

Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park	
Sat 30th Mar	Easter Vigil
8.00 p.m.	Brian David (Rest in Peace)
Sun 31st Mar	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Solemnity
9.00 a.m.	Silverster Antony & Mary Wedding anniversary (Family Intention)
11.00 a.m.	Annie Soares – Birthday Blessings
Sat 6th April	
6.00 p.m.	Parishioners
Sun 7th April	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
9.00 a.m.	Dominic Gabriel (Rest in Peace)
11.00 a.m.	Stelon – Deepa – Wedding anniversary (Family Intention)
Sat 13th April	HOLY SATURDAY
6.00 p.m.	
Sun 14th April	Third Sunday of Easter
9.00 a.m.	Parishioners
11.00 a.m.	
Sat 20th April	HOLY SATURDAY
6.00 p.m.	Damian Luis (Rest in Peace)
Sun 21st April	Forth Sunday of Easter
9.00 a.m.	Mary Frost (Foundation Mass)
11.00 a.m.	George Edozie
Sat 27th April	HOLY SATURDAY
6.00 p.m.	Parishioners
Sun 28th Apr	Forth Sunday of Easter
9.00 a.m.	Theo Gilbert Justin (Birthday Blessings)
11.00 a.m.	

Prayer List

John Oruche, Veronica Ojuri, Margaret, Chris, Loreen Phillips, Nicholas Graves, Kathleen Phillips, Baby Simon Elliott, Clemence Sanderson, and Kathleen Kavanagh, Mary Jane Ememe, Jay Agnes.

Offertory 24th March 2024: Envelopes - £280.60; Loose plate - £369.23; Standing order - £357.12. Total - £1006.95.

Second collections: £15.00; T shirts: £25.00; Easter flowers: £32.50; My day-by-day sales: £7.00



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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord–B (31.03.2024)

Significance of Easter: “Easter” literally means “the feast of fresh flowers.” Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for four reasons:

1) The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: *“If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain” (1 Cor 15:14).* *“Jesus is Lord, He is risen” (Rom 10:9)*, was the central theme of the *kerygma* (or “preaching”), of the Apostles.

2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: *“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies...” (Jn 11:25-26).*

3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It also gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.

4) Easter gives meaning to our prayers: It supports our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in and around us, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven, hearing our prayers, and so gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayers.

Have a Blessed Easter
Fr. John Victor.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to the parish priest for more information.

Baptisms: By appointment. At least two months' notice is required. If you have a child to baptise kindly speak to the parish priest after Mass. Next baptism course takes place on Thursday 9th May. If you need to participate in the course, kindly see the parish priest after the weekend Mass.

Easter Collection: The Offertory Collection at all the Easter Masses is by tradition, the parishioners' personal gift to the Clergy. In this Parish, Fr John Victor is the beneficiary, since this collection forms the main part of their personal annual income. Thank you.

Parish Priest on Holidays: The Parish priest will be on holidays from 2nd April to 29th April. Hence Revv. Yusuf and Tansi will be offering Holy Masses on the weekends; there will be no Holy mass on weekdays at 9.15 am. If you have any important matter, kindly approach him before the end of this month. Weekday Holy Masses will be revived on Friday 3rd May 2024. Thank You.

Repository: Big thanks to Shelly Ann Mol and Gloria Atosha for raising a fund of £3,377.00 last year.

Word of gratitude: to all the volunteers for making the holy week a meaningful one: Altar carer, altar servers, choir & musicians, cleaners, eucharistic ministers, flower ladies, PPT operators, readers, sacristan & ushers.

Gift Aid Envelopes are placed at the rear of the Church, kindly collect your envelopes. Those who newly want the envelopes, kindly approach either Sahaya Selvaharan or the parish priest.

Youth Mass at Brentwood Cathedral Thursday 4th April: Meet in the parish hall from 6pm for pizza and refreshments, before being led in a music workshop with Art Wangcharoensab from the Cathedral Music Department. Singing is a wonderful way of praying together, sharing our talents and celebrating our faith, particularly in the joyful week following Easter Sunday! You are welcome to sing, bring an instrument or just listen if you prefer! At 7.30, Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral, where you are also welcome to sing, play, read or serve (just bring along an alb or instrument). All information can be found at www.bcys.net.

Divine Mercy Devotion: St John Vianney, Clayhall, is holding an afternoon of Divine Mercy Devotion on Divine Mercy Sunday, 7 April 2024. Starting at 1pm and ending with Mass at 5pm, it will comprise Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of St Faustina's Praises, the Litany of the Divine Mercy, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary, prayers and time for

Confession. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome at St John Vianney Catholic Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall IG5 0HE. Parking available, nearest TfL station Gants Hill, buses 123 and 179 pass nearby, also bus 462 slightly further away.

Youth 2000 London Retreat Day: Come and 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 is £35 and more information can be found at: <https://www.youth2000.org/events/london2024>.

Vacancies:

Learning Support Assistant, Cover Supervisor, Classroom Practitioner (HLTA Level)

Exciting opportunities to work at **St Bonaventure's School**, supporting boys in various ways with their learning. For more information, please see <https://www.stbons.org/workwithus/>. Closing date: **11th April 2024**, at 12 noon.

Ursuline Links: Youth Volunteer Programme are recruiting for a Director for the charity's future working in Forest Gate, London. If you feel you have the relevant skills and experience to fulfil this role, please send your CV to officemanager@ursulines-ru.uk. All suitable applicants will be sent an application form to complete. Closing date **19th April 2024**.

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster require a Teacher of Religious Studies for September 2024 (maternity cover). Qualified Teachers' Pay Spine + Outer London Allowance. Tel: 01708 222660 Website: www.sacredheartofmary.net Email: admin@mary.havering.sch.uk. Closing date for applications: **Monday 15th April** at 10.00 am.

Drawing a cheque: When you draw a cheque for the Parish, kindly write the following name: **Catholic Church, Manor Park**.

Counters' Rota					
Date	01/04/2024	08/04/2024	15/04/2024	22/04/2024	29/04/2024
Group	St Mark	St Matthew	St Luke	St Mark	St Matthew

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