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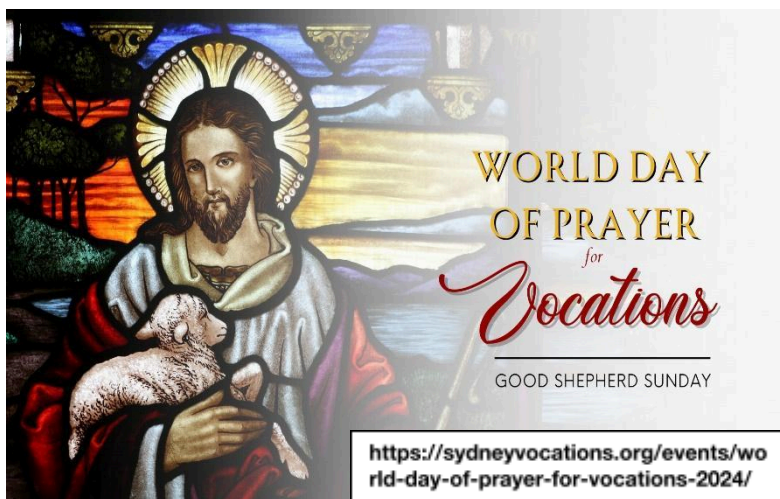
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Easter – Year B****GOOD SHEPHERD
SUNDAY - WORLD****DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

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**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE 61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS*****Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace***

Pope Francis's message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations resonates as a profound call to embrace divine calling and contribute to God's loving plan. He emphasizes that responding to the Lord's call is not just an obligation but the surest path to discerning our unique identities, gifts, and vocations, we uncover our purpose in participating in God's loving plan and becoming conduits of love, acceptance, beauty, and peace in the world.

The Pope lauds the dedication of those who have responded to their vocations with fidelity and perseverance. From parents shaping

their lives through love and commitment to consecrated individuals silently serving in prayer and apostolic work, he recognizes the selfless dedication of those who have embraced their callings. Additionally, he acknowledges the invaluable contributions of ordained priests in preaching the Gospel, breaking bread, and sowing seeds of hope in their communities.

To the younger generation, Pope Francis extends a heartfelt invitation to allow Jesus to draw them closer and challenge them to engage with the Gospels to discern their calling. He emphasizes Jesus' respect for individual freedom and invites young people to make room for Christ, finding true happiness in following Him. Furthermore, he encourages openness to complete self-giving should one feel called to do so.

The Pope underscores the diversity of charisms and vocations within the Christian community as a testament to the richness of God's plan. He advocates for a synodal approach to discernment, where individuals listen to one another and journey together in discerning the Spirit's guidance. This collective discernment, rooted in listening and mutual respect, paves the way for a deeper understanding of one's vocation and its place within the larger tapestry of God's design.

Looking ahead to the upcoming Jubilee Year of 2025, Pope Francis invites Christians to embark on a pilgrimage of hope, discovering their vocations amidst the various gifts bestowed by the Spirit. This

journey of hope is underpinned by prayer, which the Pope describes as a dialogue with God that opens the door to hope and strengthens our resolve in responding to our vocations.

In the face of epochal challenges such as war, migration, poverty, and environmental degradation, Pope Francis exhorts Christians to cultivate a gaze full of hope and work tirelessly in service to God's kingdom. Rooted in the promise of Christ's resurrection, this hope transcends despair and empowers individuals to navigate the complexities of the present with courage and conviction. As messengers of joy and artisans of fraternity, Christians are called to embody the hope and love of Christ in their lives, fostering a world characterized by peace, justice, and fraternity.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/20240421-messaggio-61-gm-vocazioni.html>

Fr Barto

Baptism of infants & RCIA Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

Confession is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) and on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

Marriages We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

Weekday Morning Prayer Easter Octave: Psalter Week 4
Lectionary Sundays Year B: Easter Week 4

RETIRING COLLECTION

This Sunday is **Good Shepherd Sunday**, or the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese and for those currently training for the priesthood. The second collection supports the education and formation of our seminarians.

DATES FOR BAPTISM COURSE

The baptism course of 3 sessions starts on Monday 29th April and thereafter 13th and 20th May at 7pm in the presbytery. Please speak to Rev Alan if you have any questions.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help with Children's liturgy for primary school children during the Sunday morning Masses. Please contact Tina Marrai on 07941237743 for more information.

ACUPUNCTURE

Veronica will be in the hall this Sunday, 21st April after the morning Masses. Donation is £10 for the Church.

