

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (A)

Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Ps. 117; Col. 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9

<p>Saturday 4th April 2026</p> <p>8pm: Easter Vigil Deborah Miles RIP (V Hull)</p>	<p>Sunday 5th April 2026</p> <p>7am: Sunrise Service in St. Paulinus Churchyard (Garden of Remembrance) 8:30am: People of the Parish (& prayers for Morfydd Ioli (Molly) Gummatt RIP 20 years anniversary) 10:30am: Gloria and Tony 50th wedding anniversary</p>
<p>MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Monday 6th April 2026</p> <p>8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Nora O'Shea RIP FM</p>	<p>TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Tuesday 7th April 2026</p> <p>8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Mike Corbett RIP (Jim Saunders)</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Wednesday 8th April 2026</p> <p>8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Canon Francis Leo Mooney RIP n/s 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Vic Pain RIP (Marie LSU)</p>	<p>THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Thursday 9th April 2026</p> <p>8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Blessed 41st Birthday (V Clark)</p>
<p>FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Friday 10th April 2026</p> <p>8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls</p>	<p>SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Saturday 11th April 2026</p> <p>11am: Holy Mass at Shalom</p>

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Acts 2: 42-47; Ps. 117; 1 Pet. 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31

<p>Saturday 11th April 2026</p> <p>5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Thanksgiving (A Gonsalves)</p>	<p>Sunday 12th April 2026</p> <p>8:30am: Monica Murrell RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish 12:30pm Baptism of Rukia Thomas</p>
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ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Peter Walsh, Mary O'Keefe, Kevin Lungley, Francis Atkinson, John Toomey, James Cain, Donald Mathews, Violet Chandler, Margaret Clark, Stanley Edward Locke, Sr. Bernadette O'Dowd (LSU), Bridget O'Loughlin, Ron Futter, Hedwig Anderer, Margaret Barr, Daniel Molloy, Florence Lysaght, Geoff West, Silvio Bertram, Patricia Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Eileen Churchill, Fr. Tony Lawson, Baby Kirsty Evans, Regina Bernard, Ronald Futter.

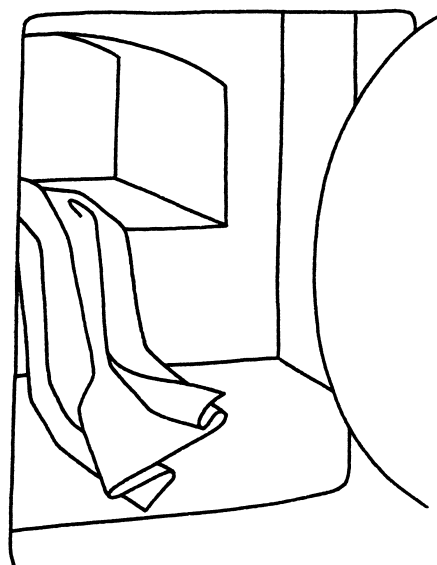
CHRIST OUR HOPE IS RISEN!

Christ died to rise again so that His Father will be glorified. We too are brought back to true life in Christ. If we die with Him we will rise with Him and in our lives be witnesses to the power of the resurrection.

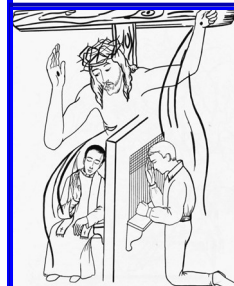


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For as yet they did not understand the Scripture,



that **HE MUST RISE FROM THE DEAD.**



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SATURDAYS 5PM TO 6PM
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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 28TH/29TH MARCH 2026:

Gift Aid: £234.10; Card: £136; Loose Plate: £219.50 ATTENDANCE: 254
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for the **EASTER OFFERING** for your Parish Priest.

18th/19th April: for the **BUILDING FUND**

Gift-aiders please use one of the envelopes from the back of your box/bundle.

