

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS - HOLY WEEK 8th to 16th April 2017

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Year A 9th April 2017

SATURDAY 8th	6.00 pm	People of our Parish
SUNDAY	9.00 am	John Clohessy RIP (Clohessy)
9th April 2017	11.00 am	Paddy Dear RIP Anniv (Schofield)
HOLY WEEK	6.00pm	<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u>
MONDAY 10th	9.00 am	Sr Maria Kenny's intentions (Lechley)
TUESDAY 11th	9.00 am	Maureen Simonelli's intentions
WEDNESDAY 12th	9.00 am	Elizabeth McEvoy RIP (FM)
Brentwood	7.00pm	Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral – all welcome.
Holy Thursday	8.00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
THURSDAY 13th	9.00pm	The Church will be open until Midnight for people to Pray with our Lord in his Agony in the Garden

GOOD FRIDAY is a Fast Day: We fast or make a sacrifice & abstain from meat

14th April 2017	9.30 am	Stations of the Cross for Children and Adults
	10.45am	Walk of Witness from Shell Garage to our Church
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of our Lord's Passion

SATURDAY 15th	8.00pm	The Easter Vigil
EASTER SUNDAY	9.00am	Sr Susan's intentions (Dearman)
16th April 2017	11.00am	Rosemary Barden RIP

SACRAMENT of PENANCE Saturdays 11am to 12 noon & 5.15pm and after 9am Mass on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week, and by request.

On Tuesday at 7.30pm at Brentwood Cathedral and 8pm at Loughton

MORNING PRAYER is offered at 8.45am, before weekday Masses in Church
DIVINE OFFICE PSALMS in Holy Week are from Week 2 + of The Breviary
ADORATION & PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
MONDAY to WEDNESDAY after 9am weekday Masses for one hour.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AT HOME & IN HOSPITAL Hilda Silver, Brenda

Sebire, Mark Toohey, Jim Parello, Giovanni Borelli., Ann Dowd, Marcheta Swift-Daley, James Bullen, Hannah Robinson, Paula Hall, Daphne McAdam, Tony Mullan, Roger Minnis, Sean Clohessy.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: On Good Friday a collection will be taken at all services for the support the Holy Places in Jerusalem and the Holy Land.

OFFERINGS: Offertory Envelopes £539.50, Offertory Loose Plate £325.35, CAFOD £25.71, East African Famine Appeal + £150, Standing Orders £700.

Thank you for your generous offerings.

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My dear People,

“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 speaks about the divine and human nature of Jesus, who gave up his glory and humbled himself by going through suffering and death on a Cross. On Palm Sunday the Church takes us into Jesus' passing glory and popularity. In Holy Week, we go through his sufferings and being glorified through death on the Cross, on Good Friday. Jesus, the Lamb of God, was put to death, and through his sufferings, death and resurrection God forgives our sins and gives the hope of eternal life to all who have faith in Christ as their Saviour.

On Wednesday our Bishop will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests, deacons and people of our Diocese at Brentwood Cathedral. At that Mass, the priests will renew their commitment of ordination. The Holy Oils will be blessed. 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 at Ordination as priests and bishops, for the service of God and his people. It is also used for the consecration of Altars and Churches.

On Maundy Thursday evening we celebrate the Mass of our Lord's Supper, when He 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 and 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 midnight in communion with Jesus, in his Agony in the Garden.

On Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, we celebrate Christ's triumph over suffering and death, at his resurrection. Whether we are at home or away, Christians, should make a special effort to take part in the Holy Week and Easter Services. This is the most important week in the Church's year when we celebrate God's love for us, and the life of grace he gives us through Christ.

May God bless you and your families in this Holy Week. Fr John

EASTERN AFRICAN FAMINE CRISIS: People still wishing to contribute to the East African Famine Appeal can do so by using the special donation envelopes or a CAFOD envelope marked African Famine Appeal and place it in our CAFOD Box.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: The present course for people who wish to understand our faith, support the faith of a family member or become Catholic has now finished and will re-start in September, on Tuesdays at 8.00pm. Anyone interested is most welcome.

ROTAS: Please can all Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers collect a copy of the new rota available this weekend.

