

Saturday 27th **First Mass of Sunday**
6.00pm Winnie Steadman RIP (Jim & Monica)

Sunday 28th **Second Sunday of Easter (C)**
8.00am In Thanksgiving (Johnson & Annie)
9.00am Parish Family
11.00am Innocent Hudson Anniv (Callista Hudson)

Monday 29th **St. Catherine of Siena**
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Fr. Brian O' Higgins Anniv
9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 30th **St. George Patron of England**
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Special Intention
NB 11.00am Funeral Mass of Tryphena Scott

Wednesday 1st May **St. Joseph the Worker**
Day of Prayer for Human Work
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Kevin & Rita Crangle RIP (Frances Crangle)

Thursday 2nd **St. Athanasius**
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Gabriel Victor Anniv (Mrs. Remigius)
9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 3rd **St. Philip and St. James**
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Tola Akisanya Anniv (Mum)
9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4th **The English Martyrs**
12noon First Communion Mass
 Catechists Intentions
4.00pm Wedding of Sanjhayana and Rowena

Saturday 4th **First Mass of Sunday**
6.00pm Antony Nazareth Anniv (Family)

Sunday 5th **Third Sunday of Easter (C)**
8.00am Parish Family
9.00am Thanksgiving (Oscar & Lynette)
11.00am In Thanksgiving (Martin Gonsalves & Family)
2.00pm First Communion Mass
4.30pm Syro Malabar Catechesis and Mass

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Dear Parishioners,

Our Holy Week was a tremendous success, so many people attended the Mass of the Last Supper, the largest number we ever had. Then Good Friday at the Passion of Our Lord, people were outside because there was no room in the Church, followed by the Stations of the cross and again large numbers of people. The Celebration of the Vigil was once again with a very big congregation and we received five new members into the Family of Christ, with two of their young children. The singing and music was excellent and we thank the Organists, Monica and Francis also of course Sr. Monica and the Choirs. We also thank all who prepared the Church for these great celebrations, we also thank the Altar servers who turned up in great numbers and were guided by the group of MCs; a huge thank you to everyone of you. We must of course thank the men who created the Resurrection Scene it was very moving and the hours that they put in, was worth every moment of their hard work. They worked right through the night on Friday. I came down at 5am to find them still hard at it. They were tremendous. Easter Sunday brought more people to the Church and was a wonderful ending to the Easter Triduum. We of course say a huge thanks to everyone who joined us for the Celebrations.

EASTER GIFTS: Fr. Francis and myself wish to say a huge thank you for the many gifts we received from Parishioners and of course for your generous offerings at the Masses. You are very kind to us and we will of course remember you all in our prayers.

LOURDES: I will be travelling to Lourdes on Monday 29th April and will be spending four nights in Lourdes. I will have a number of parishioners with me as well as people from around the country. Please keep us in your prayers and we will definitely be praying for you all in Lourdes and we will light a big candle for all your intentions. We will return on Friday 3rd May.

SHRI LANKA: This weekend we will be having a special Memorial Service in our Church. By the time you receive this newsletter it will be on Saturday at 12 noon and hopefully it will have been a wonderful experience as we will have a number of other Faiths and Religious Leaders attending. We will let you know how it went in next weeks newsletter.

GOD BLESS, Bob

Activities This Week

28th Sunday	Communion to the Housebound - 1.30pm
29th Monday	Pilgrimage to Lourdes
30th Tuesday	St. George Patron of England Solemnity Funeral of Tryphena Scott – 11.00am St. Michael's School Finance Meeting – 6.00pm
1st Wednesday May	Enjoying my Visit to Lourdes
2nd Thursday	Still in Lourdes
3rd Friday	Return Home from Lourdes
4th Saturday	First Holy Communion Mass – 12noon Wedding of Sanjhayan and Rowena – 4.00pm
5th Sunday	First Holy Communion Mass – 2.00pm Syro Malabar Mass – 4.30pm Meeting in East Ham – 6.00pm

Coming Events

Funeral of May Gilligan Wednesday 8th May
Confirmation course continues, Thursday 9th May
Funeral of Francois Eujene, Friday 10th May
First Communion Going Forth Mass, Saturday 11th May
AGM Catholic Fellowship Havering, Monday 13th May
AGM Catholic Fellowship Wanstead/ Woodford, Thursday 16th May
Confirmation Group to Abbottswick, Friday 24th May

300 CLUB: Winners for the April Draw are:- 1st prize - £50 - No. 37 - Francis Seaman; 2nd prize - £10 - No. 74 – Yvonne Kellawan; 3rd prize - £10 - No. 19 - Grumnesh Tamratneway; 4th prize - £10 - No. 104 – Viktorija Rackevica. We congratulate all the Winners. Please see Fr. Bob for your winnings. Please continue to support this club as it raises much needed funds for the Parish.

DIocese of Brentwood Marriage Conference: on Saturday 6th July 2019, 10.30am-2.30pm at The Cathedral Hall, Brentwood Cathedral, Ingrave Road, Brentwood
A gathering for: members of national and local organisations supporting marriage, those who support married and engaged couples in parishes and deaneries, those helping young people explore the vocation to marriage. Keynote speakers: Brenden Thompson *Lead Coordinator, Catholic Voices* and Laura Thompson *Teacher and Catholic Voice*. No charge & lunch is provided. Booking via Eventbrite <https://brentwoodmarriageday.eventbrite.co.uk>
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019 Come this summer on Brentwood Diocese's pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan, from Sunday 21st - Friday 26th July. For further information, please phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666. Please note that they will be flying from Southend Airport. They are able to support those with medical needs.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS: Please join Bishops, Priests and thousands of people for this Mass on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am. Banner procession at 10am – banners from parishes and different ethnic groups are very, very welcome – gather outside the Cathedral from 9.30am.

SVP: SVP is interested in finding parishioners who would like us to visit. The person themselves can ask for us to call or their relatives/family. I would be happy to be contacted on my mobile John Crangle (07711297146) or my fellow conference member Lynessa (07896535212). We have an intention to have a conversation or say a few prayers with those we visit.

APF BOXES: The APF boxes will be at the back of the church with new labels. Please support the APF Missionary. Please write your name and address on the label.

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL: Fr Eduard-William Fartan from Holy Family in Benfleet is organising a Pilgrimage to Greece to follow in the footsteps of St Paul. Taking place from the 7th-13th October, the cost will be £730 per person with a £150 deposit to secure your place by 15th of May. Walking should be light and breakfast & dinner are included. Any queries or to register your interest for the last places please email priest@holyfamily-church.org or call 01268 799082/ 01268 792082

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER SOUTH EAST CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP: (0.3FTE, 2-year Fixed term contract) The Catholic Education Service (CES) has an opportunity for an individual, able to demonstrate an outstanding leadership track record in education, to work with diocesan directors, academies and Catholic teaching schools in the region to develop and deliver effective programmes of leadership development and ongoing formation.

For more information about this post please email Sophie Russell at sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org **Closing date 9th May.**

MARCH FOR LIFE UK: will take place on Saturday 11th May starting outside Westminster Church House, 25 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BN at 2pm. There will also be events in the morning from 9.30am until 1.30pm, for more details and local coach information see www.MarchforLife.co.uk

HOLY LAND COLLECTION: We have received so far over £1200 and we had a number of envelopes given to us on Easter Sunday which will be counted this week so we can give you the total in next week's newsletter. We have to say a huge thank you to everyone for your very generous offerings for the Holy Land