

# MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

All Masses are Livestreamed

## Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – St Joseph the Worker (Day of Prayer for Human Work)

9.20am Mass and Rosary (*livestreamed only*) Martin Larrett RIP

10.30am – 11.30am Confessions (*open to Public, in porch of church*)

6.00pm Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday (*open to the public, but subject to booking*)  
People of the Parish

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

9.00am Mass (*open to the public, but subject to booking*) Norman & Bridie Miller RIP

11.00am Mass (*open to the public, but subject to booking*) Fr Denis Hall RIP

5pm – 6pm Holy hour (incl. Rosary and Benediction) (*livestreamed only*)

## Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – The English Martyrs

7.00pm Novena to St Anthony of Padua (*livestreamed only*)

7.30pm Mass (*livestreamed only*) Josephine Wale Ints

## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Feria

9.20am Mass and Rosary (*open to the public*) John Sullivan RIP

## Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – St John Payne

9.20am Mass and Rosary (*open to the public*) Lynch Family Ints

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Feria

9.20am Mass and Rosary (*open to the public*) Joan Fitzgerald Ints (60<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

4pm - 5pm Holy Hour with Divine Mercy chaplet and Benediction (*open to the public*)

## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Feria

9.20am Mass & Rosary (*livestreamed only*) Fr Aniceto Nazareth RIP

10.30am – 11.30am Confessions (*open to Public, in porch of church*)

6.00pm Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday (*open to the public, but subject to booking*)  
Martin Larrett RIP

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

9.00am Mass (*open to the public, but subject to booking*) Erickson & Kerina Lord RIP

11.00am Mass (*open to the public, but subject to booking*) People of the Parish

5pm – 6pm Holy Hour (incl. Rosary and Benediction) (*livestreamed only*)



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## Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.'

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

### Gift Aid Boxes.

We are pleased to advise that the Gift aid boxes are now available for collection. Please either pick them up from Fr Mark after the weekend masses, or, alternatively, pick them up from the office, while Tori is there (Monday 9am to 12noon, Wednesday 9am to 12noon, and Friday 9am to 1pm). Many thanks.

### 100 Club:

The first draw for this years' 100 Club took place after 9am Mass on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The lucky winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Brendan Lyons

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Tommy Barrett

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Frank Grayston

## Pope's address at the Regina Coeli: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Dear brothers and sisters, on this Fourth Sunday of Easter, called Good Shepherd Sunday, the Gospel (*Jn* 10:11-18) presents Jesus as the true shepherd who *defends*, *knows* and *loves* his sheep.

The "mercenary" is the opposite of the Good Shepherd, the one who does not care about the sheep because they are not his. He does the job only for pay and is not concerned about defending them: when a wolf arrives, he flees and abandons them. Instead, Jesus, the true shepherd, *defends* us always and saves us from so many difficult situations, dangerous situations through the light of his word and the strength of his presence that we always experience if we want to listen, every day.

The second aspect is that Jesus, the good shepherd, *knows* – the first aspect: *defend*; the second: *he knows* his sheep and the sheep know Him. How beautiful and consoling it is to know that Jesus knows us one by one, that we are not unknown to Him, that our name is known to him! We are not a "mass", a "multitude" for Him, no. We are unique individuals, each with his or her own story, he knows us with our own story, each with his or her own value, both because they have been created and have been redeemed by Christ. Each of us can say: Jesus, knows me! Each one of us: Jesus knows me! It is true, it is like this: He knows us like no other. Only He knows what is in our hearts, our intentions, our most hidden feelings. Jesus knows our strengths and our defects, and is always ready to care for us, to heal the wounds of our errors with the abundance of his mercy. In Him, the image the prophets had provided of the shepherd of the people of God is completely fulfilled: Jesus is concerned about his sheep, he gathers them, he binds their wounds, he heals their ailments. We can read this in Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (cf *Ez* 34:11-16).

Therefore, Jesus the Good Shepherd defends, knows, and above all *loves* his sheep. And this is why He gives His life for them. Love for his sheep, that is, for each one of us, would lead him to die on the cross. For this is the Father's will – that no one should be lost. Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone. He Himself reminds us of this in today's Gospel when he says: "And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So, there shall be one flock, one shepherd" (*Jn* 10:16). These words testify to his universal concern: He is everyone's shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and encounter God.

And the Church is called to carry on this mission of Christ. Beyond those who participate in our communities, there is the majority, many people, who do so only at particular moments or never. But this does not mean they are not God's children: the Father entrusts everyone to Jesus the Good Shepherd, and he gave his life for everyone.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus *defends*, *knows* and *loves* us, everyone. May Mary Most Holy help us to be the first to welcome and follow the Good Shepherd, to cooperate in the joy of his mission.

