

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 13 to Sunday 21 April 2019

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD C Sunday 14 April 2019

Saturday 13 th	6.00pm	Peter Beard RIP Recently (Palmer)
Sunday 14 th	9.00am	Peter & Veronica Beard RIP (Heughan)
March 2019	11.00am	People of our Parish
Monday 15 th	9.00am	Private Intention
Tuesday 16 th	9.00am	John Mills RIP – Anniv. (Ching)
Wednesday 17 th	12.15pm	Sr Susan Asher's intentions (Palmer)
Brentwood	7.00pm	Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral
Thursday 18 th		MAUNDY (HOLY) THURSDAY
Holy Week	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of Feet
From 8.30pm	8.30pm	The church will be open until 10.00pm for people to pray with our Lord in his Agony in the Garden until 10.00pm
Friday 19 th		GOOD FRIDAY – Today is a day of fasting and abstinence
	10.00am	Stations of the Cross for Families & Children
	11.00am	Walk of Witness from Duke of Wellington, Epping to our church. Refreshments & facilities in our Hall.
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of our Lord's Passion
Saturday 20 th	8.30pm	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter - Des Toohey RIP
Sunday 21 st		EASTER SUNDAY C: The Resurrection of the Lord 21 April 19
April 2019	9.00am	Private Intention
	11.00am	People of our Parish

SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturdays 11am to 12 noon, 5.15 to 5.40pm and after Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week and by request.

MORNING PRAYER of DIVINE OFFICE 15 minutes before weekday Mass

BLESSED SACRAMENT Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after weekday Mass

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME: Hannah Robinson, Frances Wells, Robert Morris, Mark Toohey, Catherine Steel, Daphne McAdam, Ann Harris, Marcheta Swift-Daley, Paula Hall, Ann Dowd, Sean Clohessy, Roger Minnis, James Bullen, Fr Martin Knott & Fr Tom Jordan. **Please inform a Priest or Hospital Chaplain if you, your relative or a parishioner is ill in hospital or at home so they will have visits from a priest and receive the Sacraments.**

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous Offertories last weekend: Loose: £204.51, Envelopes: £239.60, Latin Mass: £16.50, Standing Orders: £800. CAFOD Box: £30 & Lent Fast Day £20. East Africa Disaster Appeal: £25.

FOR HALL BOOKINGS contact Arnold Verrall, preferably by telephone, on 01992 001995 (dial 01992 even in Epping) or mobile 07764404813 or by email arnold_verrall@email.com. **Preferential rates for parishioners & charities.**

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD C 14.4.2019

My dear Friends,

“His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as all men are” (Philippians 2:6-11). Here St Paul tells us of the divine and human nature of Jesus who gave up his glory and was humbler by going through suffering and death on the Cross. On Palm Sunday the Church takes us into the popularity passing glory of Jesus. In Holy Week, we enter his sufferings and being glorified through death on the Cross, on Good Friday. Christ, the innocent Lamb of God, was put to death, and through his sufferings, death and resurrection God gives the hope and the promise of eternal life to all who have faith in Christ, our Saviour.

On Wednesday at 7pm in Brentwood Cathedral, Bishop Alan will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of our Diocese. During the Mass, priests will renew their commitment of ordination. The Holy Oils will also be blessed at the Mass. The Oil of Baptism to prepare people for Baptism and reception into the Church. The Oil of Chrism to anoint people at Baptism and seal them with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, and ordain men for the service of God and people in Holy Orders and the priesthood. It is also used to consecrate Altars and Churches for the service of God and people.

On Maundy (Holy) Thursday at 7.30pm we celebrate the Mass of Our Lord's Supper, when Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist and changed bread and wine into his Body and Blood, and told us: “Do this in memory of me”. The washing of feet shows his humble service, giving us a New Commandment to love one another. The Mass ends with a procession to the Altar of Repose. There will be prayer in Church until 10pm to share with Jesus, in Agony in the Garden.

On Good Friday we have the remembrance of Jesus sufferings and death on the Cross, and his laying down his life in sacrifice to take away the sins of the world

At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, we rejoice in Christ's victory over sin, suffering and death, in his glorious resurrection. We Christians, whether at home or away, should make a special effort to take part in the Holy Week and Easter Services. This is the most important week in the year when we celebrate God's love for us, and the new life of grace he gives us through Christ.

May Christ's suffering and death touch our hearts and minds. Fr John

WE PRAY FOR PETER BEARD RIP, late of Epping, who died on 21 March. He will be received into our Church on **Wednesday 24 April at 4.30pm**. Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 25th at 10am**, followed by burial at Kingshill Cemetery, Berkhamsted. **May he rest in peace.**

We offer our sympathy to his family and prayers for the repose of his soul. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them.

LENTEN LUNCH: Very many thanks to all who helped & contributed to our very successful Lenten Lunch last Saturday. Everyone who came seemed to enjoy the occasion, despite the weather. The impressive amount of **£290** was raised.

