

MASS INTENTIONS
Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Saturday 5 th April – Fifth Sunday of Lent	6:30pm	Frances Nolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 6 th April – Fifth Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Rosamma Francis (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Neve Moroney (R.I.P)
Monday 7 th April – Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent	9:00am	Canon Bernard Scholes (R.I.P)
Tuesday 8 th April – Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent	9:00am	Sylvia Onodu
Wednesday 9 th April – Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent	9:00am	Caroline Ann Elliot (R.I.P)
Thursday 10 th April – Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent	9:00am	Marie Therese & Family
Friday 11 th April – Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent	9:00am	Priests in Purgatory
Saturday 12 th April – Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent	9:00am	Alfreda Willis (R.I.P)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)

Saturday 12 th April – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	6:30pm	John Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 13 th April – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord <i>Please meet in the Hall at 8:45am with St Nicholas Family for the Blessing of the Palm</i>	9:00am	Birthday Thanksgiving
	11:00am	Doreen Banister (R.I.P)

Thought for the Week:

The story of the woman caught in the act of adultery in John's Gospel takes us to the heart of God's mercy. Being caught in the act of adultery would quickly catch headlines, especially when it was considered sinful as well as scandalous. Yet this is well within the embrace of God's mercy. Thank God for the inclusion of this story in the Gospel. The Bible tells us that God's mercy is as wide as the ocean, deeper than the sea, and higher than the mountains, and as far as the west is from the east.

Out of the depths I cry to you O Lord. Reveal the depths of your mercy and forgiveness and teach me not to take it for granted. – Walk with Me



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Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)
5th & 6th April 2025

Dear friends,

Our Lenten liturgy today calls us back to the purpose of this season. Certainly, the theme of God's mercy is central to what we do. The Gospel tells the powerful and dramatic story of the woman accused of adultery. Jesus teaches that there is a balance between justice and mercy. Jesus certainly did not condone the sin, yet it is also just as certain that Jesus showed loving mercy in the forgiveness of the sinner. Our relationship with God as a sinful people must be acknowledged. We stand before God deserving justice and yet God reaches out to us in mercy and forgives a penitent people.

So, we gather then, resolved once more to place ourselves in the hands of a loving and merciful God.

Father Joseph and Canon Maurice will be available for Reconciliation, after all of the Masses during the coming weekend and Holy week. Please avail of the opportunity that this offers you in preparation for Easter.

Also, we have a community celebration of reconciliation at St Mary's Church Hornchurch. We gather this Tuesday 8th of April at 7pm. I would encourage as many people as possible to come and celebrate this sacrament. There will be quiet a number of priests available for individual confession. Please avail of this opportunity, what better way can we prepare for Holy Week and Easter than preparing our minds and hearts for the celebration of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection. See you this Tuesday the 8th of April at 7pm at St Mary's Hornchurch. Thank you.

God Bless

Canon Maurice

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Christophe Amblard, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, William Bradbury, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Bernard Carantinos, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Maureen Daly, John Detheridge, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrill, Eddie and Martha Dwyer, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Rev Tom Keighley, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Livan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Dean Partleton, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Dr Nikhil Rao, Jennie Reddy, Louis Russo, Dorothy Ryan, Fr Francis Coveney, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Elizabeth Smith, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, The Salter Family (Bert, Charlie and Bert's Daughter-in-law), Joanne Gardener, Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Melon Vigo, 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:

29th & 30th March 2025

Loose

£602.15

Envelopes

£347.50

Right to Life:

Let us pray for the ears to hear God's call to help the vulnerable in our midst, including people with disabilities, people in hospitals, those in nursing homes, the housebound, and those nearing the end of their lives.

Holy Communion Programme:

The next session will be on Thursday 8th of May at 6pm which will be a practice session for the children who are receiving their First Communion on the **11th of May**.

For those who are receiving their Communion on the **18th of May** the rehearsal will be on Thursday 15th of May at 6pm.

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place this Saturday the 12th of April at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Confirmation Programme 24/2025:

The next session for confirmation programme will be this Saturday the 12th of April.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life:

The Mass will take place on 21st of June in Brentwood Cathedral. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, please let Canon Maurice know. Bishop Bosco MacDonald, the lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life writes "The hope of marriage is that it becomes a source of stability and happiness showing us the endless love that God has for all of us".

Easter Vigil Readings

The Readings are a high point in the celebration of the Easter Vigil. In order to assist priests and people in managing these readings, Fr Adrian Graffy has prepared commentaries on each of them. Go to www.whatgoodnews.org Click on Scripture Readings and follow the links.

Stations of the Cross this Friday will be at St Albans at 7:30pm

Mother & Toddler Group:

If you would like to join us in 2025, please contact Maria at stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com or 07774 719 806 for more information.

Lenten Holy Hour:

You are invited to spend time in prayer, face to face with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: each Sunday evening 6pm – 7pm. You can pray with scriptures, rosary or simply in your own words as you enjoy his presence. It was suggested during our Mission last year that we pray for the following intentions:

- For the Young People of our Parish
- For those caught up in addictions of one kind or another
- For the spiritual and temporal wellbeing of married couples and the families of our Parish
- For those struggling with emotional and psychological wounds
- For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Job Vacancy:

- Headteacher of St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford.

Closing date: Tuesday 22 April 2025 by 12 noon

For further details please see:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

- Headteacher - St Mary's Primary School, Hornchurch
Deadline for applications: 17:00, Monday 28th April 2025
For further details please see: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2025-04-28_1700_St-Marys-Primary-School-Hornchurch_Headteacher_Job-Advert.pdf

Chrism Mass:

The Chrism Mass will take place on 16th of April at 11am at the Brentwood Cathedral. There will be a coach leaving from St Albans to the Cathedral at 9am. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church if you are intending to go. *There will be no 9am Mass at St Albans on the 16th of April.*

Holy Week & Easter Card:

Holy week and Easter card with Mass and Service timings will be given out to our School and to our Parish this week. Please displace the Easter poster on your windows in your homes.

Altar Servers Training:

There will be altar servers training on Thursday 17th of April at 11am – 12pm. All servers are expected to attend.

Youth Mass, First Thursday of the Month, Brentwood Cathedral, from 6pm

Join the BCYS to celebrate Youth Mass each month with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese.

There will be pizza in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a different input each month - speakers, workshops, prayer and worship, Reconciliation or more!

Youth Mass is then celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. **Next date: Thursday 1st May.**