

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Jan Pawlowski RIP

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

25th March 2018 9.00 am The People of our Parish

11.00 am Nick Fayers RIP (Johnson)

5.00 pm Joan Papa RIP

MONDAY *No morning Mass*

TUESDAY 10.15 am Michael J Murphy RIP (Anniv)

WEDNESDAY 9.15 am Denzil & Louise Reeves RIP

MAUNDY 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by
THURSDAY Prayer & Watching at the Altar of
Repose until 12 midnight

GOOD FRIDAY 10.00 am Children's Stations of the Cross

Day of fast & abstinence 3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of
Our Lord Jesus Christ

HOLY SATURDAY, 31st March 2018

Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter 8.00 pm The People of our Parish

EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR B

1st April 2018 9.00 am Margaret Collins RIP (Farrell)

11.00 am Susan Mahon RIP (Diffley)

5.00 pm *No evening Mass*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays 11am to 12 noon
ADORATION & PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
TUESDAYS 10.45am to 11.15am
& SATURDAYS 11am to 12 noon

Prayer for Vocations: Please could you find time to pray this prayer:
Lord Jesus, you love us all so much that you gave your life for us upon the
Cross. Thank you for the priests who have served in our parish.
We ask you to continue to bless our parish by raising up dedicated and
generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people
as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.
Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LISTEN to 9am SUNDAY MASS in our Church by phoning **033 3443 3443.**
Enter Room Access Key: 158 558 54# followed by PIN Code 5286#. Others
can hear sounds in your home if you do not turn on your phone's silent button

Parish Safeguarding Representative Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

PALM SUNDAY of THE LORD'S PASSION YEAR B 25th March 2018

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Our Parish is twinned with Sacred Heart Parish, Dundee Diocese, South Africa

On Monday I was privileged to be able to attend a meeting of Ethnic Chaplains which took place at the Italian Chaplaincy in London

What first struck me when I entered the room was how many chaplains there were present at the gathering. There must have been over 40 priests and religious, all representing different ethnic groups within the church from the Albanian chaplaincy to the Zimbabwean chaplaincy to the more established groups such as the Irish, Polish and Italian chaplaincies. Seeing so many different nationalities represented gave you a real sense of what it means to be part of a "Catholic", universal church.

The Mass took place in the Italian Church in Clerkenwell which, if you haven't visited before, is stunningly beautiful. After the Mass we had a meal together which was an opportunity to share stories and to explore the different ways in which our communities live out their Catholic Faith.

This Sunday marks the start of the most important week in the Church's calendar, and Jerusalem during Holy Week would have been like the gathering of Ethnic Chaplains, with thousands of Jews coming from all over the Mediterranean and the Middle East in order to celebrate the Feast of Passover.

In all of this chaos we see the figure of Jesus, the Son of God, who is celebrated by the crowds on Palm Sunday but rejected and tortured only five days later. It would have been incredible for the disciples to have imagined the day after his crucifixion that Christ's message would still be proclaimed 2,000 years later but, as St Paul declares to the Corinthians: "the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength"

Fr Dan

Church Opening Hours: We are fortunate to be able to keep our church open most days during the week but sometimes the church has to be closed early if Father Dan is away or there is nobody available to lock up. As a rough guide these are the hours that the church is normally open during the weekdays:

Monday: 8am-3pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8am-7pm

Thursday: 8am-9pm

If you are unsure about whether the church will be open please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office from 9am to 2pm Monday-Friday on 01277 624891.

Lent Leaflets: At the back of the church you will find leaflets listing all of the different events that are taking place in our parish during Lent and Holy Week.

Walk With Me Calendars and Booklets: To help us with our Lenten preparations we have Walk With Me calendars available for children and Walk With Me booklets for adults. Both of these are free.

Palm Sunday Procession: Please note that on Palm Sunday we will be beginning the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses in the park opposite the church, weather permitting.

Stations of the Cross take place every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the church.

Children's Good Friday Service: 30th March, 10am. If your child would like to take part in reading one of the Stations of the Cross or playing an instrument, please contact Nicole at nicoleahumphreys@hotmail.com or 07788 412672

Baptisms at Most Holy Redeemer: If you would like your child to be baptised at Most Holy Redeemer then you must first arrange an appointment to see Father Dan. Rather than emailing or phoning the parish office the best way to do this is to speak to Father Dan after the Parish Mass that you normally attend at the weekend. In order for a child to be baptised at Most Holy Redeemer at least one of the parents must be a baptised Catholic and we do expect parents to be attending Mass regularly with their children.

