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**BULLETIN C 23 – 1ST MAY 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

My dear brothers and sisters,

Our new Ride on Mower arrived on Tuesday evening and was used straight away, I've not seen grown men look so pleased to cut a lawn in a long time – talk about boys with their toys!!

The Social Committee met on Wednesday this week to discuss arrangements for the next two events. The Sonare Concert on Saturday 14th May – please do advertise this widely – it really is worthwhile, they are excellent!

The date of my 40th Anniversary Mass draws near, Thursday 2nd June at 7.00pm. We could do with some cakes baked for this occasion. Also we would be grateful if those intending to come will put their names on the list in the porch, we need to know for catering purposes.

Details of the Catenians are on our Website and well worth reading

God bless you all

Fr. John

TIMES OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sun	1	3 rd of Easter	1000 Sung Mass 1200 Mass 1800 Mass	People of the Parish Migrants Deacon Michael Smith (INT)
Tue	3	Ss. Philip & James	1900 Mass	
Wed	4	the English Martyrs	1000 Holy Hour with Rosary and May Devotions 1400 Funeral Mass of Carmel Arbuthnot	
Thu	5	feria of Eastertime	1000 Mass	
Sun	8	4 th of Easter	1000 Sung Mass 1200 Mass 1800 Mass	Vocations Peace in Ukraine People of the Parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This epilogue to the Gospel of John shows an extraordinary link with Luke's version of the Call of the Disciples: the same unsuccessful fishing all night transformed into success at Jesus' command, and then the commission to proclaim the Gospel. As in so many encounters with the risen Christ, he is an awesome figure, the same person but mysteriously changed, so that the disciples have difficulty recognising him. In addition, here in John's Gospel, we have the touching scene of Peter's restoration: a triple declaration of love and loyalty is extorted from Peter to compensate for his triple denial, and a triple commission is given to him, concluding with the repeat of his call, 'Follow me' – as the prophecy of his martyrdom still echoes in his ears. While Matthew's Gospel concludes with a promise that the risen Christ will be always with his Church, this Gospel illustrates what this will look like in practice: Jesus feeds his followers at the picnic breakfast. Why the 153 fish? For the Venerable Bede it is too obvious: put together the numbers from 1 to 16, to this add 10 for the commandments and 7 for the days of creation, and you get 153. There may be more to it than that!

Is Peter's protestation of love after his denial an example to us (to turn back to the Lord and away from sin)?

How can I become more aware of Christ's presence – particularly in the Eucharist, and so in each other?

FINANCE COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 4TH AT 7.00PM



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SONARE CHOIR
Songs of Springtime



Our Lady of the Assumption,
Old Harlow, CM17 OHA
14th May 2022, 4pm

£10 Advance
£12 On the Door
£9 Under-35s

Featuring music by Vaughan Williams,
Moeran, Elgar, Saint-Saens,
Clara Schumann and many more!

Advance tickets available from
www.sonarechoir.com

**ANNIVERSARY MASS
THURSDAY 2ND JUNE 2022 AT 7.00PM
THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY OLD HARLOW**

BCCS RELAY 100 – The Assumption of Our Lady to Our Lady of Fatima

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society needs help with their 'Relay 100' community event this May and June and are looking for an individual, a family or a group of friends to walk or cycle between the churches of The Assumption of Our Lady and Our Lady of Fatima in either direction; a distance of 1.1 miles. This can be on a day of your choosing, and the bccs would be looking for you to highlight your efforts in the parish and to raise a little bit of sponsorship off the back of your efforts. Can you help? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000 or visit the website: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/relay-100> to read more about this event. Thank you.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 23rd May 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey and Fr. National Museum. Single supp £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.