

Our Lady of Grace & St Teresa of Avila Parish Newsletter

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Sacrament of Reconciliation :

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All parishes in England & Wales are at present unable to celebrate Mass for parishioners to attend. **But please be reassured that Mass is still being celebrated for you and your loved ones – behind closed doors.**

The following are the intentions Fr Francis will be offering Mass for during the next week.

Mass Intentions 25th April – 3rd May 2020

Saturday	10am	Kitty Clark RIP (Howlett)	
Sunday 26th	10.30am	People of the Parish	<u>3rd Sunday of Easter</u>
Monday	9am	Fr Gerard Burke RIP	
Tuesday	9am	Margaret Green RIP - Funeral Mass	
Wednesday	9am	Mary Hopper (anniv) (Hopper)	
Thursday	9am	Roddy Feeney RIP (Dorgan)	
Friday	9am	Family Ints (Wilson)	
Saturday	10am	Michael Sleaf RIP (Mould)	
Sunday 3rd	10.30am	People of the Parish	<u>4th Sunday of Easter</u>

Sick or housebound parishioners and former parishioners:

Elisabeth Abbott, Craig Allison, June Allison, Sue Allison, Terri Arend, Jackie Ayers, Caitlin Barrett, Jim Broderick, Tom Tom Cahill, Andy Chipperfield, Bridie Conlon, Lena Costello, Jodie Denver, Morris & Celia Duranti, Fr Paul Dynan, Mary Enright, Antonia Evans, Mercy Fernandez, Mary George, Rikki Gill, Margaret Green, Jackie Hill, Peter Hastie, Teresa Hoban, Maureen Jayes, Simone Jones, Della Kerr, Maureen Kerrigan, Louise Lecointe, Thelma Lizarondo, Maria Ludwig, Anne Manning, Isobel Manz, Fr Jean-Laurent Marie, Pat Marshall, Margaret Metcalfe, James McNaboe, Jada Miller-Lewis, Brian O'Donnell, Charlie O'Donnell, Noreen O'Shea, Helen Parker, Maxine Pereira, Kathleen Petterson, Ana Pitts, Brigit Radcliffe, Teresa Raymond, Joe & Janr Robinson, Caroline Simpson, David Sparks, Samantha Sparks, Katie Stringer, Marianne Tarrant, Sharon Taylor, Renata Wallis, Ellen Williamson & Mary Wright.

Parish Finances

Although Mass is not being celebrated in public, the parish still has bills to pay. If you wish to make a donation to help the parish in these extraordinary times, please put your donation in an envelope and put it through the letter box at 1 Kings Road or by online donation which can be accessed via the Diocesan website below:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/>

Standing Orders.

We are also most grateful to all parishioners who support the parish by Standing Orders.

There are Standing Order Forms in the South Porch of the church for anyone who would also like to support the parish in this way.

3rd Sunday of Easter (Year A)



“He explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.” Luke 24:27

Readings Acts 2:14.22-33 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

Responsorial Psalm Show us, Lord, the path of life

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us
Alleluia!

Weekday Morning Prayer Psalter Week 3

Lectionary: Sundays (Cycle A); Weekdays Easter week 3

For more information see: <http://universalis.com/>

Prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola:

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;
to give & not to count the cost; to fight & not to heed the wounds;
to toil & not to seek for rest; to labour & not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that I do your holy will.

BE NOT AFRAID:

The Coronavirus & Meeting God in Uncertainties

God wants to meet you, right now, in whatever is weighing on your heart in these tumultuous times full of uncertainties.

In a long week that felt like a long year, our worlds were suddenly turned upside down. We have many fears about our jobs, our finances, our future. We're concerned about health—what if I get this? What if someone I love gets this? Plans have had to be changed, events postponed and some of us don't even know if we will have enough toilet paper!

On top of all that, the one place we turn in times of trouble is not open to all of us. In many places, churches have closed and public Masses have been canceled. The uncertainty of practically everything is most unsettling ... And no one knows for sure when things will be back to normal.

What do we do in this new situation? How do we grow spiritually when we might not even be able to go to Mass?

