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Thank you to everyone who came to and participated in any way in the events of the Sacred Triduum, and to all who worked so hard upfront or behind the scenes. All of the work and your ministries are most appreciated.

The first lectionary reading this Sunday has the story of Ss Peter and Cornelius as its backdrop. Cornelius was a non-Jewish (or gentile) commander in the same Roman army that oppressed Jews and crucified Jesus. Yet he is described as “an upright and God-fearing man, respected by the whole Jewish nation” (Acts 10:22). During prayer, an angel tells Cornelius to invite Peter, a Jew, to stay as a guest at his house. As a God-fearing gentile, Cornelius knows that Jewish law does not sanction cosy comingling between Jews and gentiles, but he invites Peter anyway.

Around the same time, Peter also has a vision. A voice from heaven tells him to eat unclean animals in violation of Jewish law. When Peter rejects the invitation, the voice tells him, “What God has made clean, you are not to call profane”. Peter then goes to Cornelius’s house and preaches the sermon we hear in the first reading. Unfortunately, the lectionary leaves out an important portion of Peter’s sermon. Peter says, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him” (Acts 10:34 – 35).

We live in a polarised world and Church. Deeply divided along ideological lines, we live in ideological silos that conceal, distort and diminish the joyful truth of Our Lord Jesus Christ’s Resurrection.

BUT ... there is GOOD NEWS!

On Good Friday, we remembered the death of Jesus, who was rejected, despised, oppressed, condemned, crushed and crucified. At Easter vigils worldwide, God baptised people from all



S. Mary of Magdala: first eye-witness of the Resurrection

Readings and psalm responses

Psalm response	First reading	Gospel
10am: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.	Acts 10:34,37-43	John 20:1-9
5pm: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.	Second reading Colossians 3:1-4	

Parish Finance

Offeratory, Mass stipends, candles, repository, etc, + average standing orders, online donations £ 2,484.91

walks of life into Jesus's death and resurrection so that their lives, like ours, might "become hidden with Christ in God".

So, today, in the joy of Our Lord, Jesus Christ's resurrection, we remember S. Mary of Magdala, who came "to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark" to do the work of unfinished mourning. She honoured and anointed the rejected, wounded and crucified body of Jesus. We listen to Mary, the Apostle to the Apostles, the first eyewitness of the resurrection, as she preaches to us in the Easter sequence. She says, "Yes, Christ, my hope, has arisen". And we respond, "Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, Victor King, ever reigning!"

Jesus Christ is "wonderful in our eyes" because "the stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone". We know that "by the Lord has this been done" (Psalm 118:22 – 24). God wills the inclusion of rejected and despised people, and the truth of our shared baptismal identity and dignity compels us never to call anyone profane or unclean.

May the resurrection of Jesus Christ, "the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead" (Acts 10:42), clear out all the "old yeast of malice and wickedness" and give us "the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (1 Corinthians 5:7 – 8). Amen.

The Divine Mercy

Next Sunday afternoon we shall keep (for the first time) an afternoon of Devotion to the Divine Mercy – that most popular of modern Catholic Devotions to the love of God shown to us in the Person of Our Lord Jesus Christ;

devotions given to us through the great polish nun, Sister Faustina. There will be time for silence before the Blessed Sacrament as well as the other usual times of prayer (rosary, chaplet etc) and three priests will be available to hear confessions. You will find more information elsewhere in this newsletter or please have a chat with either David Lee or Tesse Javier.

Easter Lilies

Thank you to all who sponsored our Easter Lilies. Mass for the intention of all our sponsors will be celebrated on **Friday 5 April**.

Fr Rob Page

Parish Priest

Notices and News

Monday evening Mass

Mass in Latin will be celebrated at **6.30pm** on **Easter Monday, 1 April**.

Holy Rosary and Mass

All are welcome to our evening Mass on **Tuesday 2 April** at 7.30pm, celebrated under the auspices of the Marian Movement of Priests.

First Friday devotion

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after Mass on **Friday 5 April** until 11am.

Young Adults Group

The next meeting of our Young Adults Group will take place next **Saturday 6 April** at 10.30am. All aged 18-40 are welcome.

Planned giving boxes

The planned giving (gift aid) boxes are available for collection at the back of the church. Please take your box even if you pay by standing order as you will then also be able to contribute under gift aid to second collections and to the Easter and Christmas collections for Fr Rob.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

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

Coffee Morning & Garden Fayre

The Social and Fundraising Committee will hold its first coffee morning on **Saturday 20 April** from 11am to 12.30pm. SJV's Weeders and Pruners will join us and display potted plants and gardening equipment (new and old) for sale. They will also be around to answer your gardening queries!

