

Next Week: Priest Training Fund Second Collection

Next week 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 our vocations team.

Please be generous to this appeal. Your gifts will support 7 men currently in formation to the Priesthood for our Diocese. There will be a donation envelope available at Mass today, which can be used to Gift Aid your donation. You can also donate online via www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations.htm, or via telephone on 020 7960 2504 (office hours Monday - Friday). Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Divine Mercy Celebrations: At ST. AUGUSTINE'S R.C. CHURCH Deanwood Drive, Rainham, Kent, ME8 9PG - Divine Mercy Mass at 3:00pm, At English Martyrs, 37 Frindsbury Road, Strood. Kent. ME2 4JA—Divine Mercy service at 2:30pm.

Gift Aid Envelopes for April 21 –22: Are now here. If you are contributing through Gift aid, please collect your envelopes now.

Help with Repository (Church shop): The church shop needs a good pair of hands or more, to maintain stock, order new items, and to keep the shop area tidy. If you would like to help, please let Fr Neil know.

Evening Liturgies, Catechesis, devotions: I am planning may be once a week to have adoration of the blessed sacrament, Mass and catechesis in the evening. Let me know your thoughts and times. Please also pray for this intention so we could have some evening programs to nourish our faith.

CAFOD Lent appeal: Thank you to all of you who have already donated to CAFOD'S lenten appeal. It is still not too late to donate, look on the CAFOD website to see how. <https://cafod.org.uk/>

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Rev Felim McCarthy (Deacon)

11th April 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

Responsorial Psalm 117: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end."

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!



From the joyful Easter octave we move to the liturgical season of Eastertide. If lent was 40 days of preparation, then we have 50 days of joyful reflection and thanksgiving to the Lord. I really like the readings of Eastertide. We reflect on the early church, their struggles and triumphs, how the Lord was with them guiding them through the Holy Spirit and being with them at the breaking of bread and the sacraments. Despite the ridicule, persecution and powerlessness the church thrives. The church continually prays throughout Easter for those reborn in Christ through the sacraments. When people are baptised, make their Holy Communion, confirmed, come to confession and get married in church, and struggle to love our Lord, they are living signs that the Lord is very much with his people and making them to be heirs to his heavenly kingdom. Let us pray for one another when we find it difficult to believe in the risen Lord. We pray the Lord may open our hearts and minds to the substantial way he is present among us. "Doubt no longer, but believe". Have a lovely Eastertide. God bless. Fr Neil.

Welcome Deacon David Hunter: Who is a newly ordained deacon from St John's Seminary in Guildford which is sadly closing down. The last of the clergy to be ordained there. Deacon David is awaiting to be ordained a priest, so please keep him in your prayers. He will preach at all Masses today.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 11th—Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

9:00am Mass - People of the Parish
11:00am Mass
6:00pm Mass - Michael Devitt RIP

Monday 12th – Feria (Monday of the second week of Easter)

10:00am Mass - Nancy O'Brien Well-being
12:30pm Requiem Mass of Joseph Hibbitts RIP

Tuesday 13th - St Martin 1, Pope & Martyr

10:00am Mass

Wednesday 14th - Feria

10:00am Mass

Thursday 15th - Feria

10:00am Mass –Deceased Members of the Keen & Joyce families
4:30pm Reception of Peter Jago RIP

Friday 16th - Feria

10:00am - Mass
11:30am Requiem Mass of Peter Jago RIP

Saturday 17th - Mass of our Lady during Eastertide

10:00am - Mass

Sunday 18th—Third Sunday of Easter

9:00am Mass - People of the Parish
11:00am Mass -
6:00pm Mass - Ger Walsh RIP

THANK YOU: Once again thanks for all who have helped keep the church tidy. Many people were really astounded by the beauty of the Easter garden, thanks to Jane and her team. Thanks also to Margaret & Kath and all the musicians who helped and are keen to see some good liturgical music in church. Thanks to all who helped, because of you, we have a beautiful church and the liturgies have been beautiful too. May God bless your time and talents immensely.

Joseph Hibbitts RIP: Please pray for Joseph who was called to rest recently, please pray for his family and all who are mourning him. His funeral will take place on tomorrow the 12th of April at 11:30am.

Peter Jago RIP: Please pray for Peter who was called to his eternal rest please pray for all the family who are mourning him. His funeral will take place on Friday the 16th of April at 11:30am. He will be brought into church

on Thursday the 15th of April at 4:30pm.

HRH Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh RIP: The nation has lost a great servant and Queens consort. Not only that, he was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. The Queen has lost a solid partner, friend and ally. Let us pray for the repose of the soul of prince Phillip. Let us keep her majesty the queen and the royal family very much in our prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto him O' Lord, may your perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. Amen."

Statement from our Archbishop John:

On behalf of the Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Southwark, I wish to express my profound sorrow at the news of the death of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

In union with the entire nation, we mourn the loss of not only an esteemed and respected member of the Royal Family, but also a man who exemplified the very best qualities of courage, fortitude and loyalty. Although born into a very different world, his example and witness leave us, here in this present age, with a lasting and enduring legacy of the timeless paradigm of duty and service.

In this season of Eastertide, when we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and his victory over death, we pray that His Royal Highness will rest in peace and rise in glory. We also remember in our prayers Her Majesty the Queen and all members of the Royal Family at this sad time, offering to them our sincerest condolences.



+John
Archbishop of Southwark

Times of Confession

Sat 10:30 –11:00

Sun 10:30 -10:45

And by request.