God wants to meet us in our uncertainties, fears and disappointments. **He wants to comfort us and help us carry the crosses we are facing.** But he also wants to do some work in our souls right now. He's inviting us to rely more on him and not on ourselves. **Here are four things we can all do to encounter God precisely in these challenges, not in spite of them.**

1.Look for the Deeper Problem: A Disease of the Heart

We all began Lent with our own planned sacrifices—maybe giving up our favorite food, drink, or show. That was our planned giving. But now God is inviting us to give up something that is so much harder and probably wasn't on our radar screen on Ash Wednesday.

He's inviting us to give up our desire for security and control, to plan every detail of our lives. **He's inviting us to surrender.**

There will always be suffering in this fallen world. But Jesus invites us to meet him in the midst of these trials, in the midst of these unexpected crosses. **As Christian disciples, we must have confidence that God is still really in charge and he can use all the trials we face to bring about some greater good in our souls.** He can even use all the chaos that the COVID-19 situation has had on our lives and the world.

This current crisis can reveal something about our hearts. There's not just a problem out there in the world—a germ we fear getting, an economic fallout we dread, a sorrow over having all our plans disrupted. The COVID-19 situation also reveals certain problems in our own hearts, areas of our lives that God wants to heal. Here are some important questions you can ask yourself: If God looked into your heart right now, would he find a heart full of peace? Would he find a heart full of confidence in his care for you? A heart that's looking outward, full of love and concern for others? Take a moment to prayerfully consider these questions.

Moments of crisis reveal people's character. They show what kind of man or woman someone really is and what he or she truly values most in life. Some will rise to the occasion and be a source of wisdom, comfort, peace, and encouragement for those around them. Others will be a slave to their own anxieties. They are not able to be instruments of God's peace. They spread their own fears to others. **Anxiety leads them to focus on self and not on God.** Anxiety also leads them to focus on protecting themselves instead of caring for others who are in need and bringing Christ into other people's burdens.

By Dr. Edward Sri (to be continued)

FR FRANCIS WRITES

During these extraordinary times Mass is being celebrated **behind closed doors.**

But Sunday Mass is being filmed and broadcast on the parish facebook page here www.facebook.com/OLGStTAParish/ **Sunday 26 April 10.30am**

The parish website is here. <http://www.catholicchingford.org.uk/home>

Although our church is closed please continue to pray with your families.

Please pray the Rosary & The Angelus: our country needs Our Lady's help & protection more than ever.

Please use the Simple Prayer Book, the Magnificat magazine & the leaflets in the porch.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Please pray for the following who have died:

Michael Sleep the husband of **Teresa Margaret Green**, mother of **Alex Corbett** who works in **Boots** pharmacy.

Marion Mackey, the mother of **Melissa**

Margaret Green's Funeral will be on **Tuesday 28 April**

Michael Sleep's Funeral will be on **Monday 4 May**

Marion Mackey's Funeral will be on **Wednesday 6 May**

May they rest in peace.

Prayers are also requested for ;

Libby Allmond, Dave Stemp, Anna & Drew Carter and Sarah Sparks (who is on a ventilator in Harlow Hospital) – and also Isobel Donn (nee Gaston) who is expecting a baby.

Mass Intentions

You can still have Masses said for your intentions.

Please collect a Mass Intention Envelope from the church porch & place it in the letter box of the Presbytery (1 Kings Road).

SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL KIT

Get your Spiritual Survival Kit for the Pandemic here:

<https://aleteia.org/>

For live streaming of Masses - see

<https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

See too talks from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal with Ascension Press

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-presents/cfrs/>

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

They will be distributed when safe to do so. If you wish to join the Gift Aid Scheme to allow the parish to recover the tax you have already paid on your offerings please leave a note at the presbytery. You have to be a tax-payer to join the scheme.

SACRAMENT CATECHESIS

First Holy Communion Program 2019/20

Rescheduled dates

Teaching Sessions for parents & children

Saturday 5 September 9.15am

Saturday 12 September 9.15am

FHC Masses

Saturday 19 & 26 September 10am

Saturday 3 October 10am

Going Forth Mass

Sunday 11 October 10.30am

Confirmation Program 2020 - changes

Just as the candidates are getting school work electronically, so too **the Confirmation Programme will now continue remotely.** Tasks will be sent to the candidates by email to be completed by them and returned before the completion of the programme. **Naturally the Celebration of Confirmation can only take place after we have resumed public worship.**