

## PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

6.00pm Mass John O'Connor RIP

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass Keith Richardson RIP

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – St John Payne

10.00am Mass Bishop Alan's Intentions

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Feria

7.30pm Mass Betty Cummins RIP  
*Eucharistic Adoration 10am to 5pm*

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Feria

9.00 am Morning Prayer  
9.20 am Mass Julia Adams In Thanksgiving  
*Eucharistic Adoration 10am to 4pm*

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Feria

**NO MASS**

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Feria

9.00 am Morning Prayer  
9.20 am Mass John Weedon's Birthday Intentions  
*Eucharistic Adoration 10am to 5pm*

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Feria

9.00 am Morning Prayer  
9.20 am Mass In thanksgiving Ikem Ekeh  
*Confessions 10am & 5pm*

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6.00pm Mass Deceased Members of the Smyth Family

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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

# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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## Third Sunday of Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### Gospel Reflection - Jesus Meets his Disciples at the Lake (John 21:1-19)



This epilogue to the Gospel of John shows an extraordinary link with Luke's version of the Call of the Disciples: the same unsuccessful fishing all night transformed into success at Jesus' command, and then the commission to proclaim the Gospel. As in so many encounters with the risen Christ, he is an awesome figure, the same person but mysteriously changed, so that the disciples have difficulty recognising him.

In addition, here in John's Gospel, we have the touching scene of Peter's restoration: a triple declaration of love and loyalty is extorted from Peter to compensate for his triple denial, and a triple commission is given to him, concluding with the repeat of his call, 'Follow me' – as the prophecy of his martyrdom still echoes in his ears. While Matthew's Gospel concludes with a promise that the risen Christ will be always with his Church, this Gospel illustrates what this will look like in practice: Jesus feeds his followers at the picnic breakfast. Why the 153 fish? For the Venerable Bede it is too obvious: put together the numbers from 1 to 16, to this add 10 for the commandments and 7 for the days of creation, and you get 153. There may be more to it than that!

Is Peter's protestation of love after his denial an example to us (to turn back to the Lord and away from sin)? How can I become more aware of Christ's presence – particularly in the Eucharist, and so in each other?

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

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# Notices



**WE WELCOME** into our parish family Jessica Chloe Thomas who is being baptised at th 11am Mass this weekend. Please remember Jessica and her parents in your prayers.



**THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** The next meeting of the Finance Committee takes place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at **7.00pm**.



**100 CLUB:** Unfortunately, our diary has conspired against us and we haven't been around on Saturday evenings as much as we would have liked to have been. If you would like to renew your 100 Club membership for the year 2019-20, would you please put your 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. Many thanks, Peter & Fionnghuala.



## GREAT PARISH BAKE OFF NEXT SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 20 2PM TO 5PM IN OUR LADY'S HALL.

Come and join us for tea, sandwiches and cake!

Tickets £3 per adult, children are free. For an afternoon of good company, a bit of fun and for those who would like to, a chance to win a prize by entering a cake or biscuits on one of the two categories: Under 16s and Over 16s. Tickets available after Mass



**DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION:** There is a second collection next weekend (11th/12th May), on Good Shepherd Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

The collection is for Vocations Promotion within the Diocese, especially vocations to priesthood and the religious life, and is the only source of income for this work.



**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



**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** has several charity places remaining for the **London to Brighton Bike Ride** on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Riders are asked to pay a registration fee of £55 and make a commitment to raise £150 for 'bccs'. For more information, please visit our website [www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events](http://www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events) or call Julie Abbott on 01268 784544/07912 277413



**"BE STILL IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD"** – for adults, a long weekend of peace, stillness, prayer and reflection in the beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. From Friday to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August. Maximum of 18 people. All rooms en-suite. £200 single room, £250 twin room, for three nights' accommodation and all meals. Email [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or call 01277 373959.



**STUDY DAY ON THE APOCALYPSE (BOOK OF REVELATION)** A study day on this theme will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH on Saturday 1st June. Dr Sean Ryan, formerly of Heythrop College and now lecturer at Roehampton University, will lead an exploration of key passages from this fascinating and difficult book of the New Testament. The day begins with coffee at 10.30 a.m.

and ends at 3.00 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com).



**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** The Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team are organising A Day of Renewal themed 'The Love of Jesus' which will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford from 10am until 4pm. Our

speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3pm. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.



**KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA YOUNG PEOPLES SEMINAR '19.** 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.



**OUR LADY OF RANSOM CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Required September 2019 a Class Teacher, MPR/UPR ~ Full time ~ Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School is looking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly-motivated class teacher in Early Years/KS1 to join our friendly and dedicated team. The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The appointment is subject to satisfactory references, medical and enhanced DBS checks. To arrange a visit to the school, speak to the Head Teacher, Mr Parascandolo, or download an application form please either contact the School Office 01268-785741 or visit the school website [www.olorcps.net](http://www.olorcps.net) Closing date: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (4pm)