

Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park	
Sat 4th May	
6.00 p.m.	Ian Parker (Rest in Peace)
Sun 5th May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)
9.00 a.m.	Maura – God's favour
11.00 a.m.	All the children of the parish
Mon 6th May	St John Payne, Pr, M
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tue 7th May	Tuesday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Wed 8th May	Wednesday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Thu 9th May	The Ascension of the Lord – Solemnity – Holiday of Obligation
9.30 a.m.	Holy Souls
7.00 p.m.	Parishioners
Fri 10th May	Friday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Sat 11th May	Saturday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
6.00 p.m.	Parishioners
Sun 12th May	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) (World Communications Day)
9.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving
11.00 a.m.	For the Youth of the parish

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 28th April 2024

Envelopes	£275.07
Loose plate	£199.21
Standing order	£357.12
Total	£831.40

Pews & Kneelers	
June-December 2023	£3,772.72
Jan-March 2024	£357.00
April 2024	£60.00
Total	£4,189.72

Second collections: £50.00; Repository: £110.00; T-shirts: £10.00; My day by day sales: £5.00



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Sixth Sunday of Easter - B (05.04.2024)

In the first reading, Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and that there are no boundaries to abiding in love. God loves everyone, both the Jews and the Gentiles, and He wants everyone to be saved through His son, Jesus. That is why God welcomed the Roman centurion Cornelius as the first non-Jew to become a Christian. The reading tells us how God also allowed the Gentiles who heard Peter's speech to receive the same Holy Spirit and His gifts that Peter's Jewish audience had received on the day of Pentecost. In the second reading, John defines God as love and explains that He expressed His love for mankind by sending His son to die for us humans "as expiation for our sins." This Divine love gives us the command, and so the duty, to love one another as we have been loved by God. Since God has loved us first, we can and should love God in return, love ourselves properly, and love one another. After telling the parable of the vine and branches, Jesus, in today's Gospel, teaches the disciples that are to obey his commandment of love just as Jesus has obeyed his Heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it. The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be perfect joy. Jesus no longer calls us slaves but now calls us "friends." He tells us that he has chosen us, and that, if we use Jesus' name, we can ask the Father for anything.

Have a Blessed Holy Week

Fr. John Victor.

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

Baptisms course takes place on Thursday 9th May at 7.00 pm. If you have anyone to baptise, kindly meet the priest after Sunday Mass.

Lighting candles: Please ensure that an adult accompanies children when they light candles. This is for Health & Safety reasons, thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Thank you to Antony Fernando, Carlito Montero and Roy Pascal for taking care of the Sunday liturgy arrangements during my holidays.

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 Selvahan or the parish priest.

Youth Meeting: is taking place on Sunday 12th May after 11.00 am Mass, all are expected to participate.

Readers Meeting: is taking place on Sunday 26th May after 11.00 am Mass, all are expected to participate.

'Revive; Discover; Empower' a young adults retreat: Walsingham House are hosting a young adults retreat on the weekend of 22nd-23rd June. The retreat is open to those who are 19+. It will be a weekend of prayer and friendship and a wonderful opportunity to take a break from work or university. The cost of the retreat is £45, and more information, including how to book, can be found at www.bcys.net/events.

National Justice and Peace Network: AGM and Open Networking Day Saturday 11th May 10.30 – 4.00: Taking place at CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. We will hear about the 'New definition of extremism 2024', what it will mean in practice, and how it affects climate activism. There will be time for discussions and networking. Tea/coffee will be provided, but please bring your own lunch, for more information, contact admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk.

Vocations evening for enquirers: The next 'Enquirers' Evening' for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 7th May at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Patrick Daly. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org.

Vacancies:

Retreat Manager for Walsingham House at Abbotswick:

i). The Retreat Manager will work to ensure the smooth and efficient running of retreats and leading the volunteer team. This is a live in position and ideal for someone with previous experience in youth ministry. **ii).** Walsingham Hosue are seeking to appoint a Programme Leader. The successful applicant will work alongside the Retreat Manager helping to lead retreats for the schools and parishes of our

diocese. Full details, including background information and how to apply, can be found at www.bcys.net/news/vacancies/ The closing date is Friday 24th May.

Choral Director – Diocese of Brentwood Schools Singing Programme: The Diocese of Brentwood seeks to appoint an outstanding Choral Director to assist the Director of Music in the establishment and delivery of the Diocese of Brentwood Schools Singing Programme, and to continue the development of Sacred Music in the parishes of the Diocese, including the Cathedral. To deliver choral provision primarily in schools. For more information please read: Application Pack Brentwood SSP Apr 2024, which can be found on the Diocese website under Vacancies. For an informal discussion about the post, please contact Andrew Wright, Director of Music: music@brcdt.org. Closing date: 16th May 2024.

Health and Safety Co-ordinator: A vacancy has arisen for a Health and Safety Co-ordinator to work full-time from Monday to Friday. They will be based at Cathedral House and will be required to travel around the Diocese. Candidates must have H&S experience and H&S qualifications including NEBOSH. Please send your CV and cover letter by email to hr@brcdt.org. Full job description is available on the Diocese website. Closing date: 14th May 2024.

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Dagenham RM8 2JN Full-time Class Teacher vacancy. Salary: Inner London Main Pay Scale. Required: September 2024. Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged, please contact Mrs Rector in the school office via email: office@st-vincent.bardaglea.org.uk or 020 8270 6695 to arrange.

Closing date: 17th May 2024. Interviews: Wednesday 22nd May 2024.

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

Offertory during April 2024:

31st March: Envelopes: £442.91, Loose plate: £805.28, Good Friday loose plate: £246.23, Standing order: £357.12. Total: £1,851.54.

2nd collection (envelopes): £94.20, Flowers: £241.53

7th April: Envelopes: £247.00, Loose plate: £245.45, Standing order £357.12 Total: £849.57. Candles: £131.46; Repository: £510.00; Coffee morning: £17.75; 2nd collection: £50.60

14th April: Envelopes: £300.50, Loose plate: £292.04, Standing order: £357.12. Total: £949.66. 2nd collections: £68.00, Kneelers: £60.00, Sound system: £20.00, My day by day sales: £11.00

Counters' Rota					
Date	06/05/2024	13/05/2024	20/05/2024	27/05/2024	03/06/2024
Group	St Matthew	St Luke	St Mark	St Matthew	St Luke

