

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6.00pm Mass Deceased Members of the Smyth Family

Sunday 12th May 2019

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass Kerina Lord RIP
11.00am Mass People of the Parish

Monday 13th May 2019 – St Erconwald

NO MASS

Tuesday 14th May 2019 – St Matthias

7.30pm Mass Delany Family Intentions
Eucharistic Adoration 10am to 5pm

Wednesday 15th May 2019 – Feria

9.00 am Morning Prayer
9.20 am Mass Ann Grant RIP
11.30am Funeral Service Ann Grant RIP
Eucharistic Adoration 10am to 4pm

Thursday 16th May 2019 – Feria

9.00 am Morning Prayer
9.20 am Mass Our Parish Partnership, Basildon, Billericay & Wickford

Friday 17th May 2019 – Feria

9.00 am Morning Prayer
9.20 am Mass John Sullivan RIP
Eucharistic Adoration 10am to 5pm
7.00 pm Reconciliation & Rehearsal for Confirmation Candidates.

Saturday 18th May 2019 – Feria

9.00 am Morning Prayer
9.20 am Mass Ikem Ekeh Intentions
Confessions 10am & 5pm

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6.00pm Mass In Special Thanksgiving Jonathan Hernandez

Sunday 19th May 2019

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass Sean Crowley
11.00am Mass People of the Parish

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday 12th May 2019

Gospel Reflection - Jesus the Good Shepherd (John 10:27-30)




Jesus' teaching on the Good Shepherd is the nearest saying approaching a parable in John's gospel. It is so important that the Church puts it before us on the fourth Sunday of Easter in each of the three cycles of readings. Apart from its obvious sense of Jesus looking after his sheep – and silly, confused sheep at that – this image receives special meaning from the figure of the shepherd in the Old Testament. God is the primary shepherd of Israel, who pastures his sheep in pastures green so that they fear no evil (Psalm 23). In Ezekiel 34 God promises to free Israel from the self-centred shepherds who keep the sheep for their own advantage, and to send them a true shepherd after his own heart, a second King David, who will tend them as God himself would care for them. Thus, in putting before us each year in Eastertide this proclamation that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the Church is affirming the risen Christ as the divine Shepherd who tends his flocks. Particularly in these verses we see the unity of the risen Christ and the Father in their role of shepherds of the sheep, just as in our second reading from the Book of Revelation we see the unity of the LORD God and the Lamb, both revered on the one throne.

What is involved in imitating Christ as shepherd?

Parish Office (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm)
Hall Bookings: email wickfordcatholicalls@gmail.com / 07709 406518
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Notices

 **OF YOUR MERCY** Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Sullivan husband of Diane who died suddenly but peacefully this week. John's funeral details will follow shortly. Please remember Diane and their family especially in your prayers at this sad time.

ANN GRANT RIP: A reminder that the funeral service for Ann Grant takes place this Wednesday at 11.30am. May she rest in peace.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Please note that adoration will pause between 11am and 12.30pm for the funeral service.



THE LADIES SOCIAL CLUB meet on Wednesday at 1.45pm in Our Lady's Hall.



CONFIRMATION 2019: The next session for our candidates takes place this Friday 17th May at 7pm in **the church**. The candidates will be making their reconciliation and there will be a rehearsal for the confirmation day.



FIRST COMMUNION 2019: The next meeting for the children and parents is next Saturday, 18th May at 10.30am where the children will be looking at God's Greatest Gift.



THIS SUNDAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY. It is traditionally a day of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood. God

calls each of us to serve him in some particular way so it is important for us to promote a culture of vocations within the church. A person might be called to live a single life, to marriage, to religious life or to the priesthood. Please give generously to the collection today towards the promotion of vocations. Please also pray in particular today for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese and for our current seminarians as they journey towards priesthood. They are Paschal Uche, Adrian Lowe, Michael Barwick, Tony Grant, Alexander Johnson, Damien Wade, Matúš Meleg and Jonathan Burden. Our new seminarian is Moses Itene who will start at Allen Hall in September. At the moment there are ten young men in the priesthood enquirers' group. Thank you for your prayers and generosity. Fr. Graham Smith: Vocations Director - fr.gjdsmith@gmail.com; Fr. Mark Swires: Vocations promoter vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org



DAY OF RENEWAL: Themed 'The Love of Jesus' will be held NEXT Saturday 18th May 2019 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford, CM1 2DU from 10am until 4pm. The speaker is Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3pm. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING: On Saturday 8th June there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the eighth year of the life, mission and witness of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham in the Diocese of Brentwood. The Mass will be celebrated by the Ordinary, Mgr. Keith Newton, at 12:30pm in Brentwood Cathedral.

