

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



### Lately dead:

- ◇ Sue Brackell
- ◇ Frances Byrne

*May they rest in peace*

*We offer our deepest sympathies to the  
Byrne family*

### Anniversaries:

Vera Butler, Raymond Stokes, Harry Kenyon, Alice Bryant, Rosa Meriano, Mary Tucker, Sam Sebutt, Francis Jackson, John Walsh, Francis Daly, Harold Clisset, Kathleen McCarthy, Theodore Carter De Freitas, Joan Looney, Bruna Walker, Angela Barrett. Maria O'Grady, Arthur Smith, Claude Barnes, Francis French, Martin Staunton, John Fells, Alexander Bedell, Joseph Dalli, Veronica Seecharan, Anna-Maria Brinckenhoff, Domina Copindale, George Mace, Frederick Glock, Thomas Diamond, Adelina Gill, Richard Bachman, George Dadswell, Piedade Florencio De Sa.

### Easter Service donations



The donations on Good Friday will go to the Holy Land

All other donations are your Easter gift to the Friars. Blue envelopes are available for those who wish their donation to be gift aided. Many thanks

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/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

### Remember

### Keep safe – keep others safe

Please wear a facemask, sanitise your hands, observe appropriate distancing & follow the instructions of the Stewards

### Parish Website

Please remember to check the parish website for services information and other articles.



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## The Resurrection of the Lord

4th April 2021

Today we celebrate the central mystery of our Christian faith, the resurrection of Jesus and his triumph over the power of death.

### First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

Peter speaks to the household members of the Roman centurion Cornelius. He gives an outline of the story of Jesus and emphasises that his preaching is trustworthy as he has experienced the risen Jesus for himself.

### Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Our life as Christians should be centred on the person of the risen Christ, and this should influence the way we think and behave.

### Gospel John 20:1-9

Mary Magdalene finds the tomb of Jesus open and empty, and goes to inform Peter and the disciple Jesus loved. They visit the grave but only the beloved disciple understands what has happened.



### Responsorial Psalm

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad

*We wish you all a happy, healthy and holy Easter*

## The Second Spring

In 1850 The Hierarchy was re-established in England & Wales. Every place now had a bishop. They called it the Second Spring. Parishes multiplied. They built first the Catholic schools, and then the churches. For more than a century Spring gave way to a summer of growth and progress. The church grew dramatically. We basked in the assumption that our church would only continue to grow. But then some time after the war cracks started to appear. Priests were fewer. An autumn feeling had crept in. And then the pandemic put us all into winter.

### A third spring?

Now new hope of a return of the parish life we knew is spreading. But what will it be like? Voices are telling us it will not be as before. Cautiously wise start to enjoy some of the good things that we had taken for granted. We are not yet free. We look around and wonder: how much of what we enjoyed before will come back? How much of our parish life with all its company, fun and vitality will we have by the end of this year?

### Green shoots

We can count our current blessings. Schools are once more in full stream. So far the fears of new infection have not materialised. Our preparation for Holy Communion has proved to be even better than previous years. Similarly those eager to receive the Holy Spirit in confirmation are well prepared. Deacon Matthew is ready with preparation for baptism for many families. I know we can count blessings received during the pandemic as well as all the horrors of it.

## Resurrection

We wish each other the joys of Easter. We can do positive things to make it so. There are many societies and groups which together constitute the parish. These all need reinforcements. Altar servers, ministers of communion, readers, choir members and instrumentalists for the masses, caring people to join the SVP as well as concerned to make a contribution to the wider community with Telco. These are just some of the groups that have made St Thomas great in its summer time, but which have had to hibernate. Please think: What can I give to make the Third Spring happen here ?



### ICHTHUS

The ICHTHUS for April is now available on our website

### Holy communion Dress sought

A local parish is looking for a first communion dress which is in need of a new owner. If you can help please contact the parish office.

### Flower Pots—watering



Fantastic news! A couple of parishioners are going to look after our flower pots. However, they could do with some help with watering them on a regular basis.

If you can help please let the parish office know. Many thanks

## Mass Intentions



### Sunday 4th April

People of the parish  
Kay Stokes anniversary  
Sr Sandra birthday

### Monday 5th April

Gratitude for frontline workers  
Kay Stokes anniversary  
Sr Patricia O'Connell

### Tuesday 6th April

Geoffrey Brown  
Stephen Hopkins & family

### Funeral Irene de Freitas

### Wednesday 7th April

Catherine Carvalho anniversary  
Pauline Weldone RIP  
Veronica Bush RIP

### Thursday 8th April

Holy Souls  
Isa & John Wood anniversary  
Trinity intentions

### Friday 9th April

CWL  
Andrew Blanchfield snr anniversary  
Allen Charles RIP

### Funeral Ceceila Fernandez

### Saturday 10th April

Dadswell Family  
Angela Barrett anniversary  
Jocelyn Sonderskov RIP

### Sunday 11th April

People of the parish  
Michael Butterworth RIP  
Sheila Charles

### Monday 12th April

Kathleen Blanchfield anniversary  
Deceased brethren

### Funeral Allen Charles

### Tuesday 13th April

Stubbings family thanks  
Bruno Roberts  
Maura McDonald RIP

### Wednesday 14th April

Peter & Petrina Stubbings  
Val Senior  
Angela Meyler

### Thursday 15th April

Victor Mould RIP  
Annie Long anniversary  
Trinity intentions

### Friday 16th April

Olive MacMahon get well  
Michael Perera RIP

### Funeral Michael Butterworth

### Saturday 17th April

Grace Taylor sick  
Irene de Freitas RIP  
George Dadswell anniversary

### Saturday 18th April

People of the parish  
Frances Byrne RIP  
Jocelyn Sonderskov RIP

### Parish office

The Parish Office will be closed between 5th & 9th April. The next newsletter will be produced for Sunday 18th April.