HALL BOOKINGS The booking officer is Katie Smith who can be contacted Tel: 07437 443738, e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

Parish Centre Alarm: All parish groups should be aware that the Parish Centre is frequently alarmed. If any groups do not know the code for the alarm then they should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL:

Sara Abbs, Margaret Andrews, Pam Dixon, May Alvares, Eric Hollingworth, Lucy Harding, Peter and Cecilia Clegg, Maureen Bewick, Mary Cronjaeger, Aileen Fleetwood, Mary Carr, Helen Harte, Martin Goldstone, Elizabeth Smith, Barbara Flynn, Jane Jowers, Maura Stone, Dorothy Wheeler, Margaret Bunker, Eileen Savory Pauline Wallace, Grace Howlett, Marlene Hawkins, Caroline Hill, Kirsti Dennett, Jean French, Jean Kenway, Anna Sullivan, Elsie Jackson, Julie Halstead, Beryl Barclay, Diane Bowen, Gertie Walsh, Margaret Sefton, Jenny Flack, Julie Bouchel, Debbie Dowds, Eileen Molloy, John Gaut, George Pritchard, Jim Bowen, Erroll Newman, Christopher Browne, Frederick Stocks, Peter Patterson, Michael Pierce, John Sheldon, Michael Howlett, Tommy Campbell, Francis Monk, Peter Bion, Jamie Taylor, Gerald Connaw, Brian Mardle, Keith Warren, John Sheridan, Priska Wiederkehr. Children: Daisy Locker, Cecilia Fisk, Moriah Egan, Daniel Chesterman, Lucy Wyatt.

May the healing power of the Holy Spirit come down upon all who are ill.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners: If you know any parishioners who are now unable to come to Mass and who would like a visit from the Parish Visiting Group or from Father Dan please could you contact the Parish Office on 01277 624891 with their contact details. If you have a relative who is going into hospital and you would like them to be visited please make sure that you contact the Parish Office with their name and the hospital ward that they are in.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

Michael Mulchrone RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Mulchrone who died recently. Michael's Requiem Mass will take place at 10.30am on Friday, 6th April. Please note that this Mass will replace the normal 9.15am Parish Mass.

Jane Downes RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jane Downes. Jane's Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, 11th April at 10am in the Church. Because of this there will be no Parish Mass on that day.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gertrude Davies, Julie Maltby, Justin White, Linda O'Boyle, Frank Giorgi, Frank Markey, Joy Coates, Anne Paloyannidis, James Sullivan, Christopher Roche, Eileen Beard, John Carr.

Clergy: Fr John Sherlock, Mgr Canon Alfred Gilbey, Fr Denis Hall, Fr Joseph Touhey, Canon William Toft.

Eternal rest grant to them. O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

PARISH HELP SCHEME assists parishioners who need transport to Mass; to doctor or hospital appointment; collecting prescriptions in emergency or shopping Contact **Pat Griffiths 651789** or **Joan Forbes 655636**.

Emmanuel Church Car Park: A gentle reminder to parishioners to avoid parking in the Emmanuel Church car park when you come to Mass at the weekend. They have no spaces available for Funeral parking this week.

KIDS' CORNER

Passion or Palm Sunday

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C	L	U	B	S	C	M	T	S	E	N	C
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Arrest	Ointment	Twelve
Passover	Bread	Blood
Disowned	Swords	Clubs
King	Jews	Tears
Barabbas	Cross	Crucify
Vinegar	Darkness	Ninth
Died	Shroud	Tomb

MHR Youth Club. The remaining club nights for 2017-2018 school year are: 20 Apr, 11 May, 8 Jun, 13 Jul.

MOST HOLY REDEEMER FACEBOOK GROUP: all are welcome to join. It's a great way to be in touch, share news, events and interesting things we've seen online relating to our faith. If you know of an event you want everyone to hear about, post it in the group and invite your friends from the parish. **It helps the Admin of the group if you have already registered with the Parish.**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/586790021360626/>

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

PALM SUNDAY YEAR B

25th March 2018

1pm Baptisms: **Imogen Alice Raymond**
Cairo Francisco João Dias Brandão Mead

MONDAY Altar Server Practice for Maundy Thursday 6.30pm
TUESDAY Altar Server Practice for Good Friday 6.30pm
WEDNESDAY Church cleaning
 Choir Rehearsal: **Joint Choirs:7pm 9am Choir:7.45pm**
THURSDAY Padre Pio Prayer Group 10am (Lounge)
FRIDAY Stations of the Cross 7pm
SATURDAY Altar Server Practice for Easter Vigil 10am
 Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am-12 noon
 Blessing of Easter food 2pm-3pm

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

1st April 2018

OFFERINGS Thank you for your generous Offerings last Sunday of **£1889.47** (£1368.10 Gift Aided). There was **£63.17** in our **CAFOD BOX** to support Our Parish **CAFOD PROJECT in Sebeya, Ethiopia**

