

MASS INTENTIONS
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year C)

Saturday 9 th April –Feria	6.30pm	Frances Nolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 10 th April – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9.00am	William Shorey (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Helen Ging
Monday 11 th April – Monday in Holy Week	9.00am	Edgar Azores (R.I.P)
Tuesday 12 th April – Tuesday in Holy Week	9.00am	Immanuel Formosa (R.I.P)
Wednesday 13 th April – Wednesday in Holy Week	11.00am	Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral, coach leaving at 9.30am
Thursday 14 th April – Maundy Thursday	9.00am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	8.00pm	Thanksgiving
Friday 15 th April – Good Friday	9.00am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lords Passion
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 16 th April– Holy Saturday	9.00am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord (Year C)

Saturday 16 th April – Holy Saturday Celebration of the Easter Vigil	8.00pm	Una McLaughlin (R.I.P)
Sunday 17 th April – The Resurrection of the Lord	9.00am	Anne Kelly (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Helen Ging (R.I.P)

Prayer for Holy Week: By Your heaviness and fear in Gethsemane, comfort the oppressed and those who are afraid. By Your loneliness, facing the Passion while the Apostles slept, comfort those who face evil alone while the world sleeps. By Your persistent prayer, in anguish of anticipation, strengthen those who shrink from the unknown. By Your humility, taking the comfort of angels, give us grace to help and to be helped by one another, and in one another to comfort You, Jesus Christ. – **Caryl Houselander**



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9th & 10th April 2022

Today we begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem the city of his destiny which will oppose and reject him. As he enters the city he is hailed as king by the people. His coming as Messiah leads the people to praise God. However, within days, the very same people will reject Jesus and lead him, not to a throne, but to the cross.

We read the Gospel account of Christ's Passion, not simply to recall a past event, but in order to recognise God in the present.

We ask Christ to enter our suffering, whether it is the suffering we endure through trying to follow him, or the pain we feel when our kingdom is threatened. It is in our own pain that we can find him present and beckoning.

I hope that as many as possible will join in the events of Holy Week.

Wednesday 13th April – Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral 11.00am. Coach will be leaving from St Albans at 9.30am.

Maundy Thursday – 14th April – No Morning Mass, Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.00am, Evening Mass of the Lord's supper – 8.00pm

Good Friday – 15th April – We celebrate our Lord's Passion in a day of Fasting and Abstinence. Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00am. Celebration of the Lords Passion 3.00pm and Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Holy Saturday 16th April – No morning Mass. Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00am. Easter Vigil begins at 8.00pm with the Ceremony of Light.

Easter Sunday – 17th April – Masses at 9.00am & 11.00am

Monday 18th To Saturday 23rd April – Morning Mass at 9.00am

God Bless and Keep Safe,
Canon Maurice

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Greta Anglim, Nell Addison, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, John Barry, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rob Brown, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Celia Desmond, Desmond family, Denis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, James Francis, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Christine Johnson, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Stuart Keen, Francesca Kelly, Neil Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, George Kiparrisi, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, John Morriseon, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Iivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Baby Teddy Rands, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Nellie Ringrose, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Jay Spencer and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord

Donations and Gift Aid Form

We have been asked to provide details so that parishioners can pay their donations by direct debit or standing order. It is an easier form of donation the details are as follows:

Bank HSBC

Account name: Catholic Church Elm Park St Albans

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account number: 31019848

We can still collect the gift aid for these donations so please remember to fill in the gift aid form.

Weekly Offertory Envelopes

If you have not yet collected your new box of envelopes, please look for the box with your name on it which is on the table at the back of the Church, by the stairs.

Baptism Course: The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 14th May in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

First Holy Communion Programme

The next session will take place on Thursday the 21st of April at 7pm. The children will meet in the hall and parents to meet in the Church, as usual, for their session. It is important that parents attend as well as the children to help you in your faith so that you in turn, will help your children and help you to be more confident in your faith.

Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA) The R.C.I.A programme continues every Monday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Anyone interested in joining the church or learning more about the faith is welcome to come along.

Easter Cards

Please take home the Easter cards for the Mass times during Holy Week and Easter. It will be available at the back of the Church and on the Church website.

Stations of the Cross: There will be stations of the cross in Good Friday evening 15th of April at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Chrism Mass

Please note that this year the Chrism Mass will be held at Brentwood Cathedral, next Wednesday the 13th of April at 11am. A coach will leave the Parish at 09.30am. A list will go up at the back of the Church for those wishing to go along, everyone is welcome, at no expense. There will be no morning Mass at St Albans that day.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer

Bishop Alan will lead the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24-29th July, a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. The pilgrimage team includes a doctor and nurses, for those who need assistance. For those with limited mobility, there will be many young people on hand to assist with wheelchairs. It is a wonderful week, Canon Maurice will be attending and if you would like to go, you can book online at www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood. For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor on 01206 735623.

Right to Life - As we enter into Holy Week and reflect upon the passion of our Lord, we pray for all those going through their own passion. We pray especially for mothers with unexpected pregnancies in this society that often encourages them to have an abortion, that they would feel love and support from their family and neighbours, and that they would find peace and joy in the midst of their circumstance.

School Vacancies

Details for the following vacancies being advertised throughout the Diocese can be found at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

Headteacher St Alban's Primary, Elm Park
Headteacher St Joseph's Primary, Upminster
Headteacher Holy Family Secondary School, Walthamstow
Deputy Headteacher St Mary's, Tilbury
Deputy Headteacher St Alban's, Elm Park.
Deputy Headteacher, St Joseph's Primary School, Harwich

Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23:

If you will be 18+ in September, and are looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, deepening teamworking and practical skills in a context of youth leadership, and developing your faith, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be perfect for you. For more information please contact Joseph Beattie, by emailing josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or calling 01277 373959. There is an open afternoon from 2-4pm on Sunday 10th April; for more information and to register, go to www.bcys.net/events/whopenday/