

CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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10th March 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 10th	9 am	Clementina Sode	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)</i>
	11am	People of the Parish	
	5pm	Regina Kabasaiga RIP	
Monday 11th			
Tuesday 12th			
Wednesday 13th	9.30 am	Finbarr Buckley RIP	
Thursday 14th	9.30 am	Steve Donnelly RIP	
Friday 15th	12.15	Funeral of Una Butler	
Saturday 16th	9.30 am	Margaret Smyth	
	11-11.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sunday 17th	9 am	Anthony Rogers RIP	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
	11 am	People of the Parish	
	5pm	Michael Balyebuga RIP	
4 th Sunday of Lent	2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23	Ephesians 2: 4-10	John 3: 14-21
5 th Sunday of Lent	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	Hebrews 5:7-9	John 12: 20-30

CAFOD Thank you for your very generous contribution to Family Fast Day which raised £1260.30 in total.

THE READINGS AT THE EASTER VIGIL: On Wednesday 20th March at 7 pm Fr Adrian will give a talk in the parish hall entitled 'The Readings at the Easter Vigil - the 'four nights' of salvation'. The Easter Vigil is the first Mass of Easter and will take place in our church at 7 pm on Saturday 30th March. The talk will last about 40 minutes. Refreshments will be available from 6.30 pm. All are welcome, especially our Readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Catechists, and all who intend to be at the Easter Vigil, the most important service of the Church's year.

JUBILEE RECONCILIATION SERVICE: On Thursday 21st March at 7 pm we will have our Lenten Reconciliation Service. Several priests will be available to hear Confessions. Our Jubilee Year is an opportunity to move forward in a more positive and faith-filled way. To do this we may well need to be freed from past mistakes and the things which bind us. We will be joined by our Confirmation candidates, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament at the end of May. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Of course, each Saturday the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in our Church from 11 am.

UNA BUTLER RIP: Una died on 22nd February after a long illness. We offer our condolences and prayers to her family and friends. Una's funeral will take place at 12.15 on Friday 15th March. All are invited. **There will be no 9.30 am Mass on this day.**

HELEN BLEWITT RIP: We offer our condolences and prayers to Mary and her family at the sad death of her daughter Helen.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, 24th March, with Masses at the normal Sunday times. On Holy Thursday Mass will begin at 7 pm. The Good Friday service will start at the traditional time of 3 pm. The Easter Vigil will begin at 7 pm on Saturday 30th March. Masses on Easter Sunday will be at 9 am and 11 am. There will be no evening Mass.

EMILIA NAHAJSKI RIP: We offer our prayers to Stefan and Joanne and all Emilia's relatives and friends. Emilia's funeral mass will be at Ss Peter & John Church 1 Caesars Camp Road Camberley GU15 3ED 11am on Thursday 21st March 2024. The service will be streamed via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064687331603>

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, Uppminster. 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

OPEN DAY ST MARY'S HARE PARK INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL & NURSERY: We would be delighted to welcome you and your family to our Open Morning on Friday 22nd March 2024 from 9:30am to 11am. Staff and pupils will be on hand to speak with you directly and show you first-hand why our school is such a special place, where pupils grow in confidence and independence, and learn skills which prepare them for a future life and love of learning. To truly understand why children and their parents love our school, we warmly invite you to come and pay us a visit and see how we nurture, engage and inspire every child. Please visit our website: <https://www.stmarysharepark.co.uk/> to register your interest. We look forward to meeting you.

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, John Cornew and all who are sick in hospital or housebound.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maggie Young (2018), Eddie Carter (2015), Sheila Crowley (2016), Maureen Flogale (2020) Peter Emmerson (2023), Dympna Burke (2023), John McFadyen (2015) Paddy Dear (2016).

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: (Readings available on www.universalis.com)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: FIRST AND LAST LINE SUNG

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son;
Everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (3:14-21)

Jesus said to Nicodemus; 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the Serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'