



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception

Palm Sunday

29th March 2015

Dear Friends,

Palm Sunday introduces us to the high point of the Christian calendar, Holy Week, For believers, no other time of the year is more important. Today, as we hold aloft our blessed palms, we recall Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem to cries of 'Hosanna'. But the mood quickly changes with the dramatic reading of the Passion. 'Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death on the Cross' and it is for us to bend our knees humbly and to proclaim him as Lord.

On Maundy Thursday evening, we shall recall how Jesus bent his knees in humble service as he washed his disciples' feet. We too are called to humble service.

The Passion is read once more on Good Friday afternoon when we venerate the Cross and once more bend our knee.

All the liturgical drama of Holy Week comes to a climax on Holy Saturday evening when we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. This year, the Vigil will be simpler than usual, as there is no-one to be baptised or received into the Church. However, the baptismal waters are blessed and we renew the high promises of our baptism by which we reject all that is alien to God and renew our commitment to Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I wish you all a faith-filled Holy Week.

God bless you all,
Fr James

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ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE FOR THE EASTER CEREMONIES

Thanks to the Altar Servers who have already put down their names to serve at the Easter ceremonies. There will be a practice at 5pm on Wednesday 1st April (will last about 1 hour). All Altar Servers are asked to attend this rehearsal.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

- ◆ This Sunday 29th March at 6pm.
- ◆ There is also a Stations of the Cross **especially arranged for children** at 9.30am on Good Friday morning 3rd April. Everyone welcome.

WALK OF WITNESS - GOOD FRIDAY 10.30am The local churches and chapels take part in a **silent Christian Walk of Witness on Good Friday** and **all parishioners are encouraged to join the 200+ Christians who normally take part**. Assembling outside the *Duke of Wellington* in the High Road at 10.30am, the Walk goes along the High Street, via the Methodist Church and the Fountain by Barclays Bank, finishing on the Green in front of the Catholic Church. At each place, a tableau is performed. Tea & Coffee are served in our Church Hall after the Walk.

ECCA - GOOD FRIDAY: At 7.30pm on Good Friday (3rd April) ECCA will be singing William Lloyd Webber's "The Divine Compassion" in St. John's Church, Epping. A very fitting conclusion to Good Friday. Free admission - programme £1.50 - refreshments. Retiring collection for 'Ebola Crisis'.

EASTER LILIES: the traditional donation of £2 is invited for an Easter lily in commemoration of a loved one. Please mark the envelope "Easter Lily" and either place it on the collection plate or post it through the presbytery door.

CAR PARKING ON GOOD FRIDAY. In view of the issue of Parking Tickets to some parishioners last Good Friday afternoon, the authorities have been contacted exhaustively to see if there could be some relaxation in the car parking regulations for those attending the 3.00pm Good Friday Service. **IT IS NOT POSSIBLE, so would parishioners please note that they could receive a Parking Ticket if they park on the roads around the church whilst attending the service on Good Friday afternoon. It is suggested that parking in the Stonards Hill, Cottis Lane or Bakers Lane Car Parks could be better options.**

JUMBLE SALE IN OUR CHURCH HALL - 2pm SATURDAY 11th APRIL

- ◆ There is a list for all helpers in the Church Porch. **Regulars and new helpers are needed.....please help if you can.**
- ◆ Help would be greatly appreciated for setting up the tables and transferring the jumble from the store-shed at 2pm on Friday afternoon 10th April.
- ◆ **Queries or offers of help to Janet Abbott Tel 01992 571128**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Envelopes for the 2015-16 tax year are available in the porch - please collect your set asap. If you pay tax and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme then please contact Margaret Lechley on 01992 812935—this will enable the parish to collect from the Inland Revenue the tax you have already paid on your offering, at no extra cost to you

PIETY STALL: has a selection of Easter cards, First Holy Communion cards and a selection of gifts for all.

NEWSLETTER REMINDER: If you receive an electronic copy of the Newsletter then please do not also take away a paper copy at Mass.

COFFEE AFTER 11AM SUNDAY MASS: This provides a social opportunity to get to know other parishioners. **Please note that due to a booking in the Hall there will not be coffee after 11am Mass on Sunday 26th April.**

CHRISTIAN AID : Our Justice and Peace Group is seeking a new Parish Co-ordinator, to take over from Dorothy Whitehouse, who is stepping down after many years of kind service. Could you help? If you would like further information on the role, please call Emma on: 07876 897 942 or Dorothy..

Dorothy has agreed to organise this year's house to house collection on behalf of our parish. She will be recruiting collectors over this weekend. Please support her in your usual generous manner. If you would be prepared to help then please contact her on 01992 577173—she would love to hear from you!.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

London Marathon runner:

The BCCS helps and supports families from all faiths from all over Essex and East London and is entirely supported by donations and grants. Mark Butcher is running for them this year and if you wish to donate to this very worthy cause - follow the link below to Mark's site. Please pass the message on and also remember him in your prayers. By the end of this attempt - Mark hopes to have raised over £10,000!

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/markbutchermarathon2015>

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING at the SION COMMUNITY, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood on Sunday 29th March - 7.30pm - 9pm. All welcome.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please make yourselves known to Father James or Deacon Duncan, so we may welcome and inform you about our parish life.

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS
28th and 29th March 2015

Sat 28th March	6 p.m.	Mary Canny RIP
Vigil Mass Palm Sunday		
Sun 29th March	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Palm Sunday	11 a.m.	People of the Parish
	6.p.m.	Stations of the Cross

Week Commencing 30th March 2015

Mon 30th March	9 a.m.	Intentions of the Christie Family
Tues 31st March	9 a.m.	Marie Verrall RIP
Wed 1st April	9 a.m.	Intentions of Christopher Joseph
Thurs 2nd April		No Morning Mass
	8 p.m.	Mass of The Lord's Supper
Fri 3rd April	9 30 a.m.	Stations of the Cross (Children & Adults)
	10.30 a.m.	Ecumenical Walk of Witness
	3 p.m.	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
Sat 4th April	8 p.m.	Solemn Vigil of Easter
Holy Saturday		
Sun 5th April	9 a.m.	Mass of Easter Morning
Easter Sunday	11 a.m.	Easter Mass during the Day

Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Liturgy

Confessions: Saturday 11.30am -12 noon and after 6pm Mass.

Please pray for the sick:

Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, Gina Pelosi, Paula Hall, Tullia Borrelli, Jennie Downs, Sean Clohessy, Peter Nash, Diane Harrington, Baby Ethan Holland, Maureen McClean, Michael Palmer, Catherine Steel, James Bullen and Bernard George.

OFFERINGS (£):

Loose Plate	338.12
Offertory Envelopes	139.65
CAFOD	8.00