought to be the author of the account, is convinced of the resurrection without even seeing the risen Jesus. It is sufficient for him to see that the body of Jesus no longer lies in the tomb. The later appearance of Jesus to the eleven disciples will confirm that he already knows.

Christian faith proclaims: 'Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!' Without the resurrection, the real rising of Jesus to new life in a transformed and glorified body, there would-be no-good news to proclaim. The God of love is more powerful than death and sin, and God has shown this in raising Jesus, who became a victim of sin, to the life of the resurrection. The world is in dire need of news that is true, amid so many messages which are false, undermining and deceptive. True hope lies in the God who raised Jesus from the dead.



Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday 4th April 2021

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 4 th April	The Resurrection of the Lord – Solemnity
Monday 5 th April	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday 6 th April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday 7 th April	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday 8 th April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday 9 th April	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday 10 th April	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Sunday 11 th April	Second Sunday of Easter (B) (Divine Mercy Sunday) (Octave of Easter)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 4 th April	10.00 am	Ian McCrossan – RIP/Anni (donor Jim & Liz Manning)
	12.00 pm	John Manning – RIP/Anni (donor – Jim & Liz Manning)
Friday 9 th April	10.00 am	

Sunday Masses In Church

Sunday 4 th April	10am (livestream)	12pm (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)

Happy Easter

May I wish each and every family a very Happy Easter filled with the Peace and Joy of the Risen Lord. May the Light of Christ Dispel the darkness of our planet, our countries, our communities and our personal lives. Many Thanks to all who helped me in the conducting of the Liturgical services for the Holy week.

Parish Notice Board

James Driver – RIP

Many of you will remember James Driver (mother Kathy Driver, grandmother Anne Keys) who was an active parishioner of English Martyrs for many years which included serving on the altar and involved in many youth activities. James tragically died in a car crash in the US on Monday. He was on duty as a sheriff with Monroe County Police and whilst responding to an emergency call his car was hit by a truck which had lost control. His family are completely heartbroken and devastated and even harder being so far away. His funeral is planned for Tuesday 6th April at 7pm (U.K. time) and he will be receiving full

honours as he died in service. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers particularly his little daughter LilyAnne.

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.

Richard and the family would like to request any memories, pictures and anecdotes you may have or remember as a fitting tribute to her. Please forward anything you may have to pauline.anecdotes@gmail.com

Alternatively, please forward to Daphne at English Martyrs and she will subsequently forward on your behalf to the family. Can this be done by 9th April please.

Please note there was an error with the previous email address above, it has now been revised. If you have had your messages returned, please try again with the new revised email.

Communication Desk

BCCS – Spring Newsletter

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society – bccs – Spring Newsletter:

https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/9516/1409/6364/BCCS_Spring_Newsletter_2021.pdf

BCYS Sponsored Sleepout 2021

Join us in "giving" rather than "giving up" this Lent, by taking part in a diocesan wide Sponsored Sleepout on 26th March, led (virtually) from Walsingham House at Abbotswick. – join us from your garden, with just a sleeping bag and mat or cardboard boxes to sleep on or under! No tents allowed, whatever the weather!

Challenge yourself with a sponsorship goal - from £10 - £100, or perhaps even more! – as all money raised will support local homeless charities, such as Anchor House, The New Way Project, Basildon Emergency Night Shelter and Southend Night Shelter, as well the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. If you are not able to take part, you can always support those who are by sponsoring them on our website! Sponsorship forms, online donations and further information can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sleepout2021 and if you would like to take part or have any more questions, please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Calais Light

'Will we survive or drown?' Calais Light is a small refugee charity group that is still caring for refugees here & in N France. Watch & listen to the desperate thoughts of a refugee mother adrift in the dark in our Guided Meditation : "A minute on the Aegean Sea". Imagine the terrible decisions she has to make. Watch on our website: www.calaislight.com & please donate. Thank you.

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. <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=hornchurch-2>. We appreciate your help and understanding.

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)

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

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.

All Brentwood Diocesan Catholic School Vacancies (for which the Education Services Department are aware) are posted on the Diocesan website.

To view current vacancies with further information please use this link address.

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/> or enter 'Diocese of Brentwood school vacancies' in the search function of your internet browser.

The following vacancies are currently being recruited for (in order of application deadline):

- [Class Teacher – St Helen’s Primary School, Westcliff-on-Sea](#)
Deadline for applications: 12:00 pm on Thursday 25th March 2021.
- [Headteacher – St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School, Grays](#)
Deadline for applications: 6:00 am on Tuesday 6th April 2021.
- [School Chaplain – Ursuline Convent High School, Brentwood](#)
Deadline for applications: 3:30 pm on Friday 30th April 2021.

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)

The English Martyrs Catholic Church (Diocese of Brentwood)

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