

## PARISH DIARY

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6.00pm Mass

People of the Parish

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

8.30am Rosary

9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

Epiphania Umagat RIP  
Barbara Hollick RIP

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Feria of Lent

No Mass

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Feria of Lent

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration – 10am to 7pm

Frank Davis RIP

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Feria of Lent

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration – 10.00am to 4.00pm

Victor & Ethel Dragoni RIP

### 10.00am Lent Course – Strength to Strength in St Peter's Hall

7.30pm Lent Reconciliation Service at Brentwood Cathedral

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Feria of Lent

No Mass

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Feria of Lent

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass

George O'Rourke RIP

### 12noon Stations of the Cross

Eucharistic Adoration – 10am to 5pm

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Feria of Lent

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass

10am & 5.00pm Confessions

Bert Eldred RIP

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

6.00pm Mass

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

8.30am Rosary

9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

People of the Parish  
Peter Robinson RIP

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### Gospel Reflection - The Woman Taken in Adultery (John 8:1-11)



Why this reading from John in the middle of the Year of Luke? All the other gospels during this Lenten season have been from Luke. The answer is that it is an independent, floating story which does not even fit into the Gospel of John. In early manuscripts of the gospels this story moves around and is found in various places before it becomes anchored as an example of Jesus' teachings just after he says, 'Our Law does not allow us to pass judgement on anyone without first giving them a hearing' (John 7:51). It is appropriate for this Year of

Luke because the tone of the story and the theme of welcome for the repentant sinner are both thoroughly Lukan, a theme which is constantly stressed in Luke's Gospel (for example, in the Parable of the Prodigal Son). What did Jesus write on the ground, or was it that he was just doodling to allow the accusers time to reflect on their self-righteousness? The latter is certainly one of the main concerns of St Luke's Gospel, where it is made clear that you cannot be a follower of Christ without first admitting your sinfulness: when Peter meets Jesus, he tells Jesus to go away, because he (Peter) is a sinner; Zacchaeus recognises that he is a sinner and promises to make multiple restitution for his embezzlements; the woman at the supper weeps for her sins at Jesus' feet.

Why do you think Jesus wrote on the ground? Do I find myself judging others too quickly and too often?

Parish Office (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm)

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# Notices



**CAFOD EMERGENCY CYCLONE IDAI APPEAL:** Thank you so much for your generosity an amazing £1,168.52 has been raised by our parish for the appeal.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Just a reminder that during Lent adoration on a Tuesday is extended to 7pm to enable those who are unable to come during the day to spend time with the Lord. There will be no adoration during Holy Week, adoration will recommence on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Thank you to all our loyal watchers.



**STRENGTH TO STRENGTH:** Our CaFE lent course is a DVD series is designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives. The course continues on Wednesday at 10am in the Presbytery. Tea & coffee provided.



**LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place this Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April at 12noon.



**EASTER EGG RAFFLE:** The young people of the parish will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses from this weekend to raise funds for the parish youth fund. Tickets are priced at £1 per strip.



**THE TIME HAS COME** to renew your membership, or to join The Parish 100 Club monthly prize draw. Membership is just £24 per year and will be collected after Mass. Please note that, if you win, your name will be published in the parish newsletter unless you have instructed us otherwise. Good luck, Peter and Fionnghuala



**CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER:** We need volunteers on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April to help give our church a really good spring clean ready for the Easter services. It doesn't matter if you are male or female, young or not so young, as many hands make light work! Cleaning will start at 10am and all helpers will be made very welcome.



**PLANTS NEEDED!** We would be grateful for donations of plants to use to help recreate the garden at Gethsemane for the watch on Maundy Thursday after the Mass of the Lords Supper and for the Easter Garden window display. If you are able to assist with donations please drop them off to the parish office or leave on the table in the sacristy. Thank you.