LISTEN TO GOD

In the parish hall after Friday morning mass we will be praying Lectio Divina. This ancient practice, encouraged after Vatican II, is a form of prayer using scripture. We are praying with the Gospel of Mark. See our website for details or just come along to find out more. <https://saintanneline.com/parish-news/lectio-divina/>

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club Next meeting is on Wednesday 24 April at 2pm in the Parish hall.

Our Common Home Cheese & Wine evening Sunday 12 May 5-6.15pm in the hall.

Murder Mystery at the Casino, Saturday 22 June from 7.30pm. Tickets £12 must be

bought in advance to be allocated a character. Contact Tina on 07941 227 743.

Summer BBQ on Saturday 13 July. Volunteers and donations of bottles **urgently** needed. Contact Tina on 07941 227 743.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Shelagh Dewhurst who died on Monday 1 April. Her funeral will be held here on Wednesday 8 May at 11.30am. Please also keep Bob and the family in your prayers.

WEB UPDATES

In the coming weeks our parish website will undergo some changes to, hopefully, make some improvements. We would be pleased to receive feedback or suggestions from you. (stannelineweb@gmail.com)

YOUTH 2000 LONDON RETREAT DAY: COME & SEE

Youth 2000 are running a retreat day for young adults (16-35) on 11th May at Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon. It is a jam-packed one day event, where people come together as a community of young adults in prayer and friendship. The retreat is an invitation to come as you are, and to come and see who Jesus is and what He can do in your life. The cost £25 and more information can be found at: <https://www.youth2000.org/events/london2024>

2024 CARITAS NETWORKING DAY

Saturday 27th 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. Details and free registration are at www.caritasbrentwood.org/network

A DAY WITH MARY 2024 PILGRIMAGES

Further information on 2024 Pilgrimages to Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 September) is available at

www adaywithmary.org or email adwmary.uk@gmail.com

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2024

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: Lourdes@brcdt.org

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

On Sat 13 July, 3pm in Brentwood Cathedral, followed by a reception in the hall. We have invitations for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries, recently married couples, or couples preparing for marriage. Please speak to Fr Barto if you would like an invitation.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass celebrated, please use the small brown Mass Offering envelope in the porch and hand it to Fr once you have completed the details.

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill or isolating. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church**.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

(To be left on the table by the organ loft)

- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
- Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
- Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
- Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

**NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES
AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.**

VACANCIES

The Ursuline Academy Ilford

Subject Leader: Business Studies and Economics. Please see our website for further details www.uai.org.uk

Loyola School

full time Teacher to start in September 2024. Please see the TES jobs website or contact the school on 020 8504 7372 or by email to office@loyolaprepschool.co.uk . Closing date for applications is 30/04/24

Mass Intentions 20th – 28th April

Mass on **Monday** is celebrated privately. Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is at 9am from Wednesday to Saturday. Rosary will be prayed after morning Mass from Wednesday to Saturday.

Saturday	9.30am	
	6.30pm	<i>Sunday Vigil Mass</i>
<u>4th Sunday of Easter</u>		
Sunday 21st	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11am	
	12.30pm	Mass in Romanian
Monday		Holy Souls
Tuesday	7pm	<i>St George's Day</i>
Wednesday	9.30am	
Thursday	9.30am	
Friday	9.30am	
Saturday	9.30am	
	6.30pm	<i>Sunday Vigil Mass</i>
<u>5th Sunday of Easter</u>		
Sunday 28th	9.30am	
	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Mass in Roman

Intention for the week “As we continue to celebrate our Lord’s triumph over death, let us pray for all those who are close to death, especially those who are alone, that they would always be treated with respect and have their human dignity upheld. Lord hear us”.

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 22nd – 28th April

Canon Thomas Smith, James Dowdell, Jane Kenny, Brigid Booth, Amaglia Della Maestra, Agnes Suckling, Giorgio Polledri, Mary Farrell, Fr Simon Sullivan, Miss M Wakefield, Eileen Whitaker, John Leslie Harland, Fr Myles O’Reilly and Reginald Allison, John Woodbyrne, Thelma Kennif, Mr Greenwood, Mr Bernard Davies, Kathleen White, Norah Bush.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 242.

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Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

SVP SUPPORT

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could benefit from support from the SVP please contact the Parish Office (in strict confidence)

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on Monday afternoons, Wednesday morning & afternoon and Friday mornings.

Pope Francis:

Let us pray for prisoners of war

May the Lord move wills so they may all be freed. And speaking of prisoners, those who are tortured come to mind. The torture of prisoners is a horrible thing, it is not human. We think of so many kinds of torture that wound the dignity of the person, and of so many tortured people. Let us pray together.