## Pope Francis' General Audience– 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (English summary)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider the importance of meditative prayer. Everyone needs moments of recollection amid the busyness of our daily lives. For Christians, meditation is not simply a matter of introspection but a method of prayer, a means of encountering Christ, above all in the mysteries of his earthly life. While there are many methods of meditation in the Church's rich spiritual tradition, all have a single aim: to enable us to grow in our relationship with Jesus our Saviour. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, our union with Christ in faith is nurtured through the use of our intellect, imagination, emotions and desires. The Catechism teaches that meditation on the mysteries of Christ deepens our faith, prompts the conversion of our hearts, and strengthens our will to follow in his footsteps (cf. No. 2708). Our Lord's every word and action can thus touch us and become a part of our own lives. On every page of the Gospel we are invited to encounter Christ and to discover in him the source of our salvation and our true happiness.

### Brentwood Catholic Children's Society:

Please see attached link for the BCCS Spring Newsletter which contains news of their latest work.

[https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/9516/1409/6364/BCCS\\_Spring\\_Newsletter\\_2021.pdf](https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/9516/1409/6364/BCCS_Spring_Newsletter_2021.pdf)

We at the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (bccs) are seeking to appoint new members to our Board of Trustees to help guide and support our work. It is important for us to maintain a broad, diverse Board of Trustees that brings a wide range of expertise and ages to the table. Experience as a trustee is not required as a full induction programme will be provided. We are particularly keen to attract the input of youth trustees (age 18 +) to ensure our provision and services remain contemporary and there is no upper age or gender limitation to the role. Please read our full Trustee Advert and Role Description on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/trustees> and contact our Director, Bernadette Fisher [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk) for more information.

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** has several charity places for the **Virtual London Marathon** taking place over 24 hours on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021. This can be run anywhere and on completion, runners will receive the official London Marathon Finisher's medal and New Balance T shirt. They will also have access to the London Marathon App allowing them to plot their run on the official London Marathon course. If you would like one of our places and think you could raise a fundraising total of £300, please email Julie [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) for registration details.

## **The month of May, the month of Mary**

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1).

## **READING THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

One of the features of the Easter season is our daily reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared two audio talks on this interesting book. They can be accessed at any time free of charge by simply going to the homepage of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) It is hoped they will be a useful accompaniment to our daily reading from Acts.

## **The Knights of St Columba:**

The Knights of St Columba (K.S.C.) in Province 10 which covers the Diocese of Brentwood invites young people to take part in a photographic competition. The theme for 2021 is '**ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL**' and submissions must be made by Saturday 11th SEPTEMBER 2021.

The competition aims to encourage young people to experiment with their camera or mobile phone, use digital methods of photography, and give an interpretation of the photograph (s).

The age group categories are: Junior 7-10 years old, Year Group 7, 8 and 9 (11-14yrs), and 10-13 (14-18yrs).

Entrants must not be over the age group on 31st JULY 2021. Age must be shown on the entrant form .

Submissions should be made in the first instance to Brother Martin Doyle Action and Youth Officer Council 456 via e-mail to: [marting.doyle@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:marting.doyle@blueyonder.co.uk) All the details are on KSC Council 456 Facebook page.

## **CAFOD:**

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

## **Annual Migrants' Mass:**

In the Year of St Joseph, and in honour of St Joseph the Worker, the London dioceses of Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood will celebrate the 16th Annual Mass for Migrants on Saturday 1st May 2021 at 11.20am. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan and live-streamed from St William of York Roman Catholic Church, Forest Hill. Although we cannot welcome the faithful in person this year, this lively online service will still celebrate of the significant contribution made by migrants to life of our dioceses. Livestream the Mass at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/migrants-mass>

## **COVID-19 Vaccine Webinar:**

A Covid-19 vaccine confidence webinar has been organised for the faithful of Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, with the cooperation of Hertfordshire County Council and Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and other local authorities. It will take place on Saturday 15th May 2021 from 10am to 11.30am and will feature a panel of eminent medical experts led by Prof Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health London. The panel will share the latest information on the COVID-19 vaccines. There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions anonymously. To join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99627319556> Passcode: 546617

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE.** Marriage is not just a relationship but a vocation and a means of holiness. Please pray for married couples, those preparing for marriage (especially those who have had to defer weddings), and those who have been widowed especially in the past year. The Brentwood Marriage and Family Life Facebook page (BrentwoodMandFL) will include interviews with couples from around the diocese. If you are experiencing difficulties in your marriage or would like to deepen your understanding of this vocation and each other, a number of organisations are able to help remotely during the lockdown, such as Retrouvaille, Marriage Care and Smart Loving. Please see attached document on Marriage support during Covid.

