

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



### Lately dead:

- ◇ Michael Butterworth
- ◇ Jocelyn Sonderskov

*May they rest in peace*

### Anniversaries:

Josefa Vargas, Evelyn Cook, John Vernon, Eleizabeth Wipijeski, Letteria DeCesare, Kathleen O'Hara, Richard Langley, Anne Hickford, Sister Francis Kavanagh, Hugh Bowler, Mary Quaine, Braz Joseph De Sa, Michael Millar, Danny O'Leary, Lajos (Louis) Szukics, Sister Maurita O'Leary, Mary Sullivan, Richard Routledge, Sister Mary Halligan.

All our services are live streamed

### Monday & Wednesday

Open for 10am Mass

### Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

8am Mass no public  
live streamed ONLY and recorded

### Saturday

Open for Mass at 10am & 6pm  
Booking required

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/saturday-10am-mass-reservation-tickets-145443083177> - Saturday 10am  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/124524627513> - Saturday Evening Mass

### Sunday

Open for Mass at 9am & 11am  
Mass at 11am will be recorded  
Booking required

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/124234894915> - Sunday Masses

### Booking for Mass

We have prioritised provision of masses at the weekend. This is to enable families to come. Those with children preparing to receive communion – and those who are still young in the practice - have a special need for the reality rather than seeing it on stream. The number returning to real mass has been disappointing this past week. Last weekend the masses were fully booked – and yet almost half the available places were empty. They tell me now that all the Easter services are booked. Please - **Please** if you have booked for any mass and then find yourself unable to come tell us so that others can have the place you reserved. This is particularly important for the coming week.



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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

28th March 2021

Today we begin our Holy Week, in which we recall the last days of Jesus before his passion and death on the cross. This is the central mystery of our salvation, and we ask God that we may celebrate it so devoutly that our hearts and minds are touched by the love of him who gave himself so generously for us. May we live in our world with that same loving kindness and self-sacrifice.

### First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

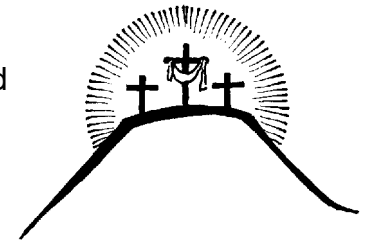
The Lord does not cover his face against insult and spittle.

### Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

God raised him high, so that every tongue should proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.

### Gospel Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Mark tells the story of the passion and death of Jesus Christ.



### Responsorial Psalm

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

## Telco

We have gone to sleep a bit about Telco. You are needed more than ever. Think Bristol, Sara Everard etc. 5 years ago two whole busloads went from our parish, Trinity and St Antony's to the Copperbox to make a significant influence on the election of the Mayor of London. The office of Mayor is once again up for election in May. This is the time to put pressure on all the candidates to get agreement for what we want them to do. Telco has these 4 priorities - Homelessness and housing, Youth safety on the streets, Living wage, A Welcoming London for migrants. What we need is a massive registration for the Telco Assembly due to happen on zoom on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Will you join? Politicians respond to sheer weight of numbers. That is how Telco achieves. For more information call Bernadette Harris on 0208504 7976 More info on the web.

## House building

You may have noticed in our local press that Redbridge Council is under reproach for failing to produce the required number of housing units it should have built. Thanks to Telco their record of dealing with homeless is good. It is our responsibility to push our Council for the housing needed. If we care about our role in the community we need to strengthen our work with Telco.

## REMINDER THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD THIS WEEKEND



## Holy week

How have you done with prayer fasting and good works in the past 5 weeks? Not as good as you intended? Never mind! Concentrate now on accompanying Jesus through the last days of his life on earth. The services are reduced because of covid restrictions: the reality is the same. Join us at 8pm on Thursday and then keep vigil with Jesus in his agony. On Friday at 3 pm the usual service will comprise hearing the passion of St John, prayer for the universal church and communion. We cannot kiss the cross, but the rest is the same. There will be Stations of the Cross, for children at 10 am and again in the evening at 8pm. Both of these are on stream only – no congregation in church. Saturday is empty till 9 pm. I hope a full, albeit distanced, community will celebrate the returning light shattering darkness, bringing hope out of what looked like total disaster. The vigil will be shorter in form but I hope to introduce some of the drama to which we are accustomed. And mass at 9 and 11 am brings full Easter joy.

## Fr Isidore writes:

It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of Michael Butterworth. Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to his wife, Debbie, and his family. Before his retirement, Michael held a very demanding job that involved travel both here in the UK and elsewhere, yet he gave great service to our parish. He served as Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, then the Parish Finance Committee, Chair of Governors at St Antony's School, and assistant Cub/ Scout leader. For this vservice from a very busy man, we are most grateful. He was a man of deep faith. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday 28th March

People of the parish  
Gerard Gillham RIP  
Liz Browne RIP

### Monday 29th March

Catherine Fitzpatrick  
John Vernon anniversary  
Denis Ryan RIP

### Tuesday 30th March

Alec Murphy anniversary  
Victor Mould RIP  
Ellen Dulles RIP

### Wednesday 31st March

Jacqueline Dodd RIP  
George Leworthy RIP  
Mary Jim & family

### Thursday 1st April

John Potter RIP  
Irene de Freitas RIP  
David Shaw RIP

### Friday 2nd April No Mass

### Saturday 3rd April

Raymond Stokes anniversary  
Sheila Charles

### Sunday 4th April

People of the parish  
Kay Stokes anniversary  
Sr Sandra birthday



## Palms

Please note that Palms will be available to collect when you arrive for this Sundays services.

## Lenten Lunches

Don't forget to join us for our Zoom Lunch on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March between 12.15 and 1.30pm. Please come along with your bowl of soup or anything else you fancy. The details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84867193819?pwd=aIQ1VWVlZjBwJArZm0yaDdsa2M1UT09>

Meeting ID: 848 6719 3819  
Passcode: 953335

Of course our regular charity Mary's Meals will miss out on our fundraising this year but if you would like to contribute to their funds, their details can be found on their website, [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk). - they would be very grateful for any contributions.

## Counters

We are looking to invite our counters to return from 12th April. If you are available and willing please contact the Parish Office.

## Job Vacancy

Chigwell Convent is currently looking for a temporary part-time manager (approx. 25 hrs/wk). There is the possibility of this becoming a permanent position. For more details please contact Sr Maria at [chigwellmanager@sacredheartsjm.org](mailto:chigwellmanager@sacredheartsjm.org)