

## CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	9 am	Julius Sode RIP	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday)</i>
	11am	Vocations to the Priesthood	
	5pm	People of the Parish	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April			<i>St George</i>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April			
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am	Julius Sode RIP	<i>St Mark</i>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am	Carmel Duffy RIP	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am	Marie Soggee RIP	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am	Fr George Towler RIP	
	11-11.30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	9 am	Margaret McWeeney RIP	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
	11 am	Noel Sims RIP	
	5pm	People of the Parish	

Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:8-12	1 John 3:1-2	John 10:11-18
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9: 26-31	1 John 3:19-24	John 15:1-8

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** The Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday', is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. What do we do to encourage our young people to consider a vocation? Please take a prayer card from the back of the church. There will be a collection for the training of new priests. Thanks for your support.

**ARTHUR DEWEY RIP:** On Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> April Arthur died peacefully after a long illness. We offer our condolences and prayers to Carmen and her family. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 at 10.30 am here in Gidea Park.

**BISHOP'S VISITATION AND CONFIRMATIONS:** Bishop Alan will visit our parish on Wednesday 29th May. He will celebrate Mass at 7 pm, during which 20 of our young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. All parishioners are invited to this special Mass.

**CWL:** Catholic Women's League present their second Afternoon Tea on Saturday 18th May at 3.00pm. Tickets are now available from members of CWL or Hilary Wraight on [hilarywraight@hotmail.com](mailto:hilarywraight@hotmail.com). £15 each and £5 for children.

**CARITAS NETWORKING DAY:** Interested in the Catholic response to homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, assisting with the Cost of Living Crisis, or tackling the causes and effects of climate change? You are invited to the 2024 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – 2.30pm, at the St Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford. This day is a chance to be sustained, share ideas and good practices with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. Free details and registration at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/network](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/network)

**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.

**PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP-** Come along to find comfort, support and understanding at our welcoming and informal bereavement support group. Sheila Delander and Liz Hill will lead the group. We invite you to join us as we navigate through grief together. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 1st May, at 2pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. There will be subsequent meetings scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

**DONATE TO THE PARISH BY STANDING ORDER:** If you wish to switch your weekly offering from your weekly envelope to a Standing Order, this is very simple. Please provide your bank with the following details: **Payee:** Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church; **Sort Code:** 40-13-22; **Account number:** 51019074. This is a reliable way to contribute to the Parish, and we are very grateful to all those who have arranged Standing Orders. Contributions can of course always be delivered to the presbytery or left in the green bowls in church. Thank you for supporting your parish in these difficult times. Please be sure to gift-aid your donations if you are a taxpayer.

**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 Sophie Hutton, Niall Kennelly, Barbara Sillett and all who are sick in hospital or housebound.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anne Tanton (2018), Margery McCarthy (2014), Pat Saint (2016), Julius Sode (2020), Mgr George Stokes (2017),

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** (Readings available on [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com))

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (10: 11-18)**

**I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father'.**