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Baptisms & Marriages by appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30-6.00pm and by appointment

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.15am-2.30pm



PALM SUNDAY

Year C

14th April 2019

'O Lord, do not leave me alone.'

This Sunday we begin the prayer of Holy Week as Jesus enters Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, accompanied by crowds shouting joyfully 'Hosanna!' and waving palm branches. Very soon, the mood of the people changes and their cry is 'Crucify him!' (**Gospel** - Luke 22:14–23:56). We accompany Jesus as he goes to his death. The other readings help us to understand what is happening.

We see that Jesus fulfils the Old Testament prophecies of the suffering servant from Isaiah; in the face of his Passion, he knows and trusts that the Father will help him (**First Reading** - Isaiah 50: 3–7).

Psalm 21 (22) moves from utter dejection: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' to praise and trust in God: 'Give him praise ... revere him'! You may wish to read the whole psalm from your Bible during Holy Week to understand the prayer that Jesus prayed from the cross.

St Paul's explanation of the meaning of Jesus's incarnation, death and Resurrection ends with a firm declaration of faith that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father (**Second Reading** - Philippians 2: 6–11). Even as we walk in sorrow with Jesus this Holy Week, we look forward to Easter joy in the Resurrection.

**Our Parish Mission will be 18th – 22nd May with Fr Kieran, a Redemptorist priest
Spread the Word!**

Please note the location of the fire exits

Easter Offertory Collection: Just a reminder that the Offertory collection taken at the Easter Masses is your personal gift to your Priest. Together with the Offertory taken at Christmas this provides a major part of his income for the year. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Gift Aid Envelopes are now available for you to collect from the back of the Church.

Sundays in Lent: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church with evening prayer followed by Benediction from 3.00pm-4.00pm.

Divine Mercy Novena: Good Friday 19th April to Divine Mercy Sunday 28th April

Good Friday 19th April: After the 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 20th April: 9.30am

Easter Sunday 21st April: 10.45am

Mon 22nd, Tues 23rd, Thurs 25th, Fri 26th April: After morning Mass

Weds 24th April: After evening mass

Saturday 27th April: After 12.00 noon Mass

Sunday 28th April: 10.45am

RCIA Candidates: Please keep in your prayers those adults who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers are invited to renew their commitment to their ministries in our Parish at the mass of the Last Supper on Thursday 18th April at 8.00pm.

Altar Servers: If any person wishes to become an altar server, please come along with a parent to the training sessions on Saturday 11th and 18th May at 9.30am.

Altar Servers: Please could all altar servers come and help during Holy Week and Easter.

Parish Mission. There will be a parish mission, led by Fr Kieran Brady a Redemptorist priest, between May 18th to 22nd.

Lenten Project: This year the Parish and the school will be supporting CAFOD as our joint Lenten project. **Please do not return your boxes until after Easter!**

Mass Intentions: If you wish for a mass to be said on a particular date, please let us know in plenty of time to avoid disappointment!

Applications for FHC Programme 2019 / 2020: Parents of children currently in Year 2 and above can apply for the FHC programme next year. Application forms will be available from the Parish office on the 26th April 8.30am-12.00pm and after 6.30pm mass on 27th April from the Van Meenan Room.

Repository: We have a great selection of cards and gifts for **Easter** (21st April), **First Communion** (June) and **Baptism** plus cards for lots of other occasions. Come and see!

Mass for Migrants – celebrating the diversity of London, Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire.

ALL WELCOME! Together with the Dioceses of Westminster and Southwark, the Mass for Migrants is a joyful celebration of the diversity of our Dioceses, as well as reflecting on and praying for the great hardships that many migrants face. Please join Bishops, Priests and thousands of people from across London and the home counties for this Mass on **Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am.** It will be preceded by a banner procession at 10am – banners from parishes and different ethnic groups are very, very welcome – gather outside the Cathedral from 9.30am.

Sharing Hope in Crisis: Do you have a team in your parish that supports your Parish Priest with Pastoral Care, do you think they would benefit from some training?

The Sharing Hope in Crisis team are offering a day for you to hear how they approach situations. This seminar is designed to help you know what to say—and what not to say—to someone facing difficulty and to compassionately share the love of Jesus Christ with those who need it most. The event takes place at the Conference Centre, Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 18th May from 9 am – 4.30 pm. There are only 80 places available so please do sign up as soon as you can. Go to Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sharing-hope-in-crisis-

[seminar-tickets-58994806053](https://www.seminar-tickets-58994806053) or email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Refreshments are provided, please bring a packed lunch. There is no charge for the event but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to cover costs.

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Billericay Padre Pio Prayer invites you to a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, CM14 5SH on Mercy Sunday, 28th April 2019. Arrival from 10.30 am for 11 am start. Mass will be at 12 noon. Confession available. The day will end at 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Ring Claire Wallis on 01277 658783 if you require further information. ALL ARE WELCOME.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2019 SERVICES

Palm Sunday 14th April

6.30pm: Saturday Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday

Mass: **8.00am, 9.30am, 11.30am**

Palms will be blessed at all Masses

Monday 15th April

7.30pm: Reconciliation Service

Holy Thursday 18th April

7.30pm: Mass of Last Supper and Washing of Feet

Procession to Altar of Repose and Vigil until Midnight

Good Friday 19th April

9.45am: Walk of Witness starting at St. Andrew's Church

12.00pm: Children's Station of the Cross

3.00pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday 20th April

8.00pm: Vigil Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday 21st April

Mass: **8.00am, 9.30am, 11.30am**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital

May the courage of Our Lady, St. Joseph & the English Martyrs inspire us to work together to develop the new relationship of our Parish Partnership

Mission Prayer

Father, pour out your Spirit upon us. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word, and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEEKEND 20th / 21st April 2019:

Readers:	Sun	8.00am	Angela Joseph / Nicola Stacey
		9.30am	Natasha Wilson / Edwin O'Connell
		11.30am	Donna Coy / Joanne Roberts
Bidding Prayers:	Peter Bruxby		
Offerings 07.04.19:	Envs: £874.56		
			Church Cleaning: Group 3
			Loose: £1,049.56
			Coffee Morning: Team 1
			Total: £1,924.12

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	13 th April	11.00am	Confessions and Exposition
		12.00pm	Thanksgiving for Our Lady / Teresa Deacy Int
		5.30-6.00pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Michael O'Sullivan RIP / Josephine & Anthony Camilleri RIP
Sunday	14 th April	8.00am	All Parishioners
Palm Sunday		9.30am	Billy Fahy RIP / May Sheehan RIP
		11.30am	Christopher Andrew RIP / Eamon Commins RIP
		(Mass begins in the Parish Hall with blessing of the palms)	
		3.00-4.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
Monday	15 th April	9.00am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Tina Donnallon RIP
		7.30pm	Reconciliation Service
Tuesday	16 th April	9.00am	Deceased Members of the Lenehan Family / Eileen O'Sullivan RIP
Wednesday	17 th April	7.30pm	NO MASS
Maundy Thursday	18 th April	7.30pm	Mass of the Last Supper followed by Watching Until Midnight Maura Henry Int / Eamon O'Mahony
Good Friday	19 th April	9.45am	Walk of Witness: start at St. Andrew's Church
		12.00pm	Children's Station of the Cross
		3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross
Holy Saturday	20 th April	12.00pm	NO MASS
		8.00pm	Eileen Heneghan RIP / Mrs Bray RIP
Easter Sunday	21 st April	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	James Kane RIP / George Compton RIP
		11.30am	William Elliott RIP / Kathleen Nieland RIP

Hospital: Are you going into hospital this week for surgery?
Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses.
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