



# The Catholic Parish and Ordinariate Church of S. John Vianney Clayhall



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In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched Vocations Sunday, which we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday.

As Catholics and people of God we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. He continues to call and cry out to us each day to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to the priesthood, some to religious life or to live as kind single people. Everybody is called! What is God calling you to?

Along with the whole Church, let us pray for vocations today. Let us take time to stir the hearts and minds of the people around us to think about the topic of Vocation. The National Office for Vocation (NOV) invites you to talk and encourage children, young people, grandchildren, students, family members to respond generously to the calling of the Lord.

### What is a vocation?

In the simplest terms, "vocation" means a "call". Your vocation is what God is calling you to do with your life. We are all called to the universal vocation of holiness - to know, love and serve God in this life, and so be happy with him forever in heaven. But each of us does this in a different, individual vocation, such as the single life, marriage, religious life, diaconate or priesthood. Each vocation is a call to follow Christ closely.

### What is discernment?

Discernment basically means hearing the call and trying to figure out where God might be calling you to serve him. This is not something that happens quickly; it is a continual process of growth and listening to God.

First and foremost, discernment occurs in prayer. Often Jesus himself took time away from the busy-ness of his ministry to pray. In fact, his public ministry began with forty days of silence in the wilderness. When we pray we must silence our hearts and minds and listen to what God is saying to us and where he wants to lead us.



# Readings and psalm responses

## Psalm response

**10am and 5pm:** The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

## First reading

Acts 4:8-12

## Gospel

John 10:11-18

## Second reading

1 John 3:1-2

Discernment takes place primarily in the individual heart, but it also involves consulting with other people, especially other people in the Church. It is good to take advice from family, friends and clergy, who can help you make an informed decision

God our Loving Father, you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit.

Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross 'I thirst' and respond to the call 'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'. Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call. Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son, who was always close to those in need.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## Car parking

Please park considerately in our car park and especially do not block the entry slope. It must be left clear in case emergency vehicles, such as a fire engine, need to attend.

*Fr Rob Page*

*Parish Priest*

## Parish Notices and News

### Monday evening Mass

Mass in Latin will be celebrated at **6.30pm** on **Monday, 22 April**, the feast day of Ss Soter & Caius, Popes and Martyrs.

### Mass intentions

If you would like a Mass offered, please complete a Mass request envelope, available in the narthex, place the stipend inside and put it in the parish letter box or give it to Sonia. Sundays are booked well ahead but there is plenty of availability for weekdays.

## Parish Finance

Offertory, Mass stipends, candles, repository, etc + average standing orders and online donations      £1,393.26

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession is available on Saturday mornings between 10am and 10.30am and at other times by arrangement.

## Mass cancellation

There will be no morning Mass on **Wednesday 1 May** and **Thursday 2 May**. This is because Fr Rob needs to attend a Brentwood clergy residential conference on those days.

## Our lamps

Do consider sponsoring any of the four lamps that burn at significant spots in our church: Sanctuary Light, Our Lady's Altar, Our Lady of Walsingham and S. Joseph.

Please fill in one of the envelopes in the narthex, place your stipend inside (suggested minimum £7) and give it to Fr Rob or Sonia.

## Legion of Mary

Weekly meetings of active members take place on most Sundays after the 10am Mass. Auxiliaries are most welcome to join us.

## Living Rosary – intention for April

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Redbridge Foodbank

Redbridge Foodbank continues to need our support to help local families in crisis. Your gifts of tinned fruit and tomatoes, vegetarian foods, long-life fruit juice and milk as well as toiletries, toilet paper, sanitary pads and baby nappies, are greatly appreciated. The foodbank already has plenty of pasta and

## Parish events: save the dates

- ◆ Saturday 8 June – International Evening, a repeat of our successful event last year. Free admission but donations towards costs appreciated. Bring your own food (to share), drinks and party piece. A list of what food everyone will be bringing will be available nearer the date.
- ◆ Sunday 4 August – Annual S. John Vianney Day BBQ after the 10am Mass. Ticketed



- ◆ Saturday 19 October – Dinner Dance. Ticketed
- ◆ Sunday 24 November – Tea Party (with a festive theme). Ticketed
- ◆ Wednesday 25 December – Christmas raffle
- ◆ There may also be another Saturday coffee morning, depending on the response to yesterday's event.

cereals. Baby milk formula is not accepted. Please place your donations on the foodbank table in the S. John Henry Newman Chapel.

