

Masses & Services Saturday 12th April to 20th April 2025		
Saturday 12th	10.00am	Tony O'Hara RIP <i>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & opportunity for Confession until 11am</i>
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD 13th April 2025		
Saturday 12th	6.00pm	Jim Lennon RIP (Lechley)
Sunday 13th	9.00am	People of our Parish
April	11.00am	Intentions of Katie Hughes
Mass will start in our Hall with a procession into church		
Monday 14th	9.15am	Frank Mulligan RIP Recently (Whitehouse)
Tuesday 15th	9.15am	Holy Souls RIP
Wed 16 th		NO MASS HERE TODAY
	11.00am	Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral
MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.30pm	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER with Washing of Feet. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm
GOOD FRIDAY	10.00am	Stations of the Cross
	11.00am	Walk of Witness
	3.00pm	SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S PASSION
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (C) Sunday 20th April 2024		
Saturday 19th	EASTER VIGIL AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION	
	8.00pm	Former priests of our parish living & deceased
Sunday 20th	9.00am	Private Intention
April 2025	11.00am	People of our Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15pm-5.45pm.

ROSARY: After Mass Monday, Tuesday, Friday and before on Wednesday.

HOSPITAL: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all weekend Masses.

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

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generous offerings. Last weekend you gave £137 in Envelopes & £365.15 in Loose Plate. You can give donations to the Priest's House and online for our parish or charities our parish supports at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping/////////

IN CASES OF EMERGENCY: In cases of emergency, if Fr Martin is unavailable, please call St Edmund's, Loughton – Tel: 0208 5089438, Holy Cross, Harlow – Tel 01279 425776 or The Assumption, Harlow – Tel 01279 429388.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD (YEAR C)

13th April 2025

Today, as we begin the week we call Holy, we try and put some time aside so as to enter into it as attentively as possible. Palm Sunday begins with a processional Gospel (Luke 19: 28-40) recounting Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

The disciples are overjoyed and lead the cries of 'Hosanna'. Then the **Gospel** of the Mass itself gives us Luke's account of Jesus's Passion and death (Luke 22:14–23:56). Jesus is betrayed and handed over to be crucified.

The prophet Isaiah (**First Reading** Isaiah 50: 4–7) presents a disciple, the Suffering Servant, often identified with Jesus, who suffers without offering resistance.

Our **Second Reading** (Philippians 2: 6–11) is an ancient liturgical hymn of praise. Here Jesus is presented as one who is divine but humbles himself, in obedience to the Father. He empties himself and accepts death on the cross, and so he is exalted as Lord by all those in heaven and on earth. Jesus 'taking the form of a servant', or of a slave, leads us to consider all those throughout our world who suffer modern forms of slavery.

May our prayers and actions in this Jubilee year give them hope and lead to justice.



THE EASTER OFFERINGS: Just a reminder that the Offertory collection, taken at the Easter Masses, is our personal gift to the 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **FRANK MULLIGAN RIP**, who died on Thursday 27th March. His Requiem Mass will be in our church on **Wednesday 23rd April at 12.30pm. *Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.***

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

Last day for donations is Tuesday 15th April.

HOLY THURSDAY: Mass of the Lord's Supper, at 7.30pm, with washing of feet. If you are able to help please add your name to the list at the back of the church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm. **During the Mass there will be a Renewal of Commitment. All Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are invited to attend please.**

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS: 10.45am for an 11am start at the Epping former Methodist church. Join local Christians for the walk down Epping High Street as a witness to what Jesus achieved on the cross for us. It has been a tradition for many years for our parishioners to host the Walk of Witness in our Church Hall, providing drinks and Hot Cross Buns. Please contact Dorothy Whitehouse on 01992 577173 if you would like to help.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: On Good Friday our collection will be for the Holy Places. Please give generously.

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.

EASTER VIGIL READINGS: The Readings are a high point in the celebration of the Easter Vigil. In order to assist priests and people in managing these readings, Fr Adrian Graffy has prepared commentaries on each of them. Go to www.whatgoodnews.org Click on Scripture Readings, and follow the links.

EPPING CHORUS FAREWELL CONCERT: Good Friday. Please see poster in church porch.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMS: We thank Dorothy, Adriana and Emma for welcoming the Walsingham Pilgrims this weekend and offering them shelter and hospitality in our parish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The next session for the children will take place on **Saturday, 26th April at the usual time of 4.30pm.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Patricia Rimmer, Martha Sheehan, Terence Caughan, Shirley Wood-McConville (13/4), Mary Tracey, Bridget Taylor, Fr Owen Fitzgerald, Joseph Elliott, Fr John O'Mahoney (14/4), Michael Morgan (15/4), Shirley Woods-McConville (16/4), Gilbert Newsan, Roger Minnis(19/4). Ellen Gladden, Florence Catchpole (20/4), **May they rest in peace.**

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES: Lord Jesus Christ, our Most Holy Redeemer, by the grace of your Holy Spirit, grant comfort and healing to all who suffer in mind, body or spirit. **Amen**

THE SECULAR CLERGY COMMON FUND ('BIG M') is looking to appoint a new CEO. It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London. The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50k-£60k pro rata. For further details contact Angela Rowe secretary@secularclergy.org.uk Closing date **28th April 2025.**

PRAYER TO ST.MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: "St Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:

God of peace,
Whose son Jesus Christ taught us
To love our neighbour as ourselves
Give your strength to the people of Ukraine.
Give your wisdom to the leaders of the world.
Give your love to all of us who pray for peace
Peace that will transform,
Peace that will heal,
Peace that will last.
For the sake of the same Jesus Christ.
The Prince of Peace, Amen

EPPING FOREST FOODBANK needs the usual food and household items. **Thank you to our generous parishioners for giving for people in need through the FOODBANK.**