

**Catholic Churches are closed to the public at this time.**

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

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April <b>St Mark, Evangelist</b>	1. Biju Mathew (Anniv.) 2. Rosamma Anthony (Anniv.)
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	1. Timothy Buckley (Anniv.) 2. People of the Parish
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	1. Denis and Brenda (Spec. Int.) 2. Barbara Hart (RIP)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	1. Mady Aliu (Spec. Int.) 2. Fr William Mulcair (RIP)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April <b>St Catherine of Siena, V, D</b>	1. John Evenden (Recovery) 2. Kathleen Ryan (Spec. Int.)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Gloria McCambridge (RIP)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May <b>St Joseph the Worker</b>	Jack and Margaret Riordan
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May <b>St Athanasius, Bp, D</b>	1 Pat McDonald (RIP) 2. Anthony Augustine (Anniv.)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	1. Margaret(Rita) Grant( Anniv.) 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**

**Message from the Finance Office of Brentwood Diocese**

*We are pleased to announce that 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 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

**Show us Lord, the path of life**

**THE CHURCH IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

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



Why was it difficult for the disciples to recognize the risen Lord? Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They *had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel*. They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord Jesus appeared to them and gave them understanding.

Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their *slowness of heart* to believe what the Scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the risen Jesus until he had broken bread with them.

How often do we fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us understanding of his ways.

"Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart to recognize your presence with me and to understand the truth of your saving word. Nourish me with your life-giving word and with the bread of life." (c) 2020 Servants of the Word

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Message from the Good Counsel Network**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April is the Feast of Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel, which is the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the last day in Britain when it was illegal to perform abortions. Since then, over 9 million babies have been aborted in the United Kingdom. Please join us that day in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this Country. Please say the prayer to Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel, on this her Feast day:

*O, Holy Virgin, to whose feet we are led by our anxious uncertainty in our search for and attainment of what is true and good, invoking thee by the sweet title of Mother of Good Counsel we beseech thee to come to our assistance, when along the road of this life, the darkness of error and of evil conspires towards our ruin by leading our minds and our hearts astray.*

*Do Thou, O Seat of Wisdom and Star of the Sea, Enlighten the doubtful and the erring, that they be not seduced by the false appearances of good, render them steadfast in the face of the hostile and corrupting influences of passion and of sin.*

*O Mother of Good Counsel, obtain for us from Thy Divine Son a great love of Virtue and, in the hour of uncertainty and trial, the strength to embrace the way that leads to our salvation. If Thy hand sustains us, we shall walk unmolested long the path indicated to us by the life and words of Jesus our Redeemer; and having followed freely and securely, even in the midst of this world's strife, the sun of truth and justice under Thy Maternal Star, we shall come to the enjoyment of full and eternal peace with Thee in the Haven of Salvation. Amen.*

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen”*

### **Message from Fr Edward**

The Gospel reading for this Sunday takes us to a seven miles trip from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Following the two disciples of Jesus in a spiritual way, we can take part in a longer walk and are close to them without breaking rules regarding going out and keeping social distancing. We can imagine a stranger joining the company and taking part in the conversation on what had happened during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The stranger appeared to be the resurrected Jesus but this became clear only at the “braking of the bread”. For the two disciples the seven miles trip became the fourteen miles trip as they overcome with joy were not able to keep their experience for themselves any longer and returned to Jerusalem immediately.

It has been more than one month since we are not able to celebrate Mass together. This will be fifth Sunday without you at St Peter's. The updates we receive everyday may not be very optimistic but with God help things can change for better earlier than expected. We know that the resurrected Jesus is walking along with us through this time of pandemic, protecting and supporting us. It may be hard to recognize him at first but we trust that soon the day will come when we are able to meet again at “the braking of the bread” that is at the Eucharist and the Lord will enable us to recognize him.

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