



**SAINT THEODORE OF CANTERBURY
HAMPTON ON THAMES
Sunday March 31st 2024
EASTER SUNDAY**



Welcome to all at Mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and let us pray for each other.

MASSES THIS WEEK

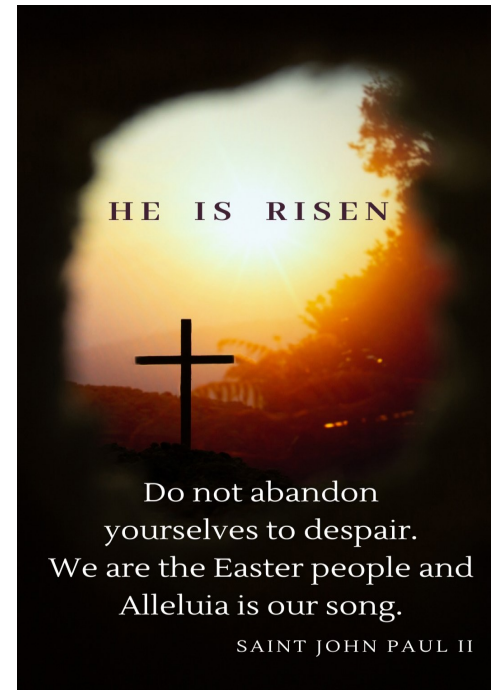
- Sunday 31** **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
 8.30 pm **EASTER VIGIL** People of the Parish
 8.30 am Sr Marian's Intentions
 10.30 am Private Intention
- Monday** **EASTER MONDAY**
 April 1st **NO MASS**
- Tuesday 2** **EASTER TUESDAY**
 10.am Sister Julia Cunnane SMG RP
- Weds 3** **EASTER WEDNESDAY**
 9.30 am Private Intention
- Thursday 4** **EASTER THURSDAY**
 9.30 am Vera and Carmel Int
- Friday 5** **EASTER FRIDAY**
 9.30 am Joan, Sarah and Family Int
- Saturday 6** **EASTER SATURDAY**
 6pm Eileen Bennett Int
- Sunday 7** **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (LOW SUNDAY) DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**
 8.30 am Anita Byrne RIP
 10.30 am For all the People of the Parish



Blessed Sacrament Lamp this week is for Bertilla Cunningham

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HE IS RISEN

Do not abandon yourselves to despair.
 We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song.

SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Whether we have had the best Lent ever or the worst Lent possible, last Sunday we entered Holy week and over the last few days have recalled those great moments in the life of the Lord Jesus that lead to the Cross, and ultimately the Resurrection.

On Palm Sunday, we sang "Hosanna", that is: save us. Today we sing "Alleluia" because the Lord has truly saved us by his death and Resurrection. Like the first Disciples of the Lord Jesus, our Faith can be shaky, the truth remains, however, that God loves us and Jesus has risen from the dead. This means He Lives for us. He lives for us because He Loves us.

There is much uncertainty in the times in which we are living. But: there is one fact that will never change and that is that God truly loves us and has sent us His Son that we may have life and have life to the full. Let us never doubt the graces of

Holy Week and Easter. Let us put our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus. He died for us, now He is Risen and He Lives, He Lives for us!
 A Happy and Holy Easter to one and all.
 God bless you, Fr. Philip

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

•**CURRY AND QUIZ** We look forward to hosting a Quiz and Curry night on Saturday April 27th, Doors open at 7pm Quiz Starts at 7.15pm. Chicken or Vegetarian options. Bring your own drinks. £15 - Teams of 6 - Book as a team or we will make up a team for you. Tickets are now on sale.

SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

MASS: The Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony will take place at Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass 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 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr Philip the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP:

If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, which burns next to the Tabernacle for a special Intention, just let the office know your preferred week and your intention. The cost is just £10 for the whole week.

REPOSITORY:

There are many new Mass and Occasion cards in the repository - all at very competitive prices!

GIFT AID:

If you are a Gift Aider and are **no longer paying tax**, it is of the **utmost** importance that you inform the office of this **in writing as soon as possible**. We do not want anybody getting surprise bills from HMRC. New planned giving envelopes were ordered some time ago and we are waiting delivery in the next couple of weeks.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES THIS YEAR:



Will take place from 19th - 26th July. Full board costs range from £775.00 by coach to £1250.00 including flight and single room occupancy. For more information contact the Pilgrimage office on 020 7798 9173 or email lourdes@rcdow.org.uk. Alternatively you can scan the QR code in the Church welcoming area.

