



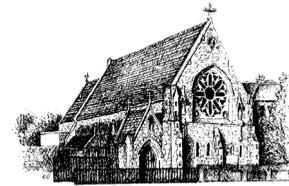
Easter Offerings

Fr Javier's salary is £9,900 (plus free lodging at the Presbytery). The parish pays him only £8,250 (the Seminary pays the rest, £1,650). This money is paid from the donations for Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and Masses alongside the collections on Christmas and Easter day. The Sunday collection pays for the running of the parish

You can contribute to the Easter collection on the day, by using the envelope which will be available from the table next week or by donating online virgin-moneygiving.com/fund/EasterOffering

You can also use the QR code. If you want to give a personal gift to Fr Javier, please put it in an envelope addressed to him.

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4TH APRIL 2021 EASTER SUNDAY—B

Christ is Risen!! This is the proclamation that the Church all over the world (while our Orthodox brothers and sisters will celebrate Easter on 2nd May). One of the most important features of this celebration is light.

In 2012, when Pope Benedict celebrated his last Easter vigil publically, he said *On Easter night, the night of the new creation, the Church presents the mystery of light using a unique and very humble symbol: the Paschal candle. This is a light that lives from sacrifice. The candle shines inasmuch as it is burnt up. It gives light, inasmuch as it gives itself. Thus the Church presents most beautifully the paschal mystery of Christ, who gives himself and so bestows the great light. Secondly, we should remember that the light of the candle is a fire. Fire is the power that shapes the world, the force of transformation. And fire gives warmth. Here too the mystery of Christ is made newly visible. Christ, the light, is fire, flame, burning up evil and so reshaping both the world and ourselves. "Whoever is close to me is close to the fire," as Jesus is reported by Origen to have said. And this fire is both heat and light: not a cold light, but one through which God's warmth and goodness reach down to us.*

The great hymn of the Exsultet, which the deacon sings at the beginning of the Easter liturgy, points us quite gently towards a further aspect. It reminds us that this object, the candle, has its origin in the work of bees. So the whole of creation plays its part. In the candle, creation becomes a bearer of light. But in the mind of the Fathers, the candle also in some sense contains a silent reference to the Church,. The cooperation of the living community of believers in the Church in some way resembles the activity of bees. It builds up the community of light. So the candle serves as a summons to us to become involved in the community of the Church, whose raison d'être is to let the light of Christ shine upon the world.

We thank Mike Quirke who has painted beautifully as always our Paschal Candle with another image of light, the Transfiguration of Christ.

Parish Masses for the coming week:

Date	Feast	Time	Mass Intention
Sat 3rd	EASTER VIGIL	8pm	Newly baptised
Sunday 4th April	EASTER SUNDAY	9.30am	People of the Parish
		11.30am	People of the Parish
		6pm	NO MASS
Mon 5th	EASTER WEEK	12noon	Benita JAVIER, Int
Tues 6th	EASTER WEEK	9.15am	Holy Souls, RIP
Wed 7th	EASTER WEEK	9.15am	Irena MAY, RIP
Fri 9th	EASTER WEEK	12noon	HANNON family, Int

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 11am—11.45am

Reconciliation 5.00pm - 5.45pm.

Parish Secretary: Angela Braniff - Wed, 9.30am - 2.30 pm

Columban Sisters - Tel: 020 8980 3017

St Agnes School, Rainhill Way, E3 3ER Tel: 02089803076 -

email: office@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk

The sanctuary lamp is burning in honour of **Joan LARKIN, RIP**

Attending Mass in 2020

1. While obligation to come to mass has been lifted, it is good to see you here.
2. Please sanitise your hands when you arrive and wear a mask. Keep a safe distance at all times..
3. Please seat in any available space. It would be helpful if you do not seat by the central aisle. A 2-meter separation in the benches, allowing only **two spaces** (for individuals or family bubbles) Once in your space do not move till directed by the stewards.
4. There will be no collection during mass. Please give your contribution as you leave the church or online (<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/bow/donate/>).
5. For communion, wait till the steward asks you to move. If you cannot queue, Fr Javier will come to you. Communion will be distributed only under one kind and on the hand.
6. At the end, wait to be ushered by the steward. If you are on the pulpit side, leave through the main aisle and the main door; if you are on the font side, leave by the side aisle and the side door.
7. If you want to stay praying or light up a candle, wait in your place. Only light the candle when people have cleared the area.
8. The toilets are in use. Please follow the guidance posted. Do not throw wipes to the toilets. If the toilets are blocked they will be closed.
9. **We need to record your presence. Please use the QR code or give your details when entering the church. This is to assist the Track and Trace**
10. Above all, be sensible, be aware of the people around you and respect them.

Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday 5pm and Sunday between morning masses and before evening mass. Otherwise please contact Fr Javier for an appointment..

Broadcast of 11.30am Mass

Broadcast of the 11,30am Mass on YouTube. You can find us on our New YouTube page: <http://bit.ly/StCatherinesLiveMass>.

Bow Food Bank

Thank you for the donations of milk, rice and other items. We were able to donate 264 items with an approximate value of £350. Also we have been able to donate £170. The Bow Food Bank continues to need our support. **The item for April is tinned vegetable**. We will collect them and take them to the Food Bank at the end of the month. For more information or if you want to volunteer, please check <http://www.bowfoodbank.org/wp/>

Baptism—Baptisms are taking place. Only parties of 6, including the baby, are allowed

Wedding—Marriages are now allowed now with a limited capacity. However, there is no marriage course this year. If you need one, speak to Fr Javier

Registering Marriages —from 04/05 law regarding the registering marriages is changing in England. Whereas being able to perform valid legal marriages, the parishes will no longer hold register and will not be able to issue marriage certificate. These will be released only by the Registry Office. If you need one before that date, please request it to the office.

RCIA—Next meeting will be on **Tuesday 13th April at 6.30pm**.

First Holy Communion 2021—The missalettes can be collected from Fr Javier.

Easter Week—Mass on Easter Monday will be at 12 noon and on Tuesday 9.15am.

Easter Water—Please bring your own bottle and help yourself.

Facebook Page

we have now an official Facebook page, www.facebook.com/StCatherineBow/ Do follow us. if you have any pictures of your Easter celebration which you might want to share on Facebook or our webpage please send them to us on the parish email address.

Cleaning

Please pick up the rotas. There are three teams which are available for cleaning the Church. One of them would need one or two more members. Ideally we would have a fourth team. If you think you can help, please speak to Fr Javier

Gardening at St Catherine

"Are you interested in gardening, in learning more about caring for the earth, in joining with others to make a small parish community vegetable and flower garden, or in praying outside in God's creation? Then maybe you will be interested in the *Laudato Si* gardening group which we hope to start once government rules allow, hopefully Saturday **17th April at 10am**. Please contact Sr Kate if you are interested."

Stewards at Mass

The work of stewards/ushers is fundamental at this time for the safe opening of the parish. Ushers are required to arrive at mass earlier; accommodate people once mass has started; ushering people to communion and out of mass at the end. They also spray clean the benches which have been used. If you want to help with the ushering of people during mass, speak to Fr. Javier.

Sanctuary Lamp—The sanctuary lamp will be burning in memory of a faithful departed or as a prayer for the living. If you would like to dedicate a candle for someone, please speak to Fr Javier (suggested donation £10)

Financial support

Thank you for your ongoing financial support. Thank you to those who are giving online (Account Name: WRCDT Bow; Sort Code: 40-05-20; Account Number: 01308157). You can also use the QR Code at the front of the Newsletter or on the green posters in Church. Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference.

Contactless Payment

Thanks to the initiative of the Parish Finance Committee we have acquired a contactless device for the parish. Donating to the work of the parish is really easy: tap the amount you want to donate and touch with your card, your iPhone or smart phone.

Parish accounts—We are hoping to publish a summary of the parish accounts in by the end of the month

Teach us to pray—Next meeting Monday 12th April

Welcome—Joshua, Cara and Zara and who were baptised at St Catherine's two weeks ago

Parish Office—the office will be close this week.