

MASS INTENTIONS

Palm Sunday (Year A)

Saturday 28th March – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	6.30pm	Lar Fennessy (2 nd Anni R.I.P)
Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9:00am	Kathy & James Driver & Anne Keyes (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Alan Stokes (R.I.P)
Monday 30th March – Monday of Holy Week	9:00am	Callum Stone (R.I.P)
Tuesday 31st March – Tuesday of Holy Week	9:00am	Lily Theresa (R.I.P)
Wednesday 1st April – Wednesday of Holy Week	11:00am <i>(No Mass at St Albans)</i>	<i>Chrism Mass at Brentwood. Coach leaves at 9am.</i>
Thursday 2nd April – Maundy Thursday	8:00pm	People of the Parish
Friday 3rd April – Friday of the Passion of The Lord	3:00pm	<i>Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>
Saturday 4th April – Holy Saturday	<i>No Morning Mass</i>	<i>Office of Readings at 9:00am</i>

Easter Sunday (Year A)

Saturday 4th April – Easter Vigil	8:00pm	John Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday	9:00am	Oluwole Akinyemi (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)

Thought for Holy Week:

As we contemplate Christ Dead on the Cross, our thoughts turn to the countless injustices and sufferings which prolong his passion in every part of the world. I think of the places where man is insulted and humiliated, downtrodden and exploited. In every person, suffering from hatred and violence, or rejected by selfishness and indifference, Christ continues to suffer and die. On the face of those who have been “defeated by life” there appear the features of the face of Christ dying on the Cross. Today too, from the Cross there springs hope for all. Men and Women of our time, look upon the One who was pierced! Out of love he gave his life for us.



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28th & 29th March 2026

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, Charlotte Bird will be Baptised and Mary Jones, Petar Kikel and Selina Bacor will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Have a blessed week.

God Bless

Canon Maurice

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquerque, Christophe Amblard, Sheeba Antony, Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Mary Bowdler, William Bradbury, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrill, Martha Dwyer, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Jean Floreutin, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Ann Keaney, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, David Lynch, 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, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Robin Stinson, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, The Salter Family (Bert, Charlie and Bert's Daughter-in-law), Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Melon Vigo, Heather Wood, 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:

21st & 22nd March 2026

Loose

£521.16

Envelopes

£552.41

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 11th of April at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Holy Communion Programme 2025/26:

The next session will be the Pilgrimage to Aylesford on the 18th of April. Coach will be leaving St Albans at 9:30am and returning about around 4:30pm. The cost per family will be £5. It is important that parents and all the Children attend as it is part of the First Holy Communion Programme.

Confirmation Programme:

The next session for confirmation programme will be the Rite of Acceptance at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday the 26th of April at 3pm. Coach will leave St Albans Church at 1:30pm and return by 5pm. All confirmation candidates are expected to attend.

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 session every Monday at 7:30pm in the Presbytery.

Holy Hour:

Please note Holy Hour continues every Sunday 6 -7pm.

Mother & Toddler Group:

If you would like to join us in 2026, please contact Maria at stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com or 07774 719 806 for more information.

Monthly Youth Mass

The next Youth Mass is on **Thursday 7th May** at Brentwood Cathedral 7:30pm.

Post Confirmation Group:

The next meeting will be on Friday the 10th of April at 6:30pm – 8pm.

Assisted Suicide:

In a Lenten statement, the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Reverend John Sherrington, clarifies the Church's principled objection to the Terminally Ill (Adults) End of Life Bill, and urges Catholics to pray for parliamentarians debating the Private Members' Bill in the House of Lords. In the Easter season, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour on **Sunday, 19 April at 6-7pm** (UK time). This is an opportunity for the Catholics of our two nations to unite and pray for the promotion of a culture of life. We encourage parishes throughout England and Wales to hold Holy Hours around that time. The full letter is on display at the back of the Church.

Dates For Your Diary:

- **Chrism Mass** – 1st of April (*Coach leaves at 9am*)
- **Easter Tridium** – 2nd – 5th of April
- **Holy Communion Families Visit to Aylesford** – 18th of April (*Coach leaves at 9:30am*)

Stations of the Cross:

There will be a meditation on the last words of Christ on the Cross this Friday (*Good Friday*) the 3rd of April at St Albans Church at 7:30pm.

Holy Week and Easter 2026 Training for Altar Servers:

There will be training for all altar servers this Thursday the 2nd of April from 10am – 11:30am. Please make every effort to attend this training.

Rest in Peace:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sandra Nosworthy. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 16th of April at 12:30pm. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of James Seymour (Bernie Moody's Father) who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 17th of April at 11am. His remains will be brought into the Church on Thursday evening 16th of April at 7pm. May they Rest in Peace.

Walsingham House Team 26/27:

Applications are now open for the Walsingham House Team 26/27. Being on the team is a wonderful opportunity to work with young people from across the diocese, live in community and share and deepen our faith. Applications are open to those aged 18-23 (currently yr13 and above). For more information including the application form please see the website: [Be On Team - Brentwood Catholic Youth Service](https://www.beonteam-brentwoodcatholicyouthservice.org) or email: michaelkearns@brcdt.org.

Holy Week Services:

Please take the Holy week and Easter Card from the back of the Church with all the times of the services for this Week.

Chrism Mass:

The coach will leave at 9am this Wednesday from St Albans for the Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral.

Good Friday:

This Friday 3rd April 2025 "**Walk of Witness**" start at St. Nicholas Church 10.00am – Elm Park Baptist, St Johns South Hornchurch, Mungo Park then back to St Albans RC for refreshments in the Parish Hall around 11am. All are welcome.