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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Sunday 14th April, 2024

Acts 3.13–15,17–19 Psalm 4 1 John 2.1–5 Luke 24.35–48

What Luke does in both the first reading from Acts and in the Gospel is to help celebrate these weeks of Eastertide for focusing on the raising up to life of the one executed as a criminal. When addressing the crowd in the Temple in our first reading, he Peter emphasises that 'God carried out what he had foretold when he said through all the prophets that his Christ would suffer'.

The early Christian preaching used the language and scriptures of the time to illustrate that the Resurrection was fully in line with God's actions and promises from earlier times.

This is a development that sets God's people on a new course —: the necessity to repent and turn to God.' When Jesus appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, they too cannot grasp what has happened, and so they need to have the connection and the continuity explained. That is precisely what Jesus does: This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that ... has to be fulfilled. ' That of course is why the Christian Church enable believers to appreciate Christ as the final fulfilment of God's great work of salvation.

Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile

100 Club Congratulations go to Fr. Emile (55) for winning £101 in the March 100 Club draw at the end of last month. Please get in touch with Anne Robertson or Bernie Wrobel to join the 100 Club or to renew your subscriptions which are now due. Forms are also available on the website catholicparishongar.org Please make any cheques payable to 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'. Thank you for your support.

Family Mass Please join us for our Family Mass every third Sunday of the Month. The next Family Mass is **Sunday 21st April**. Please get in touch if any child would like to be involved.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 25th May 2024: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come please contact Parish Office at the Presbytery.

You are invited to the 2024 Caritas Brentwood 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

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) are looking for thrill seekers with a passion for fundraising to take part in Harlow Tye Rotary's annual Harlow Water Tower Abseil on Saturday 18th May 2024. For all details, please visit our Harlow Water Tower Abseil webpage here: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> To secure your spot, a £35 entry fee will be paid to the Harlow Tye Rotary Club, with all funds raised through your efforts being donated to BCCS. Please reach out to Charlotte: cwalker@bccs.org.uk / 07986841178 to sign up!

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 jam-packed one day event, where peo-

ple 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>

CAFOD and SVP are working together to offer residential work experience for 20 young adults. Candidates must be over 20 years old and have a passion for social justice. 7th -13th July All accommodation costs, meals and travel to the Office throughout the week are covered. CAFOD and SVP National Office, Romero House, Waterloo, SE1 7JB. For more info, please contact sarahb@svp.org.uk or khutchinson@cafod.org.uk

Campion The Champion School would like to warmly invite parents/carers and year 5 boys to our Open Evening on Wednesday, 26th June from 4.30pm to 7pm. The Headteacher's talk will be at 5pm and repeated at 6.30pm. Please visit our school website for more details www.thecampionschool.org.uk

REPOSITORY We have cards and gifts for First Holy Communion's and other occasions for sale in the Repository at St Helen's at very reasonable prices. Please use the card box on the wall in the porch or get in touch with Ann Jackson if anything else required. Thank you.

Whatsapp Group: If anyone would like to join the parish Whatsapp Group then please contact Denise Terry-Roberts at d.terryroberts@btinternet.com or on 07545 240064 for her to add your mobile number.

St. Margaret's Hall Hire St. Margaret's is available for hire for private functions and parties, childrens parties, fitness classes, local groups and events holding up to 100 people at reasonable rates. If you would like more information or to make a booking please contact Kelly Love on 01277 362645, ongar@brcdt.org or whatsapp/msg 07929241350.

Mass Attendance: April 6/7 Sat 5.30pm: 21 Sun 8.45am: 16 Sun 10.30am: 33
Offertory Collection: 178.41

Bank Account Name/Cheques payable to: 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'

Please contact Kelly Love if you require bank account details.

For Gift Aid Envelopes please contact Bernard Adams 01277 823511

Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.
Please consider remembering the parish in your will. Thank you.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Sat 13th April, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	Mary Gaffney Int. (Mary Dixon)
Sun 14th April, 2024	St. H 8.45am	Mary Dowling Int.
	St. M 10.30am	People of the Parish
Mon 15th April, 2024	Ilford 9.30am	Saloni Moronha Marla Singh Mary Gaffney int. (Mary Dixon) Evelyn Boateng Get Well Michael Ruane RIP Parishioners of Ilford Lane Int. (Kathleen Cadam)
Tue 16th April, 2024	St. H 9.00am	
Wed 17h Apr, 2024	St. H 9.00am	
Thu 18th April, 2024	St. H 11.00am	
Fri 19th April, 2024	St. H 9.00am	Kathleen Buckley 90 th Birthday 20.04.24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Sat 20th April, 2024	St H. 5.30pm	Mary Dowling Int. (Sue & John Fahey)
Sun 21st Apr, 2024	St. H 8.45am	Billy Mc Laughlin RIP (Lauren Gardner)
	St. M 10.30am	People of the Parish

Fr. Emile would like to welcome any parishioners for Tea/Coffee and a chat on Thursdays in the Presbytery after the 11am mass each week.

Prayer List: Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick and need the benefit of our love and prayers: Alan Chapman, Maureen Hamilton, Lucy Gay, Stephen Garfield and family, Susan Corbin and family, Sue Potter, Philip Denton, Ivy Denton, Douglas Jordan, John Varellas, Bruno Vassallo