

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES from Saturday 9th to Easter Sunday 17th April 2022		
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C) 10th April 2022		
Saturday 9 th	6.00pm	Special Intention (SP)
Sunday 10 th	9.00am	People of our Parish
April	11.00am	Billy Clark RIP Recently (Garwood) Live Stream
2022	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross in Church
Monday 11 th	9.15am	Joyce Dean's intentions (Morris)
Tuesday 12 th	9.15am	Mary Line's intentions (Morris)
Loughton Church	7.30pm	Lent Penance Service with Confessions at St Edmund's
Wednesday 13 th	9.15am	Private intention Note time
Brentwood	11.00am	Mass of Chrism at Brentwood Cathedral – All welcome
Thursday 14 th	7.30pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY: Mass of the Lord's Supper Streamed
GOOD FRIDAY: A day of Fasting and abstaining from meat and meat products		
15 th April 2022	10.00am	Stations of the Cross in Church
11.00am	Walk of Witness starts at the Duke of Wellington to Catholic Church	
Live Streamed	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion & death of the Lord
HOLY SATURDAY	7.30pm EASTER VIGIL: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Streamed	
EASTER SUNDAY	THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, JESUS CHRIST	
Sunday 17 th	9.00am	Derek Mitchell RIP (Digby Rodgers)
April 2022	11.00am	Sr Susan's intentions (Palmer) Live Stream

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE on Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon and on request.

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Luke 19:28-40 Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

ISAIAH 50:4-7 "I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed"

PSALM 21 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11 Christ Jesus humbled himself, but God raised him high

LUKE 22:14-21:56 The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

DIocese OF BRENTWOOD WEBSITE: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net//>

DAILY SERVICES WITH MASSES STREAMED: www.churchservices.tv/timetable/

Daily Mass at Westminster Cathedral: www.churchservices.tv/westminster/

Daily Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea: <https://lourdesleigh.org/>

St Joseph English Martyrs Bishops Stortford www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford/

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous weekly Offerings of £800 standing orders, and £150 in envelopes, £358 in loose plate, and £10 for CAFOD on Sunday 3rd April. You can give in Offerings to the Priest's House, and for charities our parish supports at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping/////////

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The retiring collection at the Good Friday services will be for the support the Holy Places in the Holy Land, which are now struggling due to the lack of pilgrims and the mass immigration of Christians from the Holy Land.

EASTER OFFERINGS: The Offerings at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses, are personal gifts from parishioners to support the priest of their parish.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD C 10 APRIL 2022

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

"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). 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 Jesus' passing glory. In Holy Week, we enter his sufferings and being glorified through death on the Cross. He, the innocent Lamb of God, was put to death, and through his sufferings, death and resurrection God gives us hope and the promise of eternal life

On Wednesday at 11am in Brentwood Cathedral on Bishop Alan will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests and people of our Diocese. At that Mass priests will renew their commitment of ordination and Holy Oils will be blessed. The Oil of Baptism to prepare people for Baptism. The Oil of Chrism to anoint people at Baptism and seal them with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. It is used at the ordination of men as priests in Holy Orders, for the service of God and people, and also used to consecrate Churches and Altars for the service of God.

On Maundy Thursday evening we celebrate the Mass of The Lord's Supper, remembering Jesus instituting the Holy Eucharist and changing bread and wine into his Body and Blood and telling us: "Do this in memory of me". He washed his disciples' feet showing humble service and, giving us a New Commandment "to love one another". The Mass ends with a procession to the Altar of Repose and there will be silent prayer in Church for an hour to share with Jesus, in Agony in the Garden, as he asked his disciples "could you not pray for one hour with me?"

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 special efforts to take part in the Holy Week and Easter Services. This is the holiest 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 sufferings and death touch our hearts and minds. Fr John

JOURNEY IN FAITH: At the Easter Vigil next Saturday evening Alison, Jon and Kerri, who have been making their Journey of Faith in and into the church in our Parish over the past year(s) will be welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. Kerrie will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion and Alison and Jon will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. We support them with our prayer and pray God's blessings on them as they respond to the Lord's call to grow in faith and nurture the graces he has given them in their faith journey, with Christ. The next preparation session will be on Wednesday at 8.00pm.

ALTAR SERVERS: We need a team of Altar servers for our church, following the ways things changed during and after the lockdowns. We invite adults, young people or children who would like to serve at Mass to contact Deacon Duncan or Fr John.

