

MASS INTENTIONS
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

Saturday 23 rd March – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	6.30pm	Mark Finnegan (R.I.P)
Sunday 24 th March – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9.00am	Pamela Zammit
	11.00am	Denis Doherty (R.I.P)
Monday 25 th March – Monday of Holy Week	9.00am	Evette Onodin & Chioma Orji (Int)
Tuesday 26 th March – Tuesday of Holy Week	9.00am	John Fennessy (Int)
Wednesday 27 th March – Wednesday of Holy Week	Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral Coach leaves at 09:30am	
Thursday 28 th March – Maundy Thursday – No morning Mass Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Evening Mass of the Lords Supper	9:00am	
	8.00pm	John Barry (R.I.P)
Friday 29 th March – Good Friday Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Celebration of the Lords Passion Stations of the Cross	9.00am	
	3.00pm	
	7.30pm	
Saturday 30 th March – Holy Saturday – No morning Mass Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Celebration of the Easter Vigil	9.00am	
	8.00pm	Kathy & James Driver (R.I.P)
Sunday 31 st March – The Resurrection of the Lord	9.00am	Ann O'Connor
	11.00am	Garry Honeyball (R.I.P)

Reflection for Holy Week:

Each one of us has this capacity, that for greatness and that for evil. In today's gospel story in Mark, Jesus says or does very little. It is the various actors in the drama who decide for themselves what their relation to Jesus will be. They either accept or reject Jesus. It is the same for us. We decide by our way of life whether we want to be for Jesus and accept his way or we turn away and go our own way. We choose. It is up to us, and God will not force us. Today's gospel is another offer from God to us. Will we choose Jesus today or not? –

Fr Jim Kirstein



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23rd & 24th March 2024

Dear Friends,

Holy Week, the Church's most solemn week, begins today. As we reflect, meditate and ponder on the events of Jesus' last days, this week will be a time of great grace and blessings for us. 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.

TODAY – PALM SUNDAY we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Today also the Church commemorates the Passion and Death of Christ, directing our minds towards this goal from the very beginning of Lent. Let us concentrate today and during the coming week on Christ's passion and death for us sinners and for all the world.

EASTER is the most important Feast in the Church's year, and it is spread over 3 days known as the Easter Triduum.

I hope that as many as possible will join in all 3 days of this great Feast supporting one another, welcoming the new members into our family.

**God Bless you,
Canon Maurice**

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, John Detheridge, Katherine Day, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Margaret Dumbrell John Finan, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Rev Tom Keighley, 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, Dean Partleton, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Dr Nikhil Rao, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Dorothy Ryan, Fr Francis Coveney, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Elizabeth Smith, Alan Stokes, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Bernie Whoriskey, Elizabeth Wyles, 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:

16th & 17th March

Loose

£733.88

Envelopes

£460.47

Mother and Toddlers Group:

Mothers and Toddlers group has now reopened. For more information, please visit <https://stalbanstcic.my.canva.site/> We thank Maria, Sarah and all of the staff who support our Mother and Toddlers group.

Baptism Course:

The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 13th April in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Confirmation Programme:

The next session for the Confirmation programme will be the Rite of Acceptance for Candidates on 21st April at 3pm where they will meet Bishop Alan. The coach will leave at 1.30pm.

First Holy Communion Programme 23-2024:

The next meeting for parents and Children will take place on the 18th April at 7.00pm

R.I.P:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Barry who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place this Monday 25th March at 11am. May he rest in peace.

Dates for your Diary:

- 27th of March 2024: Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral at 11am. Coach leaves St Albans at 09:30am.
- 09th – 14th June 2024: Parish Mission Week (*More details later*)

Variety Show:

A huge thanks to all of the Parish Community for a fantastic Variety night last week, it was such a great evening.

Diocesan Pilgrimage 2024:

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com)) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: kathrynyoung@mail.com

Justice and Peace Group:

The Justice and Peace group would like to say thank you to all of you who have been kind enough to donate items and that if anybody still wishes to donate but forgot to bring them along with you this weekend, then items can still be brought in next week.

Volunteer at the St John Bosco Children's Camp:

From 27th July – 3rd August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, but there are limited places. Applications open until the end of March. Details: <https://boscocamp.co.uk/volunteer-applications>

Apprenticeships at Walsingham House:

Walsingham House are offering a two-year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry & Chaplaincy, ideal for those finishing Year 13 in July or for anyone up to age 21. Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Marys University, Twickenham. For more info, email clairebailey@brcdt.org or visit the website www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/

Ursuline Links Youth Programme – Director needed:

Ursuline Links Youth Programme are looking for a director to action the strategic direction for the Charity's future. Based in Forest Gate (flexibility for home working) 37.5 hours per week, salary £38,500-£44,500pa. For more information see the Ursuline Links website at ursulinelinks.org.uk

St Alban's School:

School finishes on the 28th March for St Alban's and returns on Monday 15th April. We wish all staff, children and their families a restful break.

Catholic Women's League – Upminster:

Welcome you to their weekly lunch every Wednesday (not in Holy Week) at 12 noon. £6 simple meal and fellowship. Details available from Father Joseph.

St Albans Original Church 1939:

Situated in Carnforth Gardens. This opened as our Church in 1939-1965 when the present Church was opened in 1961. Has anyone photographs of the old Church, especially the interior? From 1961 it was used as a hall but is now converted into dwellings. Please contact the clergy if you can help.

Concert in Support of Young volunteers journeying to Lourdes:

This will take place on the 20th of April 2024 in Parish Hall. Tickets will be on sale this Sunday onwards £5 each.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR – St Mary Mother of God– Hornchurch:

St Mary Mother of God in Hornchurch are looking for a Parish Administrator. Hours: 20 hours per week working three or four days per week. Closing date for applications is 7th April 2024. Job description: Parish Administrator -Hornchurch (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us).