God willing Fr Philip will be travelling on this Pilgrimage. He will be accompanying the Jumbulance. It would be lovely if there is a little delegation from St Theodore's joining our Diocesan Pilgrimage. By scanning the QR code, details of the pilgrimage and guidelines for volunteering are given.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Our next meeting will be on Thursday 25th April at 7 pm when we will be having a talk from "Embracing Age", a local charity working towards a world where older people are valued, connected and full of hope. Everyone is welcome to come and find out more.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEWSLETTER should be received by the Parish Office in writing no later than 10am on Thursday.

EASTER OFFERING: The Offertory collection over the Easter Weekend forms part of the Parish priest's stipend. This, along with the Christmas offering, Mass Stipends and offerings for Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals contribute to the same fund. From these monies your Priest receives a monthly stipend. If there is a shortfall from the above then the Parish makes up the difference to the approved norm. If you are currently giving to the parish via Planned Giving Envelopes, you may like to use the Easter Offering envelope in the box. If you make your offering to the parish by Standing Order you may like to use the Easter Of-

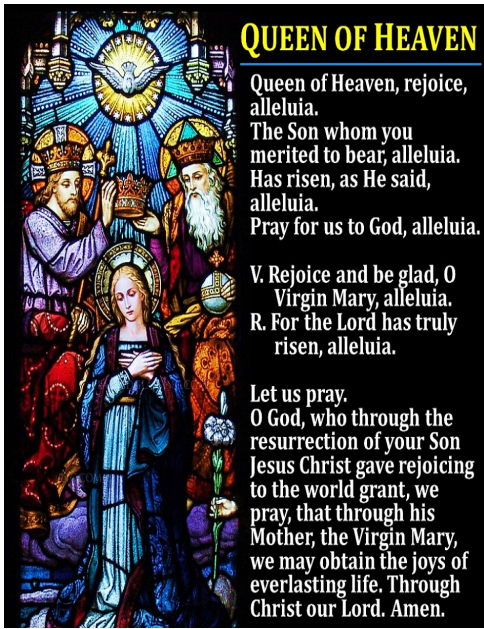
fering envelope available in the porch. If you are going to be away for Easter, you may wish to place your Easter Offering envelope in the offertory collection this weekend or on your return.

A REQUEST: A 14 year old piano student (currently studying for their Grade 8 exam) is looking for a piano to practice on over the Easter Holidays. If you can help, this will be a private arrangement. For more details please contact Nicola Garty on 07708659408



Parish Office opening hours this week:
Thursday and Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm

Offertory Collection for week up to and including 24/03/2024:
Envelopes: £202.00 Loose: £346.13
Contactless: £30.00 (£0.61 in fees)
Total: £577.52
Average MONTHLY Standing Orders: £1,446.01
(Thus average weekly on an annual basis = £333.69)
Thank You for your generosity



Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.
O God, who through the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world, grant, we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regina Caeli laetare, Alleluia,
Quia quem meruisti portare. Alleluia,
Resurrexit, Sicut dixit, Alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:
Pope Francis, and in this Month of April we join him in praying that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. For Cardinal Vincent Nichols and all Bishops. **For all in our Parish family especially those who are sick or housebound, those who care for them, those away from home, in Education, working away, on active service, or in Prison; for Peace in our World and especially for an end to the conflict in Ukraine and for peace in the Middle East. During Eastertide we pray for Victoria and all new members of the Church, the right use of media, the blessing of Human Work. For Priests and Deacons, Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious life. For our Schools and other Christian communities in our Parish. For the Servants of the Mother of God. For His Majesty the King and all who govern in his name. For all those who died recently, especially Fr Michael Daley, Fr. Malcom Ferrier, Fr Raymond Hayne, for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and those who have no one to pray for them.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE TO OUR PARISH: PRIMARY SCHOOLS: St James School is our designated Parish School: St James, Twickenham: <https://www.st-james.richmond.sch.uk/> Mr. Beaty. Sacred Heart, Teddington: <https://www.sacredheartteddington.co.uk/> Mrs Green, St Ignatius, Sunbury: <https://www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk/> Mrs O'Neill. **SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN OUR DEANARY:** St Richard Reynolds Twickenham. Mr R Burke www.strichardreynolds.org.uk St Paul's Sunbury. Mr J. McNulty. www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/ CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.15pm—5.45pm or by appointment.
BAPTISMS Please initially speak to Fr Philip after Sunday Mass. Adults wishing to enquire about the Catholic Faith should also speak to Fr Philip.
WEDDINGS For those couples wishing to get married here or elsewhere, it is important that you notify Fr Philip at least 6 months before your wedding date.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK On request. If you are about to undergo surgery or treatment, please do not hesitate to ask Fr Philip. If you are admitted to Hospital, please indicate that your details are to be passed to the R.C. Chaplain and that you would like the R.C. Chaplain to visit.

IF ANY ONE IS IN DANGER OF DEATH PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL FR PHILIP - 020 8979 3596 OR A NEIGHBOURING PARISH.