Ordinariate priests have care of six parishes within the diocese (Chelmsford, Chingford, Clayhall, Eastwood, Greenstead and Wickford) within the diocese and also minister in prisons, hospitals and school chaplaincies and in a seminary. All are welcome to come and share in this celebration of all those who have supported their work. Mass will be followed by a finger buffet in the cathedral hall. If you are interested in attending and for catering purposes, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. If there are sufficient numbers we will arrange for transport by minibus.



100 CLUB LAST CALL: If you have not done so yet, but would like to renew your membership for the coming year, would you please put your £24 cash/ cheque in an envelope marked clearly with your name and hand it to Karen Sharp in the parish office or pop it through the letterbox at the presbytery. Similarly, if you would like to join the

100 Club for the first time, please put your full details (name, address, telephone number and sign the piece of paper, enclosing your cash or cheque) and either give it to Karen or put it through the presbytery letterbox. Please support this vital parish fundraiser if you can. Many thanks, Peter & Fionnghuala.

Sick Friends and Relatives - Please pray for Jayne Balaam, Masie Berry, Delores Bilewycz, Frederick Bidnamrodi, Rita Bone, Ruby Borien, Mary Caruana, Ethel Doyle, Theresa Eldred, Christina Elliott, Tom & Margaret Fanning, Celine Guckian, Sharon Guckian, Beatie Harty, Mary Hurley, Mary Jarvis, Kathleen Jennings, Rose Kudirka, Gabrielle & Ralphie Langridge, Margaret Livesey, John Maguire, Bridget Mahoney, Norman Miller, Carmella Micella, Elizabeth Mooney, Neil Murnane, Cecile Narbeth, Olivia Nazareth, Diane Neale, Margaret O'Doherty, Joy Orrock, Halina & John Ostrowski, Carmelo Piazza, Maureen Price, Conchita Prime, Joseph Rodgers, Alan Rushbrook, Gordon Sharp, Catherine Skully, Gabrielle Wisken, Lucy Woods.

Anniversaries - We pray for Albert O'Brien, Marjorie Brownley, Elizabeth Jessop, Michael Fenton, Sharon Deal, Emily Cleary, Pauline Strode, Michael Linnane, Emily Hazell, John Dalton, Arthur Wilton, Margaret Bradley, William McDonnell, Margaret Johnson, Fr John Haves, Henry Ardley, Esme Mattin, and Christine McStay. May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom.



OUR PARISHIONER FRANCESCA BARTOLI-GREENWOOD is running the 10K Vitality run on Sunday 26th May 2019 in

London, to raise much needed funds for the work of The Brentwood Catholic Children Society. If you would like to sponsor Fran who as is training hard for this event then please go to <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/francescabartoliviality10K>



THE GATEWAY PROJECT is appealing for the following items as due to high demand, stocks have either run very low or completely run out. They would be grateful for any of the following: **Cereals, Sugar, Biscuits, Jam, Marmalade, Coffee, Tea, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Potatoes, Cooking Sauces, Tinned Spaghetti, Dried Spaghetti, Pasta, Milk, Tinned Fish, Tinned Meat, Tinned Tomatoes and Tinned Custard.** If you are able to donate any of these items please put them in the box in the porch. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



GIFT AID: Thank you to all who currently participate in the Gift Aid Scheme. It provides the parish with much needed funds. If you or your partner are a taxpayer and would like your Offertory contribution to increase by 25% at no extra cost to yourself, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration form which can be found on the shelf in the porch or contact Karen in the parish office 01268 733219 or email wickfordcatholic@gmail.com