

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Palm Sunday - The Passion of the Lord (C)**

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> April – <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	6:30pm	John Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April – <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	9:00am 11:00am	Birthday Int Doreen Banister (R.I.P)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April – <b>HOLY WEEK</b>	9:00am	Int for Travelling
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April – <b>HOLY WEEK</b>	9:00am	Richard & Family Intentions
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April – <b>HOLY WEEK</b> <b>Chrism Mass</b>		<b>Mass at Brentwood Cathedral coach leaves at 9am</b>
<b>EASTER TRIDUUM</b> Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April – <b>Maudy Thursday</b> <b>Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper</b>	9.00am 8.00pm	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer All Deceased Members of the Parish
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April – <b>Good Friday</b> <b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	9:00am 3.00pm 7.30pm	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> April – <b>Holy Saturday</b>	9:00am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

**The Resurrection of the Lord (Year C)**

<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Celebration of the Easter Vigil</b>	8.00pm	Gavin Turner Birthday Int
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord</b>	9:00am 11:00am	Thanksgiving for Employment Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P) 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Holy Week is a sacred week. We sense something mysterious unfolding. We don't merely remember events of Jesus' death, but rather through faith participate, immerse ourselves and share in them. Today, we relive Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Like the crowd, we can be fickle and superficial, singing 'Hosanna' one moment, when things go our way, howling 'Crucify him, Crucify him!' the next, when things don't go our way and we are frustrated or annoyed. Holy week invites us to enter the mystery of the cross, reflect on its wisdom and receive the power of God -**Thought for Holy Week – walk with me**



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**The Passion of the Lord (Year C)**  
**12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Dear friends,

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 16<sup>th</sup> April** – Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral 11.00am. Coach will be leaving from St Albans at 9.00am.

**Maudy Thursday – 17<sup>th</sup> April** – No Morning Mass, Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.00am, Evening Mass of the Lord's supper – 8.00pm

**Good Friday – 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> April** – No morning Mass. Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00am. Easter Vigil begins at 8.00pm with the Ceremony of Light.

**Easter Sunday – 20<sup>th</sup> April** – Masses at 9.00am & 11.00am

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> To Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April** – Morning Mass at 9.00am

*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:**

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### **Loose**

£691.21

### **Envelopes**

£963.79

### **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. Lord hear us".*

### **Holy Communion Programme:**

The next session will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of May at 6pm which will be a practice session for the children who are receiving their First Communion on the **11<sup>th</sup> of May**. For those who are receiving their Communion on the **18<sup>th</sup> of May** the rehearsal will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of May at 6pm.

### **Baptism Course:**

The next session for the Baptism course will take place this Saturday the 10th of May 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 the confirmation programme will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 4pm

### **Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life:**

The Mass will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Click on Scripture Readings and follow the links.

### **Mass for Migrant – save the date**

At Westminster Cathedral on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May Mass at 2.30pm

### **Mother & Toddler Group:**

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

### **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](http://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 this Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### **Altar Servers Training:**

There will be altar servers training this Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> May.**