

CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday 31st	9 am 11am	Katie Butler RIP People of the Parish	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
Monday 1 st April			
Tuesday 2 nd April			
Wednesday 3 rd April	9.30 am	Nicholas Madden	
Thursday 4 th April	9.30 am	Maria Doherty RIP	
Friday 5 th April	9.30 am	Teresa Search	
Saturday 6 th April	9.30 am 11-11.30	Fr Michael Butler RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sunday 7 th April	9 am 11 am 5pm	Margaret McQueeney RIP Richard Britton RIP People of the Parish	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>

Easter Sunday	Acts 10: 34, 37-43	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20: 1-9
Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32-35	1 John 5:1-6	John 20: 19-31

EASTER: With Easter Sunday we begin fifty days of the Easter season, celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord and our sharing in new life through Baptism. I would like to thank all those who have given Easter greetings and gifts. We are all indebted to parishioners who have put so much into our celebration of the Easter Triduum, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion and the Easter Vigil. Thanks to Fr Gerald, who has assisted during Holy Week. Thanks to all those who help clean the church, and prepare the flowers, to our servers and our singers. Also to our Readers and Special Ministers, who are on hand at every Mass throughout the year. A particular word of thanks to Betty, who has done so much over recent weeks to keep the garden tidy. To Barbara and her team, who are stepping down after many years of arranging the flowers, and to Pearl and Malcolm, who have looked after the altar linen for decades. The Easter Season invites us to live as true disciples of the Risen Lord, offering hope and love to a world in great need.

BAPTISMAL PROMISES: There is the opportunity to renew our baptismal promises at the Vigil, and at the two Masses of Easter Sunday (9 am and 11 am). Please use the candles provided and take yours home with you.

GIDEA PARK EASTER CANDLES: These special candles, decorated with the chai-rho symbol we have in the windows of the church, are available in the porch for £4 each. They are only available here at the parish. Hurry while stocks last!

WALK WITH ME: Booklets for prayer for every day in Easter are available now, priced at £1.

MARGARET McQUEENY RIP: We offer our prayers for Margaret, who regularly attended the 9 am Mass on Sunday, and to her family and friends, at her recent death. Margaret's funeral takes place in Ireland on Monday 8th April.

CONCERT FOR ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP: Come and enjoy an exciting variety show of music and entertainment, to raise money for the camp, which provides holidays for over 100 children. The camp is restarting in 2024, under the umbrella of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood. The fundraising concert is on **Saturday 13th April 2024 - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Wine and refreshments included.** Adult tickets £10; children £5. Bookings by phone: 07957382592. Online bookings and more details: www.boscocamp.co.uk/events

GIFT AID BOXES 2024/2025: The Gift Aid boxes are available for collection after all Masses this weekend. Last Tax Year, we were able to claim back £9400 from the Inland Revenue. This is thanks to all those parishioners who are signed up to the Gift Aid Scheme. If you are a tax payer and regularly contribute to the Parish either by Standing Order or Loose Collection Plate, please consider signing up to this scheme. The Parish can claim back 25% of all that you contribute. This provides the Parish with valuable funds. Any queries please contact: Gwen Button – 01708452400

JOHN CORNEW RIP: John died in Darent Valley Hospital, Dartford on Monday the 18th March. We offer prayers and condolences to all John's family, relatives and friends. Funeral arrangements to be confirmed.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH: Derek Barton, Marc Bernard, Marie-Thérèse & Serge Bosson, Margaret Corry, Marc & Margaret Dalton, Kath Davis, Daniella & Lucia di Lisio, Selina Etherton, Paul Gilligan, Gregory Hart, Kevin Hartie, Doreen Hughes, Theresa Lawlor, Peter Madden, Emily Mears, Doreen Moran, Maureen Morris, Maureen O'Mahoney, Teresa Pycroft, Angela Radley, Edward Rajadurai, Callan Rogers, Teresa Search, Kath Sims, Greta Street, Anne Sullivan, Alex Tecza, Mena Townsend, Marie Turner, Steven Wagstaff, Emily Pougnet, Bruce May, Ricky Madge, Cristina Corsoni, Michael Lowry, Michael Ryan Bertha Musiwa and all who are sick in hospital or housebound.

ANNIVERSARIES: Werner Weck (2014), Marie Coyle (2014), Veronica Mullane (2019), Rose Dooley (2012), Henry Solomon (2017).

EASTER SUNDAY: (Readings available on www.universalis.com)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ, our Passover has been sacrificed;

Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (20: 1-9)

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb, she saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

