

Catholic Churches are closed to the public at this time.

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

Saturday 11 th April EASTER VIGIL	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 th April EASTER	1. Ann Stirling (RIP) 2. People of the Parish
Monday 13 th April	1. Kingstey Ozigbu (Spec. Int.)1 2. NHS STAFF – for the work They do (Spec. Int.)
Tuesday 14 th April	1. Kingstey Ozigbu (Spec. Int.)2
Wednesday 15 th April	1. Kingstey Ozigbu (Spec. Int.)3 2. Valerie Ann Martin (RIP)
Thursday 16 th April	1. Kingstey Ozigbu (Spec. Int.)4
Friday 17 th April	1. Kingstey Ozigbu (Spec. Int.)5 2. Felicia & Barthly Osmond- Igomu (30 th Wedding Anniv.)
Saturday 18 th April	1. Kingstey Ozigbu (Spec. Int.)6 2. Mary Doditi (Spec. Int.) 3. Sheila Maher (Anniv.)
Sunday 19th April DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	1. Kingstey Ozigbu (Spec. Int.)7 2. People of the Parish

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

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

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Sunday 12th April 2020

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - EASTER (A)

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

THE CHURCH IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

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



*At this unpredicted and difficult
time*

*May the day of Jesus Christ
resurrection*

fill your lives with

happiness, love and joy.

Have a Blessed and Happy

Easter.

Fr Gus, Fr Edward,

Fr Andrzej and Mariusz

our La Salette seminarian

"Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love for us and your great victory over sin and death."

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Please pray for Valerie Ann Martin whose funeral will be on Wednesday 15th April.

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

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.

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 celebration of Easter this year is completely different to anything we have planned or expected. It is hard to believe that this the most important feast for all Christians, most of you will spend at home, watching Masses online or on TV.

The resurrection of Jesus took his disciples by surprise. They did not expect to see their Master again, but “on the third day he rose again from the dead”. This event change their lives totally. They became witnesses and missionaries of the resurrected Lord, proclaiming the Good News of

Salvation to the whole world. In that way Christianity came to existence as the Resurrection of Jesus is at the very foundation of our faith.

We have been completely surprised by the scale of coronavirus pandemic. When so many people over the world die every day we cannot avoid a deeper reflection on the meaning of fragility of human life. While we are not able to understand why so many people are suffering we turn in prayer to God. At this Easter time he points to his son Jesus Christ. We do not know why God wanted his son to suffer so much and to die on the cross but we know that his Passion leads to the Resurrection. First to Jesus resurrection and then to the resurrection of those who put their trust in him.

Easter was always a wonderful day at St Peter’s. The Church was overcrowded with parishioners and visitors. Among them children and young people almost ready for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Unfortunately we had to suspend all programs. The First Holy Communion will not be celebrated as planned. We will set a new date as soon as we will be able to resume the course. As for Confirmation I still hope to have it on Pentecost Sunday, 31st May as planned but again this may not be possible if the pandemic and restrictions linked to it continue.

We hope to be able to start new First Communion and Confirmation Courses as usual, this however may not be possible as usual if the problem continues.

There are so many things we want to pray during this Easter Sunday. In our prayers we remember all those who suffer directly or indirectly because of the pandemic; for those who are sick and quarantined and for those who died. We pray for their families and friends. We must remember and pray for the NHS staff, those who risk their health and life to help others. For those who are searching for the best remedy, produce necessary equipment.

On Easter Sunday I will celebrate Mass in the empty church. I will pray for all of you, asking our resurrected Lord to help us to overcome the pandemic and gather at St Peter’ soon.

Thank you very much for your prayers, good wishes and support in these unusual circumstances. We are keeping well and hope you are well too.
Happy Easter

Fr Edward