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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

Happy Easter! The Lord has risen, He has risen indeed.

Alleluia!

The greatest festival of the Church's year encourages us to discover the place where heaven is opened. Heaven is not out of reach or sealed off from us. Through Christ's death and resurrection, the stone is rolled away, heaven is made open to us and we have been given the route map home.

The light of Christ's Resurrection illuminates our lives. We see more clearly our dignity as adopted children of Almighty God. Each one of us, in our own unique way, becomes a window through which that light can shine upon our world. We are the redeemed. This is our Easter joy. A profound joy that is to be shared with others.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make our celebrations during Holy Week so prayerful, reverent and joyful. A special mention of thanks to Frank Adesegha, Catherine Burns and their team of altar servers, the flower ladies, cleaners, ushers, Ministers of Holy Communion and our Church choirs and musicians led so ably by Jeanne Holland and Raphaela Derrick who have helped raise our hearts and minds to God.

We welcome with particular joy into our parish community those adult men and women who were baptised, confirmed and received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please remember them and their families in your prayers at this very special time of their lives.

Finally, Fr Martin would like to thank you for your kindness and generosity. He wishes you, your families and friends every blessing of the risen Christ during this Easter Season.



Thursday 18th April
9.00 a.m. MASS - Lil Spiller & Family INT

Friday 19th April
9.00 a.m. MASS - John Docherty RIP and Carmel Docherty INT

Saturday 20th April
NO MORNING MASS
10.00 a.m. -11.00a.m. Confessions
6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - John Francis Duffy RIP

Sunday 21st April FOURTH SUNDAY OF Easter
9.30 a.m. MASS - Michael McCarthy RIP
11.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish
6.30 p.m. MASS - Santo Confessore RIP

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WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8th April

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

9.00 a.m. MASS - Anna & John McGinley RIP

Tuesday 9th April

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 10th April

9.00 a.m. MASS - Moya Togher RIP

Thursday 11th April

9.00 a.m. MASS - Michael Callaghan RIP

Friday 12th April

9.00 a.m. MASS - Sandra Baird INT

Saturday 13th April

NO MORNING MASS

10.00 a.m. -11.00a.m. Confessions

6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - Hanna Singer RIP

Sunday 14th April THIRD SUNDAY OF Easter

9.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish

11.30 a.m. MASS - Kathleen Hill RIP

6.30 p.m. MASS - Ružica Dogget & Verica Pavelić RIP

Monday 15th April

9.00 a.m. MASS - Dr Lisa Somers RIP

Tuesday 16th April

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 17th April

9.00 a.m. MASS - Doris & Denis L'Estrange RIP

EASTER NEWSLETTER COMPETITION Many thanks to all those children and young people who submitted pictures for this competition. In their different ways, they showed great creativity and skill. Above all, they will help us to reflect on the death and Resurrection of Jesus. You can see all of the entries on the noticeboard in the Church entrance.

The three winners were:

i) First prize £50: Carmen Nunes whose imaginative and striking work can be seen on the front of the newsletter

ii) Second prize £30: Layla Curran whose beautiful pastel of the empty tomb can be seen on the back of the newsletter.

iii) Third prize £20: 3rd Prize James Bracken whose colourful image of the Risen Christ is inspiring.

Congratulations to them and all who have shared their artistic creativity with the whole parish community.

THIS EASTER NEWSLETTER covers the three week period from 31st March to 22nd April.

EASTER OFFERINGS are your gift to the parish priest. For those who are tax payers and might wish to Gift Aid their offering, envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church. If you normally give your Sunday offering by envelope, you may wish to use the envelope in your box.

EASTER BREAK Fr Martin will be away from the parish from Monday 8th until Tuesday 16th April. During that time, Fr Liam Hayes will celebrate Mass and be resident in the parish. Fr Liam is a senior research fellow at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Cambridge. You may be interested to read his latest research on the reasons Catholics give for no longer practicing their faith. www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/results-of-bishop-alan-listens-research-report/

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Paul Oryang whose Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 3rd April at 11.00 a.m. followed by committal at City of London Cemetery at 12.30 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE** that there will be no morning Mass this day.

ROME MAY 2025 UPDATE After asking you to put your names forward for your choice of dates for a parish pilgrimage to Rome, next May in the Holy year, the majority of you preferred the dates of the 19th to the 23rd May.

We now need to proceed with this and get it booked up. The cost for four nights in a single room is £645 and for those sharing is £575. This does not include flights. What is included is 4 nights bed and breakfast with supper on the day of arrival and lunch on the day of departure, all transport to and from the airports in both countries, entrance fee to the Catacombs, a full itinerary with tickets for the Papal audience and opportunities to visit all the major sites with a visit to The English College and their summer residence Palazzola, daily Mass. All Mass offerings, tips and gratuities are also included. The flights have not yet been released but are likely to be up to £300 per person with luggage, but may indeed be considerably less than that.

If this suits your budget, then to book your place please provide you name and email number or contact at the back of church and we will contact you on how to collect a deposit and what happens next. Please note prices have been based on a certain minimum number travelling and may be subject to a small change.

LAETARE WEEKEND AND THE FOLLOW UP The importance of ensuring that welcome and hospitality is central in the life of our community.

Do you have any practical suggestions as to how we might ensure that everyone might receive a warm welcome and feel recognised? Would you like to be part of the conversation and help shape this vital aspect of our parish life?

If so there will be an informal meeting on Saturday 8th June 9.00–10.30 a.m. in the parish centre to think a little more deeply about the quality of our “welcome” in the parish. All are welcome.

SICK LIST A list of the sick and housebound can be found at the entrance to the Church.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

31st March EASTER SUNDAY

7.00 p.m. EASTER VIGIL MASS - Nathan Barnes INT
9.30 a.m. MASS - Kieran Levis RIP
11.30 a.m. MASS - Brian Brumant RIP
NO EVENING MASS

Monday 1st April

9.00 a.m. MASS - Margaret McLoughlin RIP

Tuesday 2nd April

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 3rd April

NO MORNING MASS

11.00 a.m. Funeral of Paul Oryang

Thursday 4th April

9.00 a.m. MASS - Kathleen Brabazon-Drenning RIP

Friday 5th April

9.00 a.m. MASS - Tony & Greta Kelly RIP

Saturday 6th April

NO MORNING MASS

10:45 a.m. Baptism - Flynn Thomas Gleeson

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. CONFESSIONS

6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - Zitta Eustace RIP

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER 7th April

March Divine Mercy Sunday

9.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish

11.30 a.m. MASS - Nelly del Socorro-Mayes RIP

6.30 p.m. MASS - Vera Jones RIP

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