

Parish Announcements and Events!

Do you want to know more about the Catholic FAITH? Are you Missing a Sacrament? Are you Interested in Becoming Catholic? RCIA sessions are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 5pm in the Church. Next Session will be on 18th April 2026.

Entering Holy Week Together

As we approach the most sacred days of our Christian year: the Holy Week beginning on Sunday 29th March – We are invited to walk closely with Christ—from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the glory of the Resurrection. These days are rich with grace, reflection, and renewal, and they offer us a profound opportunity to deepen our faith as a parish family.

Copies of the Holy Week programme are now available in the church porch. Please pick one up, keep it close throughout the week, and make every effort to join in the liturgies and moments of prayer. Your presence enriches our community and helps us journey together toward Easter joy.

Weekly Mass Intentions Needed!

The sacrifice of the mass needs an intention every time that is celebrated, at the moment we need weekly mass intentions which have the same sacred effect as the ones for Sunday Masses, please collect an envelope in the back of the Church and return it with a monetary offering or not if cannot afford it. Thanks!

NEXT Baptism Course for parents:

At St Vincent's Parish with Fr Riq, Vivek and Jessica.

The date for the Baptism course evening will be this **Wednesday 15th April at 7.00pm** here in our Parish Church. Please email the Office for more Information **Becontree@brcdt.org**

Upcoming Parish Events and Celebrations in 2026!

Children's Easter Party Sunday 5th April at 10:15am.

Father's Day BBQ Sunday 21st June after masses.

Rite of Acceptance for Confirmation Candidates which takes place annually on Good Shepherd Sunday.

As our Parish is not due to receive a pastoral visit from Bishop Alan this year, our Confirmation group must attend Brentwood Cathedral for a service and meeting with the Bishop at 3pm on Sunday 26th April. This is mandatory for all confirmation candidates!

Our Parish Groups and Weekly Activities:

Bible Study Group: **Tuesdays at 7pm and Sundays at 6pm**

Prayer Group: **Wednesdays at 7pm**

General Singing Practice: **Mondays at 7pm**

Friday Night at the Films during Easter!

Showing of **The Chosen** episodes will take a break until Friday the 24th of April. We will resume the Friday Night showing them after that date. Thanks for your faithful attendance.

A Humble Reminder on How to Receive Holy Communion:

We are called to maintain reverence to the Most Holy Eucharist; therefore, we are kindly reminded:

- Please refrain from chewing gum prior to approaching the altar for holy communion.
- Please receive the Sacred Host with both hands or directly on the tongue; do not grasp with fingers.
- The Sacred host **MUST** be consumed immediately in the front before returning to your seat.
- Please approach and depart with reverence, mindful of the Real Presence of Christ in the Church.

St. Vincent's Parish Building projects needed:

1. Boiler basement needs to be treated for black mould.
2. Front church doors need to be changed with Fire Push door opening handles.
3. Fire alarms and signs need to be placed and installed.
7. Repair of recently discovered cracks in the front of the church wall.
8. Presbytery house dining room to have a built extension outwards into a multi-use meeting room for parish use, as we don't have a parish hall.
9. Ashes garden of remembrance needs to be revitalised and beautified.
10. The current leftover loan debt is £15,000, the reason that we are not allowed to get any further funding for any new works.

CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

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New Website: **StVincent-Becontree.co.uk** & our Facebook and YouTube Channel

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OFFICE HOURS – Tuesday to Friday from 10am -12md or by APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Mrs. Helen Craft, Headteacher
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22.03.26 – 5th Sunday of Lent, Yr A–Missal P.144

(We say all the psalm together if not sung)

R. With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the sound of my pleadings. **R.**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, that you may be revered. **R.**

3. I long for you, O Lord, my soul longs for his word.
My soul awaits the Lord more than watchmen for daybreak. **R.**

4. More than watchmen for daybreak, let Israel hope for the Lord.
For with the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.



Today's Gospel presents us with one of the most powerful stories: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. This story helps us remember that even when everything feels lost, God can still bring life. Jesus shows He has power over death and that He brings hope to those who trust Him. He is the Resurrection and the Life.

WEEKLY MASSES & INTENTIONS

<u>Sunday 22nd March</u> 5 th Sunday in Lent, Yr A	9am Mass 12 Noon Mass	Webb's Family (Thanksgiving) Ukachukwu's Family (Thanksgiving) & Helen Mbah (B'day Sp Int)
<u>Monday 23rd March</u> Feria	NO MASS	Fr Riq's Mental Health Day Off. Office Closed
<u>Tuesday 24th March</u> Feria	9am Rosary & Communion Service	Fr R unavailable
<u>Wednesday 25th March</u> Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)	9am Morning Prayer & Mass	Colum Fox (RIP)
<u>Thursday 26th March</u> Feria	9:30am Mass with School	School Staff Retirement (Thanksgiving)
<u>Friday 27th March</u> Feria	9am Morning Prayer & Mass +7pm Stations of the Cross	Heather Charles (B'day Sp Int)
<u>Saturday 28th March</u> BVM	3pm CONFESSIONS 4pm Sunday Vigil Mass	In the Chapel Eddie Rawdon (RIP)
<u>Sunday 29th March</u> Palm/Passion Sunday (Beginning of Holy Week)	9am Mass 12 Noon Mass	Stella Cook (Int) Florence Uka (RIP)

MASS INTENTIONS.

Parish envelope in the back of the Church, fill the form and bring it back ASAP if you would like to offer a Mass.

Parish Collection Sunday 15th March

Gift Aid: £+ 247.50

Loose Plate: £503.80

= Total: £751.30

NO CASH is kept on Church premises!

Thank you for your generosity and continual support.

Can you help us, please?

We are hoping for our St Vincent's parishioners to help us with a donation of **£3 or MORE £££ EACH WEEK** for the offertory collection during our Sunday Masses.

This will truly help us greatly especially with parish repairs, projects, children's activities and parties.

Thanks in advance for your kindness and generosity.

*****We now have livestreaming services through our YouTube Channel.**

This ministry is specially for the sick and housebound or unable to attend mass.

Thanks! Blessings! ***

We continuously PRAY for those Parishioners who are sick and housebound. Please email the Parish Office with names of those in need of prayers.



Please note that CCTV is in use in and around the church