

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>MON 27th April</b>	Easter Feria	Ronald Yep RIP Brenda Tims RIP
<b>TUES 28th April</b>	Easter Feria—St. Peter Chanel	Cecilia and Noel Finn Intention Juliet Basnayake, Anniv
<b>WED 29th April</b>	St. Catherine of Siena Patron of Europe	NHS Staff and Care Workers Philomene John-Baptiste Intentions
<b>THUR 30th April</b>	Easter Feria	Giovanna Benvenga RIP Florenca Baggayan Intention
<b>FRI 1st May</b>	St. Joseph the Worker	Doreen Reeves RIP Wilma Banaag RIP
<b>SAT 2nd May</b>	St. Athanasius	John F. McCullagh RIP Martin Flaherty RIP
<b>SUN 3rd May</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	Nora O'Connor Anniv Martin Mullen RIP

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP**  
is sponsored for Philomene John-Baptiste

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL**-For those suffering an ADDICTION. We pray that they may be helped and accompanied at this time.

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**Sunday 26th April 2020**  
**3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Psalms week 3



### TODAY'S MASS

*"Christ feeds us"*

Christ is our daily Eucharist We meet him as pilgrims and strangers and recognize him in the breaking of bread

**First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33**

Psalm 15, used as a responsorial psalm to this reading, had prophesied that the Just One would not die without being sure of escaping from corruption in the grave. Convinced of the Lord's resurrection, Peter appeals to this psalm when speaking to the men of Israel, in order to make themselves understand that the scriptures were fulfilled in Christ.

**Second Reading: First Letter of St. Peter 1:17-21**

Why believe and hope in God? Because he has revealed himself as God of the living by raising his son. Silver and gold are illusions. Christ has saved us by the most valuable thing in the world — his precious Blood.

**Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

Luke elaborates a whole presentation of the Easter faith for all generations who must believe without seeing; it is necessary to journey for a long time before the cross ceases to appear as an obstacle but shines as the source of salvation. We must give Christ time to explain the scriptures to us: at the Eucharistic table we recognize his presence and are so enabled to announce to our brothers and sisters that he is living. **THE DISCIPLES WERE DOWNCAST UNTIL THEY RECOGNISED THE LORD. IN THIS TIME WE MAY BE DOWNCAST—SO WE NEED TO MEET THE LORD ONCE AGAIN TO FILL US WITH JOY EVEN IN ISOLATION.**

**Holy Rood  
Catholic Church, Watford**



**HAIL HOLY QUEEN** Hail holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**SUSPENSION OF ALL PUBLIC WORSHIP** Dear All, It is with regret that I have to inform you that the Bishops' Conference has decided that **ALL** public forms of worship should be suspended in our churches and that **ALL** churches be closed and remained throughout England and Wales till further notice. This is obviously due to the CORONAVIRUS pandemic which is disturbing our lives at this present time. There will be no sacraments during this time – no confessions, no Holy Communion, no baptisms, no confirmations etc. Since no one knows when this ban will be lifted, let us continue to unite ourselves SPIRITUALLY in a way that God can show us. The newsletter gives us the link that we need in order for us to access MASS remotely from home with a number of different options.

**EVERY THURSDAY EVENING**—at 7p.m. a bishop will celebrate Mass in his Cathedral for all our frontline workers in the NHS and our care homes, for the sick and their families. The next masses are as follows:  
30 April: Bishop Richard Moth, Arundel Cathedral , 7 May: Bishop Marcus Stock, Leeds Cathedral, 14 May: Bishop Robert Byrne CO, Newcastle Cathedral, 21 May: Bishop Mark Davies, Shrewsbury Cathedral, 28 May: Bishop Terence Drainey, Middlesbrough Cathedral

**Missed the ON-LINE RETREAT FROM WALSINGHAM?** GO TO [walsingham.org.uk](http://walsingham.org.uk) website. Another way of uniting ourselves. Also on Walsingham web—Series by Fr. Stephen Wang—SYCAMORE. Visit the website for more details.

**WATFORD TOWN CENTRE CHAPLAINCY**—in the current climate support can be obtained by phoning 07483178582 or by emailing the team: [frances@watfordtcc.org](mailto:frances@watfordtcc.org) for anyone who usually works in the Watford Town Centre and needs chaplaincy support at this time. You may have time to watch the new film which you can find at: [www.watfordtcc.org/volunteer](http://www.watfordtcc.org/volunteer).

**GETTING MARRIED?** The next marriage preparation course was due to be on the 2nd May at Holy Rood for those intending to marry in 2020/21. in the light of our present situation we have CANCELLED this event but we will keep you updated as and when we have further details. Depending on future developments there may be a disruption to the dates for marriages already booked. This is due to the fact that the Government are giving the public clear guidelines for family celebrations and other social settings. Let us hope and pray that the present situation will pass soon and weddings can go ahead.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL Saturday 30th May, 3pm.** THIS MASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION.

**PROVIDING SUPPORT DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.** Whilst many of us will have family and friends to support us during the current situation there may be members of our community who will find themselves in need of help and assistance. If you require help during this difficult time

please contact the parish on 01923 224 085 and Father Derek and Father Joseph will work with the parish volunteer groups, including the SVP, to try and assist you as much as possible.

**INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.** The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is no longer able to consider group participation at the International Eucharistic Congress, in Budapest this September 2020. For those who have already booked to go on this pilgrimage, The travel agent will be in touch to discuss the options.

**THE MASS ONLINE.** If you have access to a computer or smartphone you can follow a live-streaming of Masses online by going to [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) or <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/how-to-participate-in-mass-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/>

**MASS REQUESTS/OFFERINGS** If you would like to offer masses for your intentions, please phone the parish number and dial 3 for Fr. Derek or 4 for Fr. Joseph to book a Mass over the phone.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** Some people have contacted us regarding their Sunday offerings. As we cannot come in to the church at this time, we suggest that you keep aside your weekly offering and when we return to normal practice, you will be able to give your offerings then. THANK YOU. We are also grateful to those who give by Standing Order as these continue in this time of crisis, there is some income for the parish. THANK YOU—it is such a help at this time.

**BEDFORD, MORISON AND CORDERY ALMSHOUSE CHARITY** is offering accommodation for single men and women, over 60 and capable of independent living. The Charity does not offer medical care.

Further details contact: Site Manager on 07957945718 or a Trustee on 07785223860

*It has been wonderful for myself, Fr. Joseph and Deacon Neville to talk to so many of our parishioners on the phone during the last week. Thank you for all your offers of support at this time. Thanks to the few families who have contacted us with their details. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED—please phone us —to let us know how you are —as we may have a wrong number for you.*

**Watford Food Bank continues to receive contributions. People can leave things at the presbytery or you could donate financially—  
[www.watfordfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.watfordfoodbank.co.uk)**

**Standing Order for March—£5730.  
Thank you to all who contribute using this method—it provides for the church in these times of need.**

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**  
Wilma Banaag, John McCullagh,  
Timmy Clancy, Elizabeth Jacques,  
Lucia Sepe, Peter Ahern,  
Kathleen Murphy, Jim Duff.  
**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Juliet Basnayake, Nora O'Connor.  
**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**