

Catholic Churches are closed to the public at this time.

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

Saturday 16 th May	Mary Margaret McCarthy (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday 17th May 6th SUNDAY OF EATER	1. James O'Shaughnessy (Birthday Remembrance) 2. People of the Parish
Monday 18 th May	Peter Turner (RIP)
Tuesday 19 th May	Peter Turner (RIP)
Wednesday 20 th May	For our Parishioners in difficult situation because of Coronavirus
Thursday 21 st THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	1. Betty Bonne (Birthday Remembrance) 2. People of the Parish
Friday 22 nd May	Hilda Thompson (Special Intention)
Saturday 23 rd May	Holy Souls
Sunday 24th May 7th SUNDAY OF EATER	1. Andrew Nichols (Anniversary) 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 17th May 2020

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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

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



Jesus promised to give his followers the best of gifts, the Holy Spirit as their Counselor and Helper. (...) *Counselor* is a legal term for one who defends someone against an adversary and who guides that person during the ordeal of trial. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Helper who guides and strengthens us and brings us safely through the challenges and adversities we

must face in this life. The Holy Spirit is also the Giver of life - the abundant life which comes from God and which sustains us forever. The Holy Spirit also guides us in the way of truth, wisdom, and goodness. We can never stop learning because the Spirit leads us more and more into the knowledge of God's love, truth, and goodness.

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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

GIFT AID update

Even though the churches remain closed to the public some people continue to support our parish. Since some of you experience financial difficulty and we all are not sure what is to happen in the future your help is much appreciated. We were not able to distribute Gift Aid Envelopes for this financial year that has started last month, however this make not much difference since you are not allow to come to church. Still we as a Parish can benefit from Gift Aid scheme as we can claim tax from the online donations and standing orders. Anyone who wants to talk to Sally about their Gift Aid, please phone or email Parish Office, leave name and phone number and Sally will contact you.

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

Our spiritual journey through this time of world pandemic continues. The Churches remain closed but the liturgical calendar runs as usual. On this Thursday, 40 days after the Resurrection of Jesus we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, unfortunately without the congregation.

“I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you”. With these words, from this Sunday Gospel, Jesus addressed his disciples before his return to heaven. Also, He promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with them forever. He wanted to prepare his followers for what was to happen. These words can also be a great support for many people in our time who are separated from their families, friends, churches and parish communities including our St Peter’s Parish. Although we are not able to give praise to God in the Church we know that he is with us in our joys, worries and sufferings. And we know that every day we are closer to the moment when the church doors will be open again to all of us.

As we can’t have you in the church, we remember all of you in our prayers and Masses every day. This week however I ask you to pray especially for our First Communion Children and their Families. According to our parish diary, this weekend they should receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time. They need to wait for this to happen a little longer and we with them until we are able to complete the preparation and have a great celebration.

In May, the children from our parish used to honour Our Lady by decorating her statue with a crown of flowers. This statue is now in our prayer room where every evening we gather to pray the Holy Rosary, trusting that with Her help the pandemic will end soon, and asking her protection for all our parishioners.

Thank you very much for your prayers and support.

God bless you all. Fr Edward