25th/26th April: for **PRIEST TRAINING FUND.**

This collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

Gift-Aiders: please use the Diocesan envelopes provided

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (A)

The Resurrection is the story of the unexpected. On the first day of the week just as the dawn was breaking, Mary Magdalen came to the place where the body of Jesus was laid and discovered that the stone had been rolled back, the linen clothes were lying on the ground, and the body of Jesus was missing. She hurried to tell Peter and John, who were amazed at what had happened. Up until that moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture that Christ must rise from the dead.

We are filled with hope as we celebrate and proclaim that Jesus Christ is risen, because what happened on the first Easter Day has implications for us also.

All our hopes and happiness come from Christ's resurrection. It announces that love is present in the world and is more powerful than the evil any individual may carry out. The good news is that in all the dark and despairing moments of life the possibility of resurrection exists because no defeat is final and no life is written off as hopeless.

HAPPY EASTER: CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their energy, attention, time, talent and treasures to help and serve us during this Easter Triduum. May God bless you all with many graces this Eastertide.

**ACTIVITIES
CO-ORDINATOR
REQUIRED**

to work for small residential care home based in 83 – 85 Watling Street. Bexleyheath. DA6 7QJ. 3 days a week, variable shift hours between 10am – 5pm.

Please see notice board for full details.

100 CLUB

Come and join our 100 Club.

Please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way to raise Parish funds and for the Building Fund. Your continued support is always appreciated. Thank you.

**POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER
INTENTION FOR
APRIL 2026**

invites us to pray for the use of the new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

PLEASE NOTE: that the social club will be closed this weekend and will reopen Friday 10th April at 7.30pm. For you and your families enjoyment the following events will be held over the next few weeks:

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL at 7.30 PM - DVD HORSE RACE. Fun for all the family with 50p tote betting on 8 races with 8 horses in each race. Own a horse for £3 with £12 to the winning horse.

SUNDAY 3RD MAY at 12.15PM - BINGO with the snowball still growing and now standing at £101.

SATURDAY 16TH MAY at 7.30PM - CARIBBEAN FOOD NIGHT- tickets for the food available from the bar.

Please join us at these events, help the Parish and enjoy the social life of the Parish. Membership renewal of the club is now due. If you are not a member please consider joining and making use of the club serving soft drinks, coffee, beer, wines and spirits at low cost. Membership renewal is £10 for two years.

The social club committee gives notice that the AGM of the club will be held on Friday 8th May 2026 at 7pm and all are welcome.

The club is open 7.30pm to 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights and 12noon to 4pm on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

NEW CLUB OPENING HOURS FROM 1ST MAY 2026:

FRIDAY 8:30PM-11PM; SATURDAY 7:30PM-9:30PM; SUNDAY 1PM-3PM

**MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT ST GEORGE'S
CATHEDRAL ON 11TH JULY 2026**

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than the middle of May, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk. As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham. *Marriage and Family Life South East RC Archdiocese of Southwark*

**THE MONTH OF APRIL IS
DEVOTED TO THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT AND THE HOLY
SPIRIT**

Following our solemn commemoration of **THE PASSION, DEATH and RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**, we spend the month of April celebrating. We will continue throughout the entire month. **CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST IS TRULY RISEN.** The Feast of Divine Mercy will also offer us the opportunity to begin again as though we were newly baptised.

PART-TIME CARETAKER VACANCY

Please see notice board for further information and application details.

**OUR REPOSITORY
SHOP**

Come and visit our Repository. We have Mass Cards, Prayer Books and many other items. The shop can be open throughout the week before and after Private Prayer and Holy Mass.

**MISSIO RED BOX ANNUAL
RESULTS AND THANK YOU**

In the calendar year **2025** you helped to raise **£2,258,451** through the Red Box across England & Wales. This is a slight increase on the Red Box income received in 2024 (£2,238,853).

Archdiocese of Southwark:
£470,480; Crayford: £951,28
Many thanks to all Red Box volunteers and supporters

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

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Marie Rogerston, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden and Sean Tansey.

PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?