

**MASS INTENTIONS
Palm Sunday (A)**

Saturday 1 st April – Palm Sunday	6.30pm	Nellie Ringrose (R.I.P)
Sunday 2 nd April – Palm Sunday	8.45am	Driver & Keys Family (Int)
	11.00am	Alma O’Sullivan (R.I.P)
Monday 3 rd April – Monday in Holy Week	9.00am	Brenda Allen
Tuesday 4 th April – Tuesday in Holy Week	9.00am	Bernie Fennessey (Int)
Wednesday 5 th April – Wednesday in Holy Week	No Morning Mass	Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral, coach leaves at 9.15am
Thursday 6 th April – Maundy Thursday	9.00am	Office of Readings
	8.00pm	Vincent Nazareth (R.I.P)
Friday 7 th April – Good Friday	9.00am	Office of Readings
	3.00pm 7.30pm	Celebration of the Lords Passion Stations of the Cross
Saturday 8 th April – Holy Saturday	9.00am	Office of Readings

The Resurrection of the Lord (A)

Saturday 8 th April – Easter Vigil	8.00pm	Gill D’Souza
Sunday 9 th April – The Resurrection of the Lord	9.00am	John & Elizabeth Lopes (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Francis Nolan (R.I.P)

Reflection for Holy Week:

The Psalms are Jesus’ prayers, the cry of his heart. Today, we enter Holy Week. Listen carefully to the cry of Jesus’ heart in the Psalms this week. During his life on earth Jesus offered up ‘prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death’. We hear the cry of Gethsemane, ‘Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me, yet not my will, buy yours be done’ and the cry of Calvary: ‘My God, my God why have you forsaken me’. The glory and beauty of the cross is that ‘God made him who had no sin to be sin for us’ so that we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Prayer: I see the Lord’s blessings when I speak heart to heart with the one who loves me. I see the Lord’s blessing unexpectedly when I doubt and despair. I see the Lord’s blessings when my heart is most open to God’s creative Spirit.



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**Palm Sunday (Year A)
1st & 2nd April 2023**

Dear Friends,

We invite all our parishioners to join in celebrating the Ceremonies of this Holy Week. The Ceremonies are the steps in the journey of Jesus Christ for love of each one of us, not just for love of the crowd, but for love of each one of us individually.

We walk with Jesus on **Palm Sunday**. We join him in the Upper Room on **Holy Thursday** evening for the Last Supper – a meal is a sign of friendship, of acceptance, of love, of unity. He leaves us the Eucharist as a memorial of his love and friendship. He ordains his first priests. He gives us an example of loving service in washing the feet of his disciples. He gives us the command to love and to serve one another.

On **Good Friday**, we remember his Passion and Death – the sign of the Christian is the Sign of the Cross – it was marked on our forehead at Baptism, and it will mark our last resting place in death, it stands over our churches and blesses our home, it is found on lonely mountain shrines and worn as decoration. It is a sign of love. The reminder to us of the greatest love of all.

On **Holy Saturday** we pray in waiting in the Easter Vigil so that we may celebrate the glory of the Resurrection. We believe that we will be raised up in glory because Jesus has first been raised up in glory. Without this faith and great hope, we would have no clear goal in life – and life is difficult enough as it is! The Resurrection gives us a goal in life. During the Vigil, Pedro, Hayley, Nicola, Golda, Charlie, Edward, Dorothy, Katie, Jane, Carlo and Gina will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Have a blessed week.

**Take care, God bless,
Canon Maurice**

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, John Barry, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Denis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Margaret Dumbrill John Finan, James Francis, Anna Gawlik, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Hedde, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Francesca Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Ivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Elizabeth Smith, Alan Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Theresa Carty, Jay Spencer, Irene (Evelyn's sister) and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord.

PARISH FINANCES:

25th & 26th March

Loose

£532.48

Envelopes

£443.55

Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA):

Anyone who wishes to know more about the basics of the Faith or is interested in joining the Church is invited to the weekly sessions which take place on Mondays at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group, is also invited to come along.

First Holy Communion 2022-2023:

The next session for the first Holy Communion will be on Thursday April 20th, 2023, at 7pm. Parents will meet in the church and the children will meet in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation 2022/2023:

The next Confirmation session will take place on Saturday 13th May at 4pm.

Baptism Course: The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 15th of April 2023 in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours \(tangey-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangey-tours.com))

Right to Life

As we recall the welcome of the Lord into Jerusalem and then His Passion and Death, let us pray for that spirit of welcome, allowing us to see the Lord in people who are homeless, those who are disabled, immigrants, and the unborn.

Pastoral Care

If anybody is going into hospital and would like pastoral care, please contact Helen Miranda on 01708 477890

Diocese of Brentwood - Foundation Governor Vacancies

Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email your expression of interest to victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call Victoria on Telephone: (01277) 265284

Job Vacancies

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Closing Date: 28/04/2023, Teaching Assistants
The governors wish to appoint qualified Teaching Assistants to support children across the school with a range of needs. **Required ASAP** Scale 3 Point 5-6. 30.5 hours per week worked over 5 days. Full job description and application: <https://ats-haveringschools.jgp.co.uk> Visits to the school are essential. To arrange an appointment with the Head teacher or SENCO, please contact the school office on 01708 745506.

Chrism Mass

Chrism Mass will take place on this Wednesday 5th April at 11am. A coach will leave St Albans Church at 9.15am, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church if you wish to go. **Please note that there will be no morning Mass here on that day.**

BCCS Child & Family Counselling Services

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their head office in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Catherine Munns cmunns@bccs.org.uk who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website: www.bccs.org.uk

Good Counsel

Come and hear from a Mother who changed her mind about abortion at the very gateway into an abortion Centre and hear about the lives saved and changed during Lent 40 Days for Life campaign outside the abortion Centre in Brixton. Come to Our Lady Of The Rosary Church Hall, 364 Brixton Road, London SW9 0TH. Tuesday 4th April 7-9pm. Talks and Refreshments. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

School Holiday

St Albans school have now finished for the Easter Holidays and return on Monday 17th April. We wish them all of God's blessings during Holy Week and Eastertide.