

Catholic Churches are closed to the public at this time.

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

Saturday 9 th May	Flavia Poplauschi (Spec. Int)
Sunday 10th May 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	1. Daniel & Eleanor Sipple (Anniversary) 2. People of the Parish
Monday 11 th May	Samantha Courtney (nee Jobling) (Anniversary)
Tuesday 12 th May <i>St John Houghton Pr, M</i>	Denis Quirke – SNR (Birthday Remembrance)
Wednesday 13 th May <i>St Erconwald, Bp</i>	Michael O’Driscoll (Birthday Remembrance)
Thursday 14 th May ST MATTHIAS, Ap	Mary Quirke –SNR (Birthday Remembrance)
Friday 15 th May	Mary and Mike Keohane (Anniversary)
Saturday 16 th May	Mary Margaret McCarthy (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday 17th May 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	1. James O’Shaughnessy (Birthday Remembrance) 2. People of the Parish

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

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE CONTACT US BY EMAIL or PHONE

All Parish Meetings and Courses are suspended

The online donation facility is now available, and can be accessed via the Diocesan website.

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/>

Donations may be made to individual parishes, and to separate funds within those parishes.

Thank you very much for your support.

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Sunday 10th May 2020

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you

THE CHURCH IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

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



Jesus proclaims: *I am the Way* (John 14:6). He alone knows the way to the Father because he has been with the Father from the beginning - before time and creation ever existed. The Lord Jesus gives us more than a road map and guide book. He personally is the way to the Father's kingdom, and we cannot miss it if we follow him. He accompanies us on our daily journey and watches over us as the good shepherd who leads and sustains us each and every step of the way. Are you in step with the Lord and do you trust in his guiding hand for your life?

"Lord Jesus, you fill us with the joy of your saving presence and you give us the hope of everlasting life with the Father in Heaven. Show me the Father that I may know and glorify him more fully."

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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

APPEAL FROM POPE FRANCIS: On February 4, 2019, Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar met in Abu Dhabi to sign the Document on Human Fraternity—a joint statement calling for the reconciliation of people of goodwill in service of universal peace. With the support of the United Arab Emirates, who themselves are deeply committed to harmonious coexistence through dialogue and understanding, the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity was founded www.forhumanfraternity.org/ Pope Francis made the following appeal on Wednesday: “As prayer is a universal value, I have accepted the proposal of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity so that on Thursday May 14th believers of all religions unite spiritually in a Day of Prayer and Fasting and Works of Charity, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic. Remember: May 14, all believers together, believers of different traditions, to pray, fast, and do works of charity.” Please join in this initiative in whatever ways you can.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

St John Vianney said “If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by spiritual communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to have always a burning desire to receive the good God. Communion is to the soul like blowing a fire that is beginning to go out, but that has still plenty of hot embers; we blow, and the fire burns again.”

A very ancient custom is to make a Spiritual Communion. In this prayer we express our desire to receive Our Lord spiritually — not with the same graces as a Sacramental Communion — but nonetheless a good and pious custom in times of necessity.

We do not provide livestreaming from our church however you can look at <https://www.churchservices.tv/> to see Mass and Holy Week celebrations in other churches. Daily liturgical resources for those at home, including Live-streaming of mass are also available on the CBCEW website. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

Message from Fr Edward

Thomas a Kempis wrote in the 15th century;” without the Way, there is no going. Without the truth, there is no knowing. Without the Life, there is no living”

At this exceptional time life can be very confusing and we don’t know where to turn or what path to take. It seems that every path we take leads to a dead end. We need to remember what Jesus said in the Gospel for this Sunday. “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me”. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus and follow his teaching, and we will find the path to our goal- eternal life in Heaven with him,

According to our parish diary, on this Saturday children from the first Communion Programme were supposed to go to their first confession in preparation for their First Holy Communion that was originally scheduled for the next weekend. This will not happen as churches remain closed. In your prayers please remember them and their families during this time. We do not know when we will be allowed to meet again to accomplish the preparation.

Some people suggested that it would be good to have our parish website more mobile phones friendly. We are working on it. You can see the progress looking on the trial version accessible through the link on the main page of our present website. If this is successful, we will replace the present format with the new one in the future.

A few weeks the Finance Department of our Diocese created a facility to financially support parishes via the Diocesan website. The first report just came. It is nice to see that some people supported our Parish in that way. We were credited with the following donations: Easter £280, General Offertory £130 and Mass Intentions £30. This is convenient but not a completely free service. Approximately from every £10 you pay in 20p goes to online charges.

Some of our Parishioners took advantage of their “daily allowance for exercises” and put donation through the letterbox in our doors. In this way as for 27th April 2020 we received; £380 – First Collection, £60 Easter, £20 Good Friday, £92 Building Fund.

Thank you very much for all you prayers and support. We are looking forward to be able to open the church and welcome you back as soon as it will be possible. Meantime we continue saying daily Masses and praying for you.

God bless you all. Fr Edward