LENT SERVICES OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION with Confession:

HARLOW: Our Lady of Fatima, Howard Way, Sunday 14th at 5.00pm

HARLOW: Holy Cross, Tracyes Road, on Monday 15th at 7.30pm

WALTHAM ABBEY: St Thomas More, Rochford Way, on Monday 15, at 7.30pm

LOUGHTON: St Edmund's, Trapps Hill, Tuesday 16th at 8.00pm

There will be visiting priests at the above church to celebrate the Sacrament.

EASTER LILIES: Parishioners can remember deceased relatives or friends at Easter by putting lilies in the church flower arrangements. A suggested donation is £3 a lily. Please put this in an envelope (there are red ones in the church) marked 'Easter Lily in memory of.....' and put it with the Offertory collection or the Presbytery letter box. If you are a tax payer you can Gift Aid your donation by using the Donations envelope in the Church, or one of the envelopes in your box.

EASTER CARDS: A big thank you to everyone who helped deliver our Easter cards and especially to Peter Day for organising & delivering. We apologise if you did not get – please take one from the church and let us have your address etc. Please update us with your correct details, names, address etc. to our Parish Office.

EPPING CHORUS: On Good Friday at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Epping Chorus will sing Beethoven's 'Christ on the Mount of Olives' as a devotion for Good Friday. Admission free but a programme will be offered to offset expenses at £2.50. A retiring collection will be for the Alzheimer's Society. **Please support us.**

GOOD FRIDAY CAR PARKING: People are reminded that **parking on Church Hill is restricted to permit holders, even on Good Friday.** Parking enforcement officers will probably be around during our Good Friday services.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The next children's session will be on **Wednesday 24th April at 5.45pm** in our Hall.

A TABLE TOP SALE will be held in our Hall on **Saturday 27 April from 10am to 2pm**. New & nearly new children's items. See poster in church porch.

PARISH WEBSITE: Our apologies that our parish website is not operational. Unfortunately we have not been able to find anyone to manage it over the past few months and would love to hear from someone with that expertise to our parish.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER POSTERS: Please take them from the church and display them on a window, or in your home as a reminder of this Holy Season.

OFFERTORY & GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year which began on 6th of April are ready for collection in the church porch. Any parishioners who does not have Offertory envelopes and wishes to have them, please contact our Parish Gift Aid Organiser at our Parish Office. We ask parishioners who have Offertory envelopes to contact us if your details or circumstances have changed. We strongly encourage parishioners to use Offertory envelopes, and especially for taxpayers to Gift Aid your donations to the church. This increases the value of your offerings to the church by **25%** at no cost to yourself, and this is a tremendous benefit to our parish.

THE HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS: During Lent come to Calvary ...just for ½ an hour, between **9.30am & 10.30am**. The Helpers of God's Precious infants hold a peaceful Rosary vigil on Saturday mornings 7.30am-11.30am on Marie Stopes busiest morning for abortions and offer counselling and practical help (money/accommodation/benefits advice/ baby- sitting etc. through the Good Counsel Network) to mothers who wish to keep their babies. The 9.30am to 10.30am slot is difficult to cover at so, if you can spare some time, please quietly join the prayers on the other side of the road from the clinic. Call Paul on 07504923428 or Rose 07960650517 for information.

HARLOW CHORUS will perform Mendelssohn's Elijah on Saturday, 27th April at 7.30pm at Chingford Parish Church. For the first time in its 40-year history, Harlow Chorus is coming to St Peter & Paul Church, Chingford, to perform, one of the biggest and most powerful of oratorios, "Elijah". It should be a really stunning evening with a full choir, of almost 80, with professional soloists and a full orchestra. Our wonderful Music Director, Edward Rhys Harry, has conducted this 11 times before in various concert halls around the world and says he wants this version to be the best. **To encourage people to attend, I am offering 2 tickets for 'Elijah' free to the first taker and many more at a discounted rate of £10 each. (They are usually £15 or £18 on the door. Children £5)** **Please contact me to obtain your tickets to Elijah. Maggie Keeling**

EPPING CHORUS will hold a quiz night in our hall on Saturday 11 May; 7 for 7.30pm start. Bring own drinks, nibbles & food. Tables of 8, but we can accommodate fewer numbers. Tickets £7.50 each. To book contact **Janet Clements at church or on 578262.**

'HOMELESSNESS TODAY' A talk on 25April 19 from at 7:15 by Robb Saggs, CEO, CHESS Homeless & Minister at .The Box, St John's Road, Epping, CM16 5DN

BRENTWOOD DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM, led by Bishop Alan will be on Saturday, 25th May.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21st - 26th July 2019 with Tangney Tours from Stansted Airport. The Brentwood Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Alan Williams. Please see poster in church porch for details.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE: Parishes of Brentwood Pilgrimage to Knock. **27th - 21st May 2019** from Stansted Airport. Please see poster in church porch for details.

MARCH FOR LIFE on Saturday, 11th May at 2pm from outside Westminster Church House, 25 Great Smith Street, Westminster SW1 3BN. Every year 200,000 of our unborn neighbours are deprived of their right to live and to be born. If you think this is a great injustice, please join this peaceful march. See details on the poster in the church porch.