For catering purposes, please let Michael Kyriacou, Tesse Javier or Jennifer Alvares know if you are able to join in. Admission is free but a donation towards the church upkeep will be appreciated. If you have any gardening items (new or used) that you'd like to donate, please bring them to church before the event.

Legion of Mary

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

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.

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.

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.

Redbridge Foodbank

Redbridge Foodbank continues to need our support to help local families in crisis. Your gifts of non-perishable foods, as well as toiletries, toilet paper, sanitary pads and baby nappies, are greatly appreciated. Please place



Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion

Join us for an afternoon of prayers, adoration and celebration of the feast of the Divine Mercy on **Sunday 7 April, 1pm to 5.45pm**. We will have visiting priests who together with Fr Rob will hear Confessions. The afternoon will conclude with Benediction and celebration of the Holy Mass. (The Divine Mercy Novena started on Good Friday.)

your donations on the foodbank table in the S. John Henry Newman Chapel.

Forthcoming events

Lunchtime music recital

At Brentwood Cathedral **Wednesday 10 April** at 1pm, given by the Cathedral organist Stephen King, accompanied by Brentwood School sixth-formers Sophia Assitzoglou on violin and Owen Romhany playing trombone and cello. The programme consists of pieces by Gustav Holst and Josef Rheinberger.

Caritas networking day

You are invited to the 2024 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, **Saturday 27 April**, 10am – 2.30pm, at the St Edward the Confessor Church Hall, 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, then this is a chance to be sustained, share ideas and good practices with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. Go to www.caritasbrentwood.org/network for details and free registration

Youth 2000 London Retreat Day

Youth 2000 are running a retreat day for young adults (16-35) on **11 May** at Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon. The cost is £25. Go to www.youth2000.org/events/london2024 for more information.

Mass times and intentions

Sun	31	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	
		10.00 Andrew Baffour RIP – 7th anniversary	(Mr & Mrs A Baffour)
		16.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
		17.00 The People of the Parish	
Mon	1	Easter Monday	
		18.30 Mass in Latin – Mary Tatum RIP	(Kate Scarff)
Tue	2	Easter Tuesday	
		9.00 Tesse Javier – birthday blessings (23 March)	(Marilyn Butler)
		19.30 Holy Rosary and Mass: Josef & Maria thanksgiving & spiritual guidance	
Wed	3	Easter Wednesday	
		9.00 Norma Price RIP	(Carol Campbell)
Thu	4	Easter Thursday	
		9.00 Elizabeth (Cissie) Roche RIP – birth anniversary	(Pat Coughlin)
Fri	5	Easter Friday	
		9.00 Sponsors of our Easter Lilies	
Sat	6	Easter Saturday	
		9.00 Thanksgiving – Joseph & Margaret	(Joseph Doyl)
Sun	7	Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday; Octave of Easter	
		10.00 Mr T Adebayo RIP	(Tolu Ayeni)
		16.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
		17.00 The People of the Parish	
Tuesday to Saturday			
		8.00 Office of readings and morning prayer – week 1	
		8.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday to Friday			
		17.30 Evening prayer – week 1 (19.10 on Tuesday)	

Stewards

This Sunday Bernadetta Sharon, Lionel Sharon, Jennifer Alvares

Next Sunday Merlyn Sealey, Kate Echeazu, Siew Mendoza

Extraordinary Ministers

This Sunday **10am** John Sarpong, Lily Sarpong, Bernadetta Sharon + 2
5pm Maria Josef, Josef Sehion

Next Sunday **10am** Akash Cheeda, Joseph Loroy, Antoinette Loroy
5pm Josef Sehion, Pauline Brooke

Ministers taking communion out today Joseph Loroy, John Sarpong, Rita Young, Bernadetta Sharon, Heather Steadman. *Spiritual communion call* Rita Young.
Spiritual communion call Theresa McDonagh.

Ministers taking communion out next Sunday Marina Julian, Charles Nwaoha, Rita Young, Marilyn Butler, Heather Steadman, Pauline Brooke (5pm).
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Readers (Please tell Sonia if you cannot read on your rota day)

This Sunday Jennifer Alvares, Rokshana Lokendran

Next Sunday Aarlin Baladevan, Sally Ann Ashiagbor

Repository Barbara Cheah

Refreshments Gifty Addoh