



St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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17/18 APRIL 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

The church is open for communal worship but book before coming; email/phone call
3rd Sun of Easter Year B

Saturday	17th	5.00pm		Anton Cowan (Anniv.)
Sunday	18th	9.00am		Prince Philip & Harry Ross
		11.00am		For the Parishioners
Monday	19th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Holy Souls
Tuesday	20th	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Mary Dooley
Wednesday	21st	9.30 am	Easter Feria	Chrystal & Mary Ann
Friday	23rd	9:00am	Exposition and Mass (St. George Martyr)	Mary & Tony

4th Sun of Easter Year B

Saturday	24th	5.00 pm
Sunday	25th	9.00 am
		11.00 am

Reconciliation – please telephone the presbytery for an appointment

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Gina, Mary Bernard, Maria Keith, Alba G, Julia Abimbola, Peggy, Martin, Ramasaway and Jane Boswell. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially, Anesta, Annesley, Betty Addison, Eileen Morley, Sarafina Spadofara, Benedetta Catarinicchia, Tim Sullivan, Bernard Turner, Daphne Xavier, Richard Collison, Ann Neary, Mgr John Coghlan and Father John Miller. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15 Peter blames his Jewish listeners for the death of Jesus, then calls them to repentance **Second Reading: Romans 1 John 2:1-5** Even Christians are prone to sin. But if we sin, forgiveness is available to us **Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:35-48 The risen Jesus appears to his apostles, for he is real and not a ghost

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- Empowered with trust

Imagine Jesus pleading with them to believe him. He invites them to touch him, to give him something to eat, to examine his hands and his feet. Human nature is so fragile, and so fickle. I'm not blaming anyone here. Obviously, this is the first time the apostles ever came across a situation like this. We might think that seeing Lazarus, or the daughter of Jairus, or the young man in Naim, getting up and walking after seeming to be dead, should have prepared them for this moment. They had known Jesus on a personal basis, and had felt at home in his company. This time things were different. He had broken free of the constraints of the human body, and there was a unique presence in him that they had never seen before. We cannot grasp the utter transformation they felt, when someone they knew and loved was so utterly transformed, and now has an unearthly aura about him. While they still doubted, they were filled with joy and wonder as Jesus spoke to them about the promises of scripture, and how he had fulfilled them. Then he sent them to continue what he had begun.

Thank you to all Parishioners for your generous giving during the Easter week. The Easter offering was £1134 and Holy Places was £130. God bless you all.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our Diocese. Last year two men who studied at Allen Hall and one who studied in Rome were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

MASS ATTENDANCE

Booking continues to be essential for all the weekend Masses, please do not assume there will be space if you just turn up. To book to attend Mass please email allensusan73@gmail.com or cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk or text 07939436482 or ring 01992 639878. If you were attending Mass regularly before Holy Week and Easter, you will have been reinstated onto the regulars' list and only need to contact us if you are unable to go to Mass. If you regularly attend a Mass and would like to help with the stewarding and cleaning please contact John McKenna on 07806478974

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Boxes of envelopes for 2020-21 ran out on April 4 and the new boxes with envelopes starting last weekend are available for collection in the church. Your number on the envelopes remains the same and the box will also have your name and postcode on. If you have problems collecting the box please let us know and we can arrange delivery. If you are unable to attend Mass you could make your Planned Giving donations online. The bank details are WRC DT CHESHUNT Sort code is 40 05 20 and Account Number is 91264419. Please put your envelope number as the reference. Thank you for your continued support in these difficult times.

GIFT AID

We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking the Inland Revenue to give us the Tax that you have paid on your donations. If you are a Gift Aider but have now stopped paying tax, please would you contact the Parish Office on 01992 629878 so that we don't ask for the tax that you haven't paid.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021 from Westminster Cathedral on Saturday May 15 at 3.00 pm. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please send in the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email) to the presbytery.

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH: - at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER 3 Months: £25.00 SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months: - £99.00. DIGITAL COPY: - 12 Months: £55.00

APPRECIATION: Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving. God bless you all for the personal cards and gifts sent to me. **Happy Easter Season.**