Gift Aid Envelopes for the next tax year are now available in the Church porch, please collect today. They are in numerical order so please remember your personal number as this helps. If you are a UK tax payer and not in the scheme then we encourage you to join as we can claim back £1 for every £4 donated. **For Taxpayers: Gift Aid & Standing Order** forms are available in the Church porch and when completed may be posted through Presbytery letter box for processing. *Please pass the standing order form to your bank.*

Many thanks to the **Restorative Exercise Group** for their generous donation of **£400** towards our **Parish CAFOD Project in Sebeya, Ethiopia.**

The 100 Club Draw for March was won by Mr J Adshead who will receive a cheque for £100 and a further £100 will be donated to "Supporting Dalit Children", a charity set up to educate downtrodden, deprived low caste children in Pannur and Manni, Southern India.

Churches Together Services are on Good Friday 12 noon and Easter Sunday 6:30am. Please see further details of these and other forthcoming CTB events on the Ecumenical notice board in the Porch.

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday (29th March): Mass at 7.30pm followed by a vigil in front of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Good Friday (30th March):

Children's Stations of the Cross at 10am

Veneration of the Cross at 3pm

Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Holy Saturday (31st March)

Confessions from 11am to 12pm

Blessing of Easter Food at 2pm in the Church.

Easter Masses:

Holy Saturday (31st March): Easter Vigil at 8pm

Easter Sunday (1st April): Masses at 9am and 11am.

Please note that there is no evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

St John Payne Lenten Service You are warmly invited to attend St John Payne Catholic School's annual Lenten Service, taking place on Wednesday 28th March at 7.30pm in Aquinas Hall. The staff and students have put together a creative and reflective service with music, readings, drama and more. Please do come along to enjoy the service, preparing for the joy of Easter. Refreshments will be served following the service.

An invitation The Padre Pio Prayer Group invites you to join them at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Brentwood CM14 5SH, for a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy on Mercy Sunday 8th April. Arrival 10.30am for 11am start. Confession available. Mass 3.30pm. Tea and coffee provided but please bring a packed lunch. All welcome. Tel: Claire Wallis on 658783 for more details.

Bishop Alan goes #SiLent! For 12 hours, from 8am to 8pm, on Tuesday 27th March, the Tuesday of Holy Week, Bishop Alan will be completely silent (except for occasional communication with his cat, Delia). This is part of a national initiative, "Million Minutes," adopted this year by the BCYS, to encourage all of us to (re)discover the peace, tranquility and value of silence: within the stillness, God speaks. Every minute of silence can also be sponsored, raising money for projects led by young people in our Diocese. For more details, and all the resources, www.millionminutes.org/Brentwood To sponsor Bishop Alan <https://be.wonderful.org/bishop.alan/2018/staysilent> To find out more about all our opportunities go to www.bcys.net

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, email info@catholicsingles.org.uk or visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk

Holy Hour for Vocations: On **Wednesday, 18th April** there will be a special Holy Hour taking place between **7 and 8pm** in the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay, to pray specifically for vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life. During the Holy Hour Father Dan Mason will be giving his testimony about the call which led him to become a priest and we will also be distributing vocations prayer cards with an image designed by one of the pupils from St Peter's Primary School.

The Sunflower Club: Do you want to find new friends and activities to enjoy? Then come and join the Sunflower Club. They meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm in the Lounge of the Pastoral Centre. There are various activities to take part in. For example, lunch on Friday; Sunday lunch once month; a walk in the park on a summer afternoon; trips to the cinema, as well as day trips, theatre visits and holidays. All are welcome. We are very friendly and would love to meet new members. For more details contact Mary Loerns on 01277 525093 or Jac Topple on 01277 622158

Vacancy: Admin Manager (paid position) in the offices of **Holy Family Parish, Benfleet.** 20 hours pw – timing can be negotiated. If you, or any of your family/friends, are interested, contact Fr. Eduard Fartan on 01268 792082 or email priest@holyfamily-church.org for a job description and person specification. You should then send your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date Tuesday 3rd April.

Vacancies: New Hall School – various. See notice board for information.

Vacancy – Education Office in Brentwood. PA/Executive Assistant required (PA or Senior Secretarial experience essential) required to support the Director and Deputy Director in the education Department. The role is for 35 hours a week, working five days a week over 42 weeks a year. If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please first contact: recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org for a copy of the job description and person specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role as per the job description and person specification. Closing date for CVs/applications is Friday 30th March.

Parish Hall Keys: One of the sets of keys for the Pastoral Centre which is kept in the key box has gone missing. If any group or individual has this set of keys please could you return it to the key box.