

Third Sunday of Easter (B) Acts 3: 13-15; 17-19; Ps 4; 1 John 2: 1-5; Luke 24: 35-48	
Saturday 17th April 2021 5:00 - 6:15pm: Confessions 6:30pm: Margaret Coligan RIP (McKie)	Sunday 18th April 2021 8:30am: Reginald Stafford 09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM 10:30am: People of the Parish (ZOOM)
Mon. 19th April 2021 (Feria) (St. Alphege, Bishop and Martyr) 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Gjonis Family	Tues. 20th April 2021 (Feria) 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls
St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Weds. 21st April 2021 07:30-09:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Private Intention (DG) 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom Alison Mulligan RIP (LSU)	Thurs. 22nd April 2021 (Feria) 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Thanksgiving (Thomas)
St. George, Martyr and Patron of England Fri. 23rd April 2021 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Dennis Opara RIP	Sat. 24th April 2021 (Feria) (St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr) 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom
Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) Acts 4: 8-12; Ps 117; 1 John 3: 1-2; John 10: 11-18	
Saturday 24th April 2021 5:00 - 6:15pm: Confessions 6:30pm: Barry Alfred Colville	Sunday 25th April 2021 8:30am: Martin Daly RIP (Coward) 09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM 10:30am: People of the Parish (ZOOM)
Anniversaries of Death	
Bruce Dixon, Robina Coughlan, Michael Deen, Edith Hitchin, Michael Murphy, Julia Howard, Francis van Mechelen, Mary Kemp, Doris Dimes, P. Phair, Anne Canneaux, Agnes James, Jose, Colin Ryall, Kathleen Yeo, Agnes Cox, Ben Jones, Pat Bourke, Constance Lord, William Looker, Harry Biginton, Terence Connolly, Seamus Magee, Eileen Snelders, Ellen Walsh	
Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins away	
Jesus Christ died for the sins of the world. God the Father raised Him to life and in His resurrection we too find life. In the light of Easter we turn away from sin and discover the peace of Christ. We are witnesses to God's saving power by living out Christ's resurrection in our everyday lives.	



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AT THE USUAL TIMES.**



**Christ is
Risen:
Alleluia!!
He is
Risen
indeed:
Alleluia!!**

**His
First Gift
after
Rising from
the dead is:
to forgive
sins in
His Name
in
confession!**

**CONFESSIONS
MAY BE HEARD
- IN THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY
ROOM - WHENEVER THE
CHURCH IS OPEN, AND
BY APPOINTMENT, AND ON
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SUNDAY OFFERINGS: 10TH/11TH APRIL 2021
Gift Aid: £415.00 Loose Plate: £103.88 97 attended
Building Fund: £404.00

Thank you for your generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David*

THE SECOND COLLECTION:

THIS WEEKEND:
FOR THE UPKEEP OF ST GEORGE'S R. C. CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK.

NEXT WEEKEND,
on Good Shepherd Sunday:

for Priest Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education Fund).
Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. As members of the Church, we are encouraged to pray earnestly for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. Next week we take up the second collection in support of the Priest Training Fund, which pays for the formation of Southwark Seminarians and Deacons and the good work of the vocations team. Please be generous to this appeal. Your gifts will support 7 men currently in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number, others please use one of the Brown Envelopes available at the Church Door. Thank you for your support.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Lent is well and truly over. We are deeply immersed in the Easter season, celebrating Christ's victory over death. Yet today's readings focus on the necessity of repentance, conversion and the avoidance of sin.

As Christians we must always remember that in order to share in the life of the Risen Christ we have first to share in the life of the crucified Christ. There are no shortcuts to eternal life—if there is no cross there is no crown. Death and resurrection must take place in each of our lives. We have to die to self in order to live for God. Sin must be avoided at all costs, as sin alone separates us from the love of God and the glory he has won on our behalf.

ST GEORGE,
PATRON SAINT OF ENGLAND

Very little is known about St. George's life, but it is thought he was a high ranking officer in the Roman army who was killed in around AD 303. It seems that the Emperor Diocletian had St. George tortured to make him deny his faith in Christ. However despite some of the most terrible torture even for that time, St George showed incredible courage and faith and was finally beheaded near Lydda in Palestine. His head was later taken to Rome where it was interred in the church dedicated to him.



PARISH COLLECTIONS AND GIFT AID

Thank you to every one who has continued with the Gift Aid scheme and to those who have joined us. I have handed new boxes out at the Masses over the last couple of weeks but from now on can you see either Father David after Mass or visit the parish office to collect your new box.

For those who would like to join the scheme I have put some new application forms on the notice board opposite the sacristy, please fill one in and return it to Father David.

Thank you all for your support of the Church at this time.

Richard Gillespie (Gift Aid Co-Ordinator).

HEAD TEACHER VACANCY

Following the retirement of the current Head Teacher, the Governing Body of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Old Road, Crayford, DA1 4DZ, wish to appoint an inspirational and dedicated new Head Teacher for this happy and Ofsted rated 'good' school. Number of children on roll 213, salary range L13 to L21 (£60,073-£71,666), starting in September 2021.

Application details and application form are on the school website www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk

Closing date Friday 23rd April 2021 at noon.

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Souls of:

DENNIS OPARA,

Husband of Georgina Opara, who died on 1st March 2021
Funeral: Requiem Mass Tuesday 27th April at 11:00am

And

ANNE SHAW

Mother of David, Lee Ian, Matthew, Thomas and Lucy, and Grandmother of Bethany, George and Jersey, who died on the 30th March 2021

Funeral: Tuesday 4th May at 12 noon
followed by **Committal** at Eltham Crematorium at 1.45pm

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM, MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. MAY THEIR SOULS, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Sr Angela Valentine, Barry Alfred Colville, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer, Clare Cooney, Clare Gummett, Fr. John Ryan, Felicity Dyer, Ivor Harper, Jack Pearce, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Lucy Kiernan, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Maureen Saunders, Pauline Dansey, Renee Rae, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Tommy Cox, Veronica Francis

for all in the NHS and

all in self-isolation, quarantine, or effected by Covid-19.