## **St Benedict's Catholic College:**

St Benedict's Catholic College in Colchester are currently advertising for the role of "Chaplaincy Worker". If you are interested in applying for the role, please visit their website: [www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk](http://www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk) where you will find the relevant information and an application form.

### **All Brentwood Diocesan Catholic School Vacancies:**

(for which the Education Services Department are aware) are posted on the Diocesan website. Please use this link address to view current vacancies.

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

The following vacancies are currently being recruited for:

Higher learning Teacher Assistants – St Benedicts Catholic College, Colchester

Deadline for applications: 12:00 pm on Thursday 6th May 2021

Chaplaincy Worker – St Benedicts Catholic College, Colchester

Deadline for applications: 12:00 pm on Monday 7th June 2021

**Assistant Manager, Walsingham House at Abbotswick:** We are seeking to appoint an Assistant Manager at Walsingham House at Abbotswick to begin in the late summer. All information can be found on our website: <https://bcys.net/assistantmanager> Closing date for applications is midday on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### **Barnardo's Boloh Helpline:**

Barnardo's Boloh Helpline is a response to the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on Black, Asian & minority ethnic communities.

Free tel: 0800 1512 605 [Email: Boloh.helpline@barnardos.org.uk/](mailto:Email: Boloh.helpline@barnardos.org.uk/)

Web: [helpline.barnardos.org](http://helpline.barnardos.org)

### **Fake National Insurance Calls:**

Following a surge in reporting to Action Fraud, Essex has seen an increase in automated National Insurance scams.

Residents have reported receiving an automated telephone call telling them their "National Insurance number has been compromised" and in order to fix this and get a new number, the victim needs to "press 1 on their handset to be connected to the caller". Please hang up immediately as this is another scam.

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### **Some advice if you are unable to gain access to the sacrament of Confession at this time.**

Recently, the Holy Father Pope Francis said something in a homily which may help someone who is unable to go to confession at this time: *"I know that many of you go to confession before Easter... Many will say to me: 'But Father...I can't leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord...How can I do that unless I find a priest'? ...Do what the catechism says. It's very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord. I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterward I will go to confession.' You will return to God's grace immediately."*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (§1452) also says: *"When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called 'perfect' - contrition of charity. Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible."*

In the event that someone is unable to access confession at this time, the Bishops of England and Wales have asked that all who desire to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation should be encouraged and helped to make a Perfect Act of Contrition at this time as indicated by the Holy Father. A prayer that might help you to do so is as follows:

*O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.*

Despite the foregoing, in the event of an emergency, I will make every effort to give the Sacraments of the Church to the person in need. The only thing that could prevent me from doing so is the internal regulations of the Hospital or Care Home, so please ensure that you tell the doctors/nurses that your loved one would like to see a Catholic Priest in the event of an emergency, *or it may be easier for me to make the call to Basildon Hospital myself as I am one of the on-call Catholic priests there.*

**Sick Friends and Relatives** - Please pray for Jayne & Danny Balaam, Delores Bilewycz, Frederick Bidnamrodi, Ruby Borien, Arthur Brittain, Mary Caruana, Theresa Eldred, Margaret Fanning, Bob Galloway, Patricia Gammell, Johnny Gee, Celine Guckian, Sharon Guckian, Beatie Harty, Connie Hounslow, Mary Hurley, Mary Jarvis, Kathleen Jennings, Rose Kudirka, Gabrielle & Ralphie Langridge, Margaret Livesey, John Maguire, Bridget Mahoney, 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, Carol Rushbrook, John Sheridan, Gerry Smyth, Catherine Skully, Maria Weedon, Gabrielle Wisken, Lucy Woods, Anne Humphrays, Elizabeth Arnold, Jane Williams, Mary Caruana and all those suffering with the Coronavirus.

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**Anniversaries** – We pray for John Henry Allen Read, John Joseph O'Connor, Nora Linnane, Charles Coates, Margaret Pakenham, Roseleen Ashby, Ethel Sandford, Gabriella Zermier, Eileen O'Mahoney, Canon Thomas Norris, Fr Feargus Saurin, Delia Reynolds, Daniel Martin, Fr Andrew Dorricot, Canon Patrick Palmer, Canon Basil Booker, Edward Tibbs, Terence Artur Fitzsimmons, Fr John O'Callaghan, John Patrick Sullivan, Thomas Barry, Josephine Moles, Joseph Shipperlee, Henry George Tyler, Helena Gilbe, Jeremiah Kyle, Albert (Bert) Eldred, Ethel Marion Guest and Edward McEvoy. May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom,