

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR EASTERTIDE

SUN 15 April	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm Vigil	Kathleen Galvin, RIP
		8.00am	Pro Populo (For the People)
		9.30am	Angela Clarke, RIP
		11.00am	Kampa Guya Persand, Anniv
		2.15pm	Polish Mass
		5.00pm	Carmelina Petagine , RIP
MON 16 April	Easter feria	8.30am	Anne Smyth. Int.
		12.00 noon	Special Int.
TUES 17 April	Easter feria	8.30am	Special Int.
		12.00 noon	Una Gilmartin, RIP
WED 18 April	Easter feria	8.30am	John Joseph Griffin, RIP
		12.00 noon	Sunny Joseph, Anniv
THUR 19 April	St Alphege	8.30am	Holy Souls
		12.00 noon	Carleen Doherty, RIP. Funeral Mass
		7.00pm	Polish Mass
FRI 20 April	Easter feria	8.30am	Mary Cheng, RIP
		12.00 noon	Jisha Sebastian, Thanksgiving
SAT 21 April	Easter feria	11.00am	Michael Jordan, RIP
		6.00pm vigil	Brendan Carey, RIP

CONFESSIONS: Saturday's from 11:30am & 5.15pm - 5:35pm
EUCARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 5.15pm - 5.40pm
THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: for those who have responsibility for economic matters: that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion

TEXT GIVING THROUGH YOUR MOBILE PHONE: Easy, safe, convenient, do it anytime.
 Text: "Parish HROOD" to 70800 to donate £5 to Holy Rood Parish. Thank you.

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Sunday 15th April 2018
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Readings for this Sunday are on page 258 of the Parish Mass Book

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**Holy Rood
 Catholic Church, Watford**



TODAY'S MASS
**Lift up the light of
 your face on us, O Lord**

We continue to think about the Resurrection this week, from three different perspectives: the Gospel gives us another story of Jesus appearing to his disciples - this time the beautiful story of the meeting in Jerusalem, when Jesus proves he is alive and no ghost by eating some grilled fish: he reminds the disciples that all he suffered and rise so the repentance for the forgiveness of sins could be preached to the whole world.

The first reading shows us Saint Peters doing just that, as he addresses the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost: he takes them through recent events (fifty days earlier), highlighting the important point, that he and the disciples can witness to the raising of Jesus from the dead, and calling them to repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.

The second reading brings this into our lives: the resurrection is not just a historical event, which we remember. By baptism (which we renewed at Easter) we become part of Jesus in his dying and his rising, as he becomes the sacrifice that takes our sins away. So all that Saint John tells us about the commandments and avoiding sin is our way of living the Resurrection.

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sun 15	Tea and coffee after 11:00am Mass	
	Baptism Course	2.00pm
Mon 16	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm
Tue 17	Parents & Toddlers	9.30am
Wed 18	RCIA	8.00pm
Thurs 19	Confirmation Session 11	6:45pm
Fri 20	Alcoholic Anonymous	8.00pm
Sat 21	SPOC	9.30am

CONFIRMATION COURSE: The next session of Decision Point will be this Thursday 19th April. Candidates and catechists please check that this date is in your diaries. Many Thanks .

STICKERS! These are available to collect at all the Sunday Masses (including the Saturday evening Vigil Mass) A reminder that we can only give stickers to those with cards which have a photograph and name attached. Thank you also to our volunteers who give of their time each week to distribute these.

THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM The next preparation course will be this Sunday at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. Registration for Baptism courses should be made via Deacon Neville and an application form completed. Parents should be attending Mass weekly as a matter of course, before requesting this Sacrament for their children.

CONGRATULATIONS... If you are hoping to celebrate the Sacrament of marriage either here or elsewhere in the near future. The clergy and diocese require six months notice for pastoral and administrative paperwork to be completed. The clergy are dealing with large amounts of paperwork for couples. It is important therefore that proper notice is given. It is also important to understand that if you are intending to marry abroad, many countries require Catholics to have

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

Carleen Doherty, Gabriel Cruz, Martin Hunt, Ellen Delaney, Mary Denny, Josie Harte,
ANNIVERSARIES
 Martin Hunt, Mavis Mapel
 Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

received all three initiation sacraments before agreeing to marry. i.e. Baptism, First Holy Communion and Holy Confirmation.

HOLY ROOD WALKERS CLUB.... Watch this space for the next scheduled walk or please call Paul (0788 772 6061) for details. All are welcome and transport is available.

HOLY ROOD IS FULL OF VOLUNTEERS and we are grateful to them, but are you able to join them? If you are interested in any of the following let us know. We need readers, counters, collectors, cleaners, fund raisers, laundry helpers, and gardeners. We are looking for more extraordinary ministers, fire marshals, teachers, servers, singers and musicians, photocopiers, and leaflet folders. If you want to get involved in your church community and would like to know more about volunteering opportunities let us know.

THE HOLY ROSARY is prayed each weekday in church following the 12.00 noon Mass. Thank you to all who share in this important prayer ministry. Want to know how to pray the Rosary? Come along and see.

HOLY ROOD CHURCH is open daily for prayer, but even with CCTV, God's house is vulnerable. In recent weeks we have had two thefts and one attempted theft . Fortunately all incidents have been caught on our recording cameras and the police are involved. If you see anything suspicious please do let us know and please pray for those who have committed these acts of violation. We are looking at our opening times and may from time to time have to close the church at short notice. We are also reviewing our candle, newspaper and poor boxes.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN has launched a petition calling on the Prime Minister not to give any parliamentary support to moves to decriminalise abortion. Decriminalising abortion will strip any remaining protection from abortion for unborn children. Please support the petition online at

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
 is sponsored this week by Maria Esquerre for
Alfonso Esquerre

www.spuc.org.uk

SUPPORT GROUP: Parents of children with special needs meet in the Upper Room at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth WD3 1HU from 11.00 to 12.30 on Friday 20th April. Lucy Winters from the L'Arche Community will be with us. For more information contact Veronica 01923 441105.

CONGRATULATIONS to those our Altar Servers who have received their service medals and been enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen. May St Stephen pray for you all. You are a great credit to our church.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND. Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection to help fund the formation of priests takes place next weekend. There are currently 45 seminarians in formation for the priesthood. Last year 8 men were ordained priests for our diocese and we look forward to additional priests being ordained this June. Donation leaflets are available today please take one home to read and return it next week with your donation if you are able. Please continue to pray for vocations and for all our priests. Thank you.

IRISH & HOLY ROOD SUPPORT GROUP Plant sale and coffee morning. Saturday 12th May 10.00-1.00pm at Holy Rood Social Club, Tolpits Lane. In aid of the Peace Hospice Free admission - all welcome!

PRAYER FOR

EASTER III

Lord, the resurrection of your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Amen

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes £788.30 Loose £992.25
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