

Catholic Churches are closed to the public at this time.

*Intentions for Masses to be celebrated **without the faithful***

Saturday 2 nd May St Athanasius, Bp, D	1 Pat McDonald (RIP) 2. Anthony Augustine (Anniv.)
Sunday 3rd May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	1. Margaret (Rita) Grant(Ann.) 2. People of the Parish
Monday 4 th May The English Martyrs - Feast	Stanislaw Klis (RIP)
Tuesday 5 th May	Stanislaw Klis (RIP)
Wednesday 6 th May St John Payne, Pr, M	Paxi (Special Intention)
Thursday 7 th May	1. Ignasious & Molly (Wedding Anniversary) 2. Sheila Betson (Birthday –Special intention)
Friday 8 th May	Prayies (Special Intention)
Saturday 9 th May	Flavia Poplauschi (Spec. Int)
Sunday 10th May	1. Daniel & Eleanor Sipple (Ann.) 2. People of the Parish

If you would like to book a Mass please contact us by phone or email.

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Sunday 3rd May 2020

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

THE CHURCH IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

To watch the Mass go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk>



The Scriptures describe God as a shepherd who brings security and peace to his people. *The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore* (Psalm 120:8). Even the leaders of God's people are called shepherds: *they shall lead them out and bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep which have no shepherd* (Numbers 27:17). Just as a shepherd kept watch over his sheep and protected them from danger, so Jesus stands watch over his people as the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25). Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to God?

"Lord Jesus, you always lead me in the way of true peace and safety. May I never doubt your care nor stray from your ways. Keep me safe in the shelter of your presence."

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Please pray for our Sick: Adora Garcia, Dee Duster, Jeffrey Duke, Valerie Brown, Frederick Morrison, Christina Carter, Mary Jackman, Baby Edward, Frances Duggan, Martha Buckley, Christopher Bone, Michael Moffat, Henry Moffat, J. Radford, Danielle Lai, L. Stuchfield, Sean Murphy, Marie Merrett, Myra Jarrett, Terry Hooker, Martina Murray, Sean Connors, Deborah Woldron, Baby Valentina Vizcaino

For the Attention of Candidates for Confirmation

Sunday May 3rd – Good Shepherd Sunday – Livestream Mass with Bishop Alan, 10.30am. As Bishop Alan was due to meet with more than 700 Confirmandi at Brentwood Cathedral on 3rd May, instead he will now concelebrate and preach at the Mass at 10.30 am, Livestreamed from Walsingham House at Abbotswick, and his homily will be especially for Confirmation Candidates. The Livestream is via Instagram, and all the details about the Mass, including how to access the Livestream, are at <https://bcys.net/events/confirmandi/>. As it is Good Shepherd Sunday this is also a natural moment to focus on the Vocations, with encouragement to young people to use this time to discern ever more deeply who God is calling them to be.

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and [it is easy also on the internet](#) to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist*

Pope Francis

(The Prayers are on the additional page of this newsletter).

Message from Fr Edward

The Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Easter is always about Good Shepherd. The powerful image of Jesus – Good Shepherd reminds us of his unconditional love and care for each one of us.

This is also a day when our candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation were supposed to go to the Brentwood Cathedral to meet our Bishop Alan. Unfortunately this is not to happen but they still can participate in the event by following it online. There will be no confirmation on Pentecost Sunday as original planned. With God’s help we will be able to complete the preparation and set a new data for the celebration soon. Meantime we keep praying for our confirmation candidates and look forward to see them in the church again.

The Good Shepherd’s Sunday is a World Day of Prayers for Vocations to priesthood and religious life. We join other people and ask our Merciful Father to call people, also from our parish, to serve him as priests, deacons and religious.

The month May is dedicated to our Lady. Let us follow the recommendation of our Holy Father and turn to Our Lady in this hard time of pandemic. Thank you very much for your prayers and support. We continue praying for you during our daily Masses and Rosary.

God bless you
Fr Edward

First Prayer

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
“Protectress of the Roman people”,
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

Second Prayer

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.
In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering
and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge
under your protection.
Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus
pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones
who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply.
Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and

who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them.
Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and
the consequences for the economy and employment.
Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies,
that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew.
Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the
sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence
and trust.
Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the
frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others.
Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and
continued health.
Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in
their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and
support everyone.
Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in
scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this
virus.
Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they
may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may
devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and
solidarity.
Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested
in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting
effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the
future.
Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great
family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of
fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of
poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant
in prayer.
Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and
pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this
terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.
To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we
entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.