COVID REGULATIONS: Please sanitise your hands as you enter and leave church. Wearing a face covering in church helps prevent the spread of Covid and keep safe. This is personal choice and not obligatory, but Dr Jenny Harris, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, advises wearing a face covering inside buildings. If you have Covid19 symptoms please stay at home.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to the family of Wilfred who was baptised in our Church on Saturday 2nd April. May the Lord bless them and help them bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:
Heavenly Father, we ask you to send the healing power of your Holy Spirit, down upon all who are ill or infirm, at home, in hospital or care homes. Let your healing power come to them through all who minister to and care for them. Free them from every ill of mind, body or spirit, so that they may give you praise and glory, through your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who intercedes for us at your right hand and lives and reigns, forever and ever. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Thomas Adkins, Christina Gruby (9/4), Fr Anthony Lawson, Sally Rutland (11/4), Fr Patrick O'Donohoe (12/4), Patricia Rimmer, Martha Sheehan, Terence Caughan, Shirley Wood-McConville (13/4), Mary Tracey, Bridget Taylor, Fr Owen Fitzgerald, Fr John O'Mahoney (14/4), Fr William Donelan, Fr George Duckett (15/4), Agnes Ruocco, Brendan O'Neill (17/4), Mr & Mrs Verani (18/4), Charles McGarry, Roger Minnis, Ellen Gladdon (19/4). **Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

EASTER LILIES: You can remember your deceased relatives and friends at Easter by displaying lilies in the flower arrangements in church. A suggested donation of £3 is made for each lily. Please put your donation into an envelope, marked 'Easter Lily in memory of "....."' and put it in the Offertory collection or through the Presbytery letter box. If you are a taxpayer, you can Gift Aid your donation by using the red Donations envelope in the Church or one of the special envelopes in your box.

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE Talk on Zoom by Mgr John Armitage, Parish Priest of Canning Town, on **Sunday 10th of April** from 4.00 to 5.00pm on "What it means to talk about Christ as our Redeemer". [Contact | Thresholds Of Hope](#)

OFFERTORY & GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Gift Aid envelopes for the financial year beginning 6th of April are ready for collection in the church porch. Parishioners who do not have Offertory envelopes and wish to have them, please contact our Gift Aid Organiser at the Parish Office. We ask parishioners who have Offertory envelopes to contact us if your circumstances for Gift Aid or details have changed. Please use the Offertory envelopes, and especially we ask taxpayers to Gift Aid the donations you make to the church, as this increases the value of your offerings to the church by **25%** at no cost to yourself, and is a tremendous benefit to our parish.

EPHING CHORUS will perform '*Faure Requiem*' in St John's Church, Epping, on Good Friday at 8pm. Entrance is free but a retiring collection will be held for the Haven House Children's Hospice. See posters for details and please join us and encourage others to join us for this Devotional work for Good Friday.

LENT LUNCHES: On the Saturdays of Lent one of the churches in Epping offers a simple lunch for a donation. All proceeds go to local charities. The last Lent lunch is on **Saturday 9th April**, from 12.30pm to 2pm, at St John's Church. All welcome.

THE LENT LUNCH in our church hall last weekend raised **£255** towards small gifts at Easter for patients at St Margaret's Hospital, Epping. **Thank you to everyone involved in organising, giving to and supporting the Lenten Lunch.**

UKRAINE APPEAL: Thank you to everyone involved in organising, donating, contributing and attending this charity event in our Church Hall last Saturday. There were some delightful cakes and other appetising goodies prepared by people. **It raised £640** for the people of the Ukraine, who are being attacked and in distressing circumstances at present. We support them with our actions and our prayers.

LENT SCRIPTURE READINGS are a source of grace in Lent. Fr Adrian Graffy gives commentaries on all the Scripture readings from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday. The readings and commentaries are at www.whatgoodnews.org

WELCOMERS AT MASS: We no longer take the names of those at Mass but we need more "Welcomers" to distribute Mass & hymn books and seek volunteers for this. Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered. We now need a volunteer to run the rota for this group. Please let Fr John know if you can help.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT: Peter Arthy, our parishioner, will sleepout on the night of **20th April** (change of date). He will raise money for Epping Foodbank, our local charity. He needs sponsors and would greatly appreciate parishioners' support of. If you wish to donate, please speak directly to Peter or our Parish Office

EPHING FOREST FOODBANK needs: tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned peas, tinned carrots, tinned instant mash potatoes, long life milk, small jars of coffee, chocolate spread, snack bars, chocolate bars, small/medium bags of rice, savoury crackers, sponge puddings, shampoo, soap, hand sanitiser (70% alcohol), deodorant, reusable face masks, laundry tablets.

FIRST COMMUNION Preparation for First Holy Communion will resume for the children after Easter on **Wednesday April 20th** at 5.30pm in our Church Hall.