ALTAR SERVERS, please let Peter Day, MC, know of your availability to serve in Holy Week & Easter. There is much to be done and we need everyone's help.

GOOD FRIDAY CAR PARKING: Parishioners are reminded that **car parking on Church Hill is restricted to Residents and permit holders.** Parking enforcement officers will be on duty during our Good Friday afternoon service.

ECCA CHOIR CONCERT: ECCA will sing Handel's Messiah part 2 on Good Friday at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Epping. Admission is free but a programme costs £2.50 to offset expenses. A retiring collection will be made for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. We have professional soloists/musicians, and we would really appreciate your support. This is a very appropriate way to end Good Friday.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: To celebrate the establishment of the Diocese of Brentwood, on 20th July 1917 there will be a Centenary Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan Williams, to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, on **Saturday 22nd July.** Each parish is asked to have at least one coach and the pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in Walsingham. There will be no evening Masses in our parishes on that Saturday. Details of the coach arrangements will be announced.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY EXHIBITION at Cathedral House Conference Room, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AT: April-June 2017. Opening Times: Saturday 10am-5pm (except Holy Saturday 15 April); Sundays 9am-1pm & 3pm-8pm. Other times by arrangement: archives@dioceseofbrentwood.org 01277 265238.

DIocese OF BRENTWOOD CENTENARY BOOK for sale £7 It has numerous photos and the history of our Diocese over the past 100 years. It is very interesting and informative on the formation and growth of our Diocese since 1917.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The boxes of offertory envelopes for 2017/18 are now available, personally addressed, in the church porch. Please collect your box. If you would like to join our Gift Aid Scheme contact Margaret Lechley in the parish office.

COUNTERS NEEDED We need more people to help count our Offertory Collections on a rota with our existing team of counters. It does not take very long but we need to augment the existing team, especially as we are about to introduce Offertory collection bags, which will give greater security and help protect people's offerings.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The next preparation session for the children will be in our Parish Hall on Tuesday next, 25th April, at 5.45pm.

EASTER LILIES: Donate a lily for our church at Easter in memory of a loved one. Please make an offering of £2 per bloom & mark the envelope "Easter Lily".

PARISH REPRESENTATIVE Churches Together Epping & District We have a vacancy for a parish representative(s) to Churches Together in Epping & District. The commitment is to participate in up to 4 meetings per year and report to Parish Council. The qualifications are that you are a practising Catholic, a regular Mass attender in our parish and have a ecumenical outlook. If you are interested, please contact Fr John, Deacon Duncan or Parish Council Chairman Melanie Hollinshead.

AN OPPORTUNITY IN LENT TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR: On Saturday morning come to Calvary and spend some time at a peaceful, prayerful vigil at Marie Stopes clinic at the top of Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill, where every week hundreds of innocent lives are snuffed out without ceremony or anaesthetic. The Helpers of God's Precious Infants are there to pray for all concerned, the mothers, fathers, doctors, nurses and staff, and offer practical help and counselling. Practical help for mothers to have their babies and counselling and healing retreats after abortion. 8.30am to 11.30am quietly join the vigil for as short or long a time as you wish. For details please call Rose on 079606 50517 or Paul 0808 252 9459

THE LIFE OF CHRIST:. For those who attended the very moving and inspiring **Wintershall** performance years ago, we are organising another **not-to-be-missed parish outing.** For those who have not yet seen this incredible production of 'The Life of Christ', it is a play performed at a number of settings in a large country estate near Guildford, with live animals and realistic props, by the company that performs the 'Passion Play' in Trafalgar Square on Good Fridays. We propose to run a **coach on Thursday 22nd June 2017** at an inclusive cost of £25 per adult (£2 reduction for senior citizens. £10 for under 18's); the parish will fund the coach.. Tickets sold on a first-come-first-served basis. Please **contact Deacon Duncan (01992 577173) for more details. WE MUST PURCHASE TICKETS FROM WINTERSHALL THIS WEEK, so please book your seats urgently**

Sainsbury's Active Children – Schools Vouchers: Parishioners who have vouchers, and would like to donate them to St John Fisher Catholic Primary School, please place them in an envelope, and put them into the parish mail system at the back of the church addressed to Peter Pleydell.