**EASTER FLOWERS:** The flowers that decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday are generously donated "In Memory Of" or in "Thanksgiving For" loved ones. If you would like to dedicate some flowers then please place your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" with name of who you are remembering, or giving thanks for, and return it to the parish office by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. A list of the names will be displayed in church and in the newsletter on Easter Weekend.



**WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** Would those who donate by weekly envelope please collect their box of new envelopes as soon as possible from the table in the Sacristy. If you are new to the Parish and are a Taxpayer and would like to join the scheme, or if you would like to re-join the scheme, please collect a form or contact me on 01268 733219 or email wickfordcatholic@gmail.com Many thanks Karen.



**REPOSITORY:** Easter cards are now available in the Repository shop.



**KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA YOUNG PEOPLES SEMINAR 2019.** 16<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> July Hinsley Leeds. An invitation to young Catholic People aged 16-23. Theme: "Being a Young Catholic Today". Hinsley Hall is the Pastoral and Conference Centre for the Diocese of Leeds just two miles from the City Centre. This is a FREE event. For those interested please contact Bro Martin Doyle Action and Youth Officer Council 456 KSC. 01268-458264



**HEALING MASS OF THE RESURRECTION (FAMILY TREE)** - There will be a healing Mass of the resurrection, otherwise known as a family tree healing, on Tuesday the 16th of April, starting at 7.00pm with rosary. The full schedule is as follows: 7.00pm Rosary, with preliminary prayers for family tree healing, 7.30pm Mass, 8.15pm family tree prayers after Mass with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, chaplet and prayers for healing. Those who wish to do so are invited to sketch out their family lines on paper and place this on the altar, otherwise just come and submit them in your hearts. Our Lady of Canvey Church, 224 Long Road, Canvey island SS8 0JS.

**Sick Friends and Relatives** - Please pray for Jayne Balaam, Masie Berry, Delores Bilewycz, Frederick Bidnamrodi, Rita Bone, Ruby Borien, May Carey, Mary Caruana, Ethel Doyle, Anne Downes, Theresa Eldred, Christina Elliott, Tom & Margaret Fanning, Ann Grant, Celine Guckian, Sharon Guckian, Aisling Hawkins, Beatie Harty, Mary Hurley, Mary Jarvis, Kathleen Jennings, Pat Kent, Rose Kudirka, Graham Labbett, Gabrielle & Ralphie Langridge, Margaret Livesey, John Maguire, Bridget Mahoney, Elizabeth Mooney, Norman Miller, Carmella Micella, Elizabeth Mooney, Neil Murnane, Cecile Narbeth, Olivia Nazareth, Diane Neale, Margaret O'Doherty, Joy Orrock, Halina & John Ostrowski, Phil Payne, Carmelo Piazza, Maureen Price, Conchita Prime, Linda Ringwood, Joseph Rodgers, Alan Rushbrook, Catherine Skully, Winifred Ward, Maria Weedon, Gabrielle Wisken, Lucy Woods, Cathy Young

**Anniversaries** - We pray for Deacon Geoffrey Piper, Patrick Kirk, Matthew Dunn, Thomas Moriarty, Fr Thomas Adkins, William Holden Pound, Richard Wetton, Magdalene Molloy, Fred Simpson, Marjorie Lunnis, Thomas Sanford, Ethel Dragoni, Frank Matthews, Margaret Morris, Natalia Wszola, John Cummins, Fr Patrick O' Donoghue, Helen Smith, Alice Lavin, Jessie Chant, Stanley Newland, John Thomas, William Guckian, Dominic Cummings and Vincent Gillett. May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom.

## Holy Week Services Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

7.00pm Mass of Chrism Brentwood Cathedral

**Maundy Thursday – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

9am Children's Stations of the Cross,  
10am Ecumenical Walk of Witness

3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord.

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

**Easter Vigil – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

8pm on Holy Vigil of Easter

**Easter Sunday – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

9am Mass

11am Mass



**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND, LED BY FR JOHN CORBYN** on 27<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

£649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Application forms are available from Fr John or Karen in the Parish Office. For more information contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.



**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of

London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.