

Easter Sunday &
Low Sunday
Year A
5th April & 12th April,
2026

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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From the Diary

Weekend Masses are always live-steamed on YouTube.

EASTER SUNDAY	20.30 (Sat)	Easter Vigil
	09.00	Mass
	11.00	Mass
Easter Monday 6 th April	10.00	Mass (<i>John Nolan ANNIV</i>)
Easter Tuesday 7 th	<i>09.15</i>	No Mass
Easter Wednesday 8 th April	<i>09.15</i> <i>09.45 – 11.30</i> 14.00 – 16.00 20.00 – 21.30	No Mass No Baby and Toddler Group – back 15th April 'Gresham Junction' Café – Hall Catholic Starting Point – Hall
Easter Thursday 9 th April	09.15 – 09.50 10.00	Mass followed by Exposition Church cleaning
Easter Friday 10 th		
Easter Saturday	<i>17.30 – 18.00</i>	No Sacrament of Reconciliation
2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	18.30 (Sat)	Mass (<i>Kathleen Clifford RIP</i>)
LOW SUNDAY	09.00	Mass (<i>Vincenza Lisanti RIP</i>)
	11.00	Mass (<i>Kevin Carroll ANNIV</i>)
Monday 13 th April	13.30 – 15.30 20.00	'Sins & Needles' - Hall Rosary Group – Enter via hall after Brownies finish
Tuesday 14 th April	<i>09.15</i>	No Mass
Wednesday 15 th April	<i>09.15</i> 09.45 – 11.30 14.00 – 16.00	No Mass Baby and Toddler Group – Hall 'Gresham Junction' Café – Hall
Thursday 16 th April	09.15 – 09.50 10.00	Mass followed by Exposition Church cleaning
Friday 17 th April		
Saturday 18 th April	12.00 17.30 – 18.00	Baptism of Liam Piras Sacrament of Reconciliation
3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	18.30 (Sat)	Mass (<i>Michael Hughes ANNIV</i>)
	09.00	Mass (<i>Miles Stewart Compton RIP</i>)
19 th April	11.00	Mass (<i>Flavita & Charles 25th Wedding, Oshca Carvalho BDINTS</i>)

Please pray for

All who are sick:

Roz Sendorek, Mark Cotter, Jessica Farnsworth, Zofiya & Zenonas Meskauskai, Frances Phillips, Margaret Prendergast and others not named here.

Those who have died:

Antoni Mencil & all anniversaries.

Welcome!

If you are visiting or this is your first time, please introduce yourself to Fr. Philip, and perhaps stay for tea & coffee after Mass.

Whether you've recently moved into the area, or are just visiting, you are most welcome here – and so is your feedback on your first impressions of this parish, good or bad!

Tea and Coffee

After **all** Masses, please stay on for a nice *Fairtrade* cup of tea, freshly brewed coffee, biscuits and toys.

Little children

When you bring your children to Mass, you not only share with them a very special part of your life, but you bring new life and energy to the entire parish community. If their new life and energy is getting too much, it's ok to take them into the porch or outdoors for a bit until they (or you) have calmed down!

If you have a baby you are welcome to feed/breastfeed your child at any time – and in any place you feel most comfortable. You can go into the hall or simply remain in your place in church.

If you've got a toddler, you are welcome to bring toys to distract them. It's a good idea to bring things that can't be used to make a noise. Best of all, come and sit at the front where they can see!

We appreciate that every child is different and that bringing children to Mass is not always easy. If you are finding it particularly hard today, be assured that you are not alone.

Baptism

If you have an unbaptised baby (or are half expecting one), please introduce yourself & your child, either after Mass or over the phone, and we can talk about next steps.

Safety

Please don't let children close to the candle stands or the statues – they are heavy and topple very easily!

Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesdays in term time 09.45 – 11.30 in the hall. **£2.50** per family. Nice cakes. Outdoor area. All babies, toddlers, & accompanying adults very welcome!

Alleluia!

Jesus is risen!

On behalf of the parish community
of Our Lady of the Rosary,

we wish you and your families a very Happy Easter.
May the Risen Christ fill you with peace, hope and joy!

Lots of love, Fr. Philip

Gresham Junction

Everyone is welcome to our community café open Wednesday afternoons 14.00-16.00. Come and join us for a hot drink & slice of cake.

A Prayer for Peace in the World

Almighty Father, you are the Lord of history. We place in your hands the distress of our times. The wars in Ukraine, the Middle East and elsewhere fill us with anxiety and fear. We call out to you. Welcome those who have died. Comfort those left behind. Be with refugees and those driven from their homes. Heal the wounds of those injured in body and soul. Be close to every person taking up the cause of those who suffer. Give to our earth the peace which only you can give. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Holy Mary, Mother of Peace, pray for us and for the whole world.

Candidates for the Easter Sacraments

Congratulations to Lucia & Kerry who were Confirmed, to Annamarie, Nick, Miranda, Sam, Heather & Adebola, who were received into the Church, Confirmed and made First Holy Communion, to Natalia & Monika who were received into the Church, and to Evie, Zion & Ellen who were Baptised and made First Holy Communion, and to Pete, Joe, Richard, Oscar, Web, Naomi & Elke who were Baptised, Confirmed and made First Holy Communion at last night's Easter Vigil. This was, for a second year running, one of the biggest groups of candidates we've ever had in this parish. A very special thank-you to their sponsors, family members and catechists for so much encouragement, support and friendship. Please keep them all in your prayers as they begin their new life as full members of the Catholic Church.

Thank you! A lot of people do a lot of work, both behind the scenes and on the scenes to make our celebration of Holy Week and Easter as joyful, meaningful and as organised as possible. Volunteers don't just do a good job, but they serve the parish with a great deal of love. This includes the beautiful flowers, precise stewarding and Altar serving, polished readers, efficient tea service, amazing music and so much more besides. Everyone thanks the priest – but this is just a cameo role. It is our parish volunteers who really make things special, so if you get the chance, please take time to thank some of those people yourself – because when I tell them they are the 'best in the whole world', they never believe me.

Thank you! (2) Being a parish priest is an incredibly humbling experience – I keep getting cards, bottles, biscuits, beers and other unexpected gifts – and if I've not said 'thank you' personally, know that I am in fact incredibly thankful, and that your kindness is remembered, appreciated, and will be repaid in a lot of love and prayer! Thank you every one of you for your support and care and for making our parish a fantastic community in which to serve.

New collection Envelopes

If you currently support the parish using the weekly collection envelopes, your new box is available for collection from the porch. Technically we should not be leaving them there for data protection and privacy reasons, so please pick yours up ASAP before anyone finds out and complains and I get in trouble.

Sins and Needles

Would you like to join 'Sins and Needles', our new parish needlework (sewing, crocheting, knitting) group? The aim of the group is to make items for those in need as well as some items that are needed or desired for the church. If you can sew, crochet or knit and would like to join us, you would be very welcome. Next session is Monday 13th April at 13.30.

Parish Seaside Trip

What with the hot weather, thoughts are turning towards happy times in exotic and far-flung destinations. With this in mind, we are organising a parish trip to Littlehampton on Friday 24th July. Details will be available nearer to the time, but for now, put the date in your diary. Obviously we will go by train.

Away

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus I will be heading away for a few days in the period after Easter Sunday. This means that some weekday Mass times will be adjusted or cancelled, but you can check all that on the front of this newsletter. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact St. Michael's, Ashford on 01784 252230 or St. John Fisher, Shepperton on 01932 563116. I will read and respond to all emails regarding funerals but not to nothing else!

Parish Procession and Picnic

On Sunday 7th June, the Feast of Corpus Christi, following 11.00 Mass, we will have Blessed Sacrament Procession from the church to the school, followed by a parish picnic. This will be the occasion of our First Holy Communion breakfast for our class of 2026!

On **YouTube** search for: 'Our Lady of the Rosary Staines'

On **Facebook** search for: 'Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Staines'

Fire safety – Leave, leaving, left!

In case of fire, you must leave the building by the closest available exit. Once you have **left**, immediately turn **left**. Keep going **left** until you reach the perimeter fence. Exit through the gate and continue going **left** along Gresham Road and **left** again into Cherry Orchard. It is here you will assemble and await instructions. Don't return to collect anything **left** behind.

Supporting the parish

Our parish relies only on the support of its members. It helps us if you donate by standing order or direct bank payment. Our parish bank details are as follows:

Sort code: 40-05-20 Account number: 41096168 Bank: HSBC Account name: WRCDT Staines-upon-Thames

If you're a taxpayer, why not Gift Aid your donation? The government will top up your gift by 25%, meaning a £20 offering becomes £25, at no cost to you. To do this, send an email to giftaid@rcdow.org.uk with the following info:

1. Your parish name (Our Lady of the Rosary, Staines)
2. Your title, first name and surname
3. Your address and postcode
4. The date of your gift, or start date of Standing Order
5. The amount
6. Please add the line: 'Please Gift Aid my donations'

The Diocesan Gift Aid office will add your declaration immediately, on behalf of your parish, and email you a confirmation.

Manna Food Bank

You are invited to drop items of non-perishable food in the porch when open to support our local foodbank. **Non-perishable** includes nothing that requires refrigeration, nor bread. Items should be unopened, unused and not be after their 'best before' date.

Safeguarding 'See it, say it...'

If you've any concerns or require advice regarding the safety or well-being of a child or vulnerable adult, you need to do one of the following:

- If you believe that a child or vulnerable adult is at immediate risk of harm, please call 999.
- In all cases and for all concerns, contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7798 9356.
- Out of hours (if it's a concern that is not immediate but still cannot wait until the next working day), please call the Police on 101.

You *can* also speak to me (Fr. P) or contact our parish safeguarding reps, Sheila Davies or Ash Buckley if you have a concern or query, but this should not prevent or delay you using the other contacts if the need arises.

Sheila stainessg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Ash stainessg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Feeling unsafe?

Not everyone feels safe at home. The National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247 if you are concerned about yourself or others. The church is a safe space to seek assistance should you need it – see parish contact details overleaf. *Istnieje też specjalna linia pomocy w języku polskim 0300 365 1700 oraz strona internetowa <http://opoka.org.uk>*

Cold and wet weather

While it's cold and wet, please take extra care in and around the church premises. Outdoor surfaces may be icy and indoor surfaces may be wet and slippery. When ice or snow is expected, we endeavour to grit all pedestrian access routes to/from the street, but this is not always possible so caution is advised. The parish doesn't accept responsibility for any loss or injury that results from you not taking appropriate precautions!

Going to hospital?

Due to data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the Catholic Chaplain **and** please ask them to visit you! Equally, if you have a loved one in **prison**, please let me (Fr. P) know.

Safeguarding Training

All parish volunteers are asked to complete Safeguarding Training. To do this go to <https://training.catholic safeguarding.org.uk/> and choose 'Level 3'. You **do not need** a DBS check to do this, despite what it says on the website. Once completed, I'll need to see your certificate, so email the parish or drop a copy into the office.

Parish Pilgrimage 2026

We are planning a pilgrimage in October half term 23 – 30th October to Czech and Poland. It will be a journey from Prague to Kraków via Králiky and Kalwaria Zebrzydowska. If you are interested please speak to me (Fr. P)