### Parish repository

Our repository is open after the Sunday morning Mass and stocks a wide variety of gifts, cards and devotional items. Open at other times on request.

## External events

### A Year of Encounter

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter*

is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including online sessions on **Thursday 25 April** and **Saturday 4 May**, to learn more.

### Sackcloth and ashes

On **Saturday 27 April**, which is the 56th anniversary of abortion becoming legal in Britain, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. Normally we would ask you to fast from all food except bread and water for the day, but as it is still the Easter Season, you might choose instead to fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com).

### Caritas networking day – Romford

If you are interested in the Catholic response to homelessness, the cost of living crisis, mental health and well-being, welcoming refugees and migrants or the causes and effects of climate change, this is a chance to share ideas with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. **Saturday 27 April** 10am-2.30pm at St Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford. Register at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/network](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/network).

## Job opportunities

### Trinity Catholic High School

The school is seeking:

- SEN TA, 32 hours, asap
- Midday supervisor, 5.75 hrs/wk asap
- Teacher of business, p/t or f/t, asap or September.

Go to [tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment](http://tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment) for details.

### Ursuline Academy Ilford

The school is looking to recruit a subject leader: business studies and economic. Full details at [uai.org.uk](http://uai.org.uk).

## Mass times and intentions

<b>Sun</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)</b>	
	10.00	Tolu Ayeni	(Legion of Mary)
	16.30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	17.00	The People of the Parish	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Ss Soter &amp; Caius, Popes, Martyrs</b>	
	18.30	Mass in Latin – 40th birthday & family thanksgiving: Opara family (Esther Opara)	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>S. George, Martyr</b>	<b>National Solemnity</b>
	9.00	Auxilia Musonza RIP	(E Musonza)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>S. Mellitus, Bishop of London</b>	
	9.00	Liam & Clara Grant (kidney replacement surgery) (Nicky Loften)	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>S. Mark, Evangelist</b>	<b>Feast</b>
	9.00	Manual Javier RIP – anniversary 24 April	(Tesse & Marilyn)
<b>Fri</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Friday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	
	9.00	All souls in purgatory (Maria Josef)	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	
	9.00	Mathew Fernandez + Kishore Kumar + Margareta + Miton + Raymond Sebastian RIP (Mary Mathew)	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
	10.00	Mrs Alexandrine Kunrunmi – birthday thanksgiving (Tolu Ayeni & family)	
	16.30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	17.00	The People of the Parish	
<b>Tuesday to Saturday</b>			
	8.00	Office of readings and morning prayer – week 4	
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<b>Tuesday to Friday</b>			
	17.30	Evening prayer – week 4	

### Stewards

**This Sunday** Marilyn Butler, Jeffrey Cheah, Barbara Cheah

**Next Sunday** Pauline Brooke, Bernadetta Sharon, Lionel Sharon

### Extraordinary Ministers

**This Sunday** **10am** Francis Addai, Marina Julian, Julian Roshan

**5pm** Maria Josef, Akash Cheeda

**Next Sunday** **10am** John Sarpong, Lily Sarpong, Bernadetta Sharon

**5pm** To be confirmed

**Ministers taking communion out today** Francis Addai, Barbara Cheah, Rita Young, Marilyn Butler, Heather Steadman, Maria Josef (5pm)

*Spiritual communion call* Theresa McDonagh

**Ministers taking communion out next Sunday** Josef Loroy, John Sarpong + Akash Cheeda, Bernadetta Sharon, Marilyn Butler, Heather Steadman.

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**Readers** (Please tell Sonia if you cannot read on your rota day)

**This Sunday** Sonia Gable, Theresa McDonagh

**Next Sunday** Jacqui Ricketts, Ikem Enebeli

**Repository** Ania Rutkowska

**Refreshments** Cordelia Okosun

**Flowers next Saturday** Lily Sarpong