



Holy Family Catholic Church

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10th April – Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Philippians 2: 6-11

Luke 22: 14-23: 56

The Journey to Jerusalem ends: the initial triumph gives way to the Passion of Jesus. This is really the end of the journey, for it is in Jerusalem that Redemption is to be accomplished.

Psalm Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation *Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.*

Dear Friends,

This is Palm Sunday and we come together to celebrate the entry of the Lord into Jerusalem with the call of the people ringing in his ears, 'Hosanna to the king of David'. In the Old Testament when the people call out for a king the Lord tells them the problems that can come with that wish. One of the problems is the corruption and lust for power that can tempt the king. A temptation that one king after another gave into. Thus the prophets call on there to be a new start a new shoot from the stock of Jesse (King David's father). Jesus was acclaimed as this king who would come to save the people. There is a problem in this as many were looking for him to be a different kind of king that he was going willing to be. In the book of Maccabees we read of the exploits of the family of Judas Maccabeus who crushed the powerful Greek kings and took control the land. Judas and his followers were priest kings. In other words people who were devout and kept the law but were also willing to take up arms to defeat those who would seek to attack the land and its people. This is the kind of king that the people were hoping that Jesus would be. Indeed even his own closest followers expected their journey to Jerusalem to end in conflict. As we are aware this was not the king of king that Jesus was and that the events did not unfold as the crowd or his closest followers would have predicted.

**Yours in Christ,
Fr. Stephen**

17th Easter Sunday - C

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-9

'Seeing is believing'; the witness of the apostolic group to the resurrection of Jesus. This witness we are invited to rely on and to share ourselves. Then we begin the process by which newness of life becomes a reality for us just as it did for the apostles. Forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus Christ - this is the message of the Church for our age too, to be preached 'in sincerity and in truth'.

Psalm Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

We pray for the members of our parish community who are ill or unable to come to Mass especially:

<i>Fr. John McKeon</i>	<i>Doreen Hegharty</i>	<i>Mary Ware</i>	<i>Oliver Ryan</i>	<i>Danny O'Sullivan</i>
<i>Pauline Egbunike</i>	<i>Maureen Bushell</i>	<i>Margaret Kiely</i>	<i>John Connors</i>	<i>Ibiron Ayool</i>
<i>Myla Lebersidge</i>	<i>Maureen Harvey</i>	<i>Michael Harvey</i>	<i>Mark Paton</i>	<i>Olive Edgar</i>
<i>Catherine Watkins</i>	<i>Andy Gallagher</i>	<i>Tony Leahy</i>	<i>Mary Wallace</i>	<i>Lucia Watson</i>
<i>Dennis O'Flaherty</i>	<i>Gabriella Byrne</i>			

May they experience the healing touch of Jesus

Parish Food Bank

Thank you to all those who have been donating food for the food bank, however we can only accept non-perishable food, i.e NOT bread or vegetables. Please continue leaving your contributions in the boxes at the back of the Church. We are looking for plastic bags donated as well.

Live Mass Streaming

All church services are live streamed. This can be accessed via <http://www.holyfamilychurchdagenham.org/mass-stream/>. If you are sitting towards the front of the Church you may be visible.

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass celebrated please post your intention through the letter box or give your donation via the repository. Envelopes are available in the Church entrance.

Volunteering in your Parish

Welcomers, Readers, Ministers and Counters

We require people who are willing to count the collection money. Also help is required at the weekend Masses for welcomers (two at each Mass) and a person who counts the parishioners in. The repository shop requires people willing to serve after each Mass. The more volunteers we get the better for all.

If you are an existing minister/reader/welcomer/counter and would like to go back on the rota please drop Fr Stephen a note letting him know which Mass you attend.

Gift-aid

The Gift aid boxes for the coming year are available at the back of the church. Please look for the envelope with your name on.

Baptism Course

Please see future newsletters for the next course.

RCIA Programme

The next RCIA session will take place on Tuesday 19th April at 7:30pm.

Caliyp and First Holy Communion Programme

The next session for 1st Holy Communion and Caliyp candidates will take place on Saturday 23rd April at 10:00am in the hall, **at the same time** there will be a meeting for parents.

Confirmation Programme

The next Confirmation session will take place on Sat 23rd April at 2:30pm. Your Mass will take place on 23rd April at 6:00pm.

First Holy Communion Wear

We have been contacted by a company for affordable clothing. If you require further information visit www.firstcommunionwear.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 28th May 2022

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Year of the Family. We will celebrate Mass before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of the Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction.

Second Collection

The next second collection will take place Easter weekend for Holy Places.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24th – 29th July. A time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. Book on-line: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood. For further information, phone the Administrative Director on 01206 735623.

Is God calling you to be a Priest

The next “Enquirers’ Evening” for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 3rd May and 7th June at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Fr Maurice Gordon. Contact Fr Mark on vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Job Vacancies

Headteacher

St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Upminster. Required from 1st September 2022. The governors are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher due to the retirement of the current Head Teacher. Deadline for applications: 5:00 pm on Friday 29th April 2022. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school. Please office@st-josephs.havering.sch.uk to arrange. Further information from the school website: www.st-josephs-upminster.net

Headteacher

The Ursuline Academy Ilford. Start: September 2022 *or* January 2023. Closing Date: 23:59, Sunday 24th April 2023 For further information please visit: uai.org.uk/about/vacancies

Assistant Manager

Walsingham House at Abbotswick are seeking to appoint an Assistant Manager to begin in late summer. This is a residential role and involves working with the existing staff team help to form the team and lead retreats for schools and parishes across the diocese. All information can be found on the website <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 22nd April 2022.

Praying the Hours

Three short videos are now available introducing The Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office on www.whatgoodnews.org. Fr Adrian Graffy is in conversation with Sr Anne Spilberg and Fr Gerard Bradley. The different hours are explored and at the end of part 3 links are provided for text and livestream of the Office in various languages. Simply go to the website, and click on ‘Praying the Hours’. Thank you for your interest.

A Day with Mary

Saturday 30th April 2022, Westminster Cathedral. A day of instruction devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. During the day: Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For further information please visit www.adaywithmary.org

Caritas of Brentwood

Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act – Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk

The Passage

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 19th April makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.'

March for Life

The March for life (M4L) will take place on Saturday 3rd September 2022. The day is divided into two parts.

First Part - will include a ProLife community event at the Emmanuel Centre, Westminster, from 10:30am – 1:30pm consisting of; pro-life stalls, talks, children's sessions, entertainment and music. There will be a Mass, celebrated at 11am at St George's Cathedral, Southwark SE1 7HY by Bishop John Sherrington. Priests are welcome to concelebrate. Attendees at the Mass can then join the rest of the March for Life Community at the Emmanuel Centre.

Second Part - The march itself starts at 2:00pm and ends at 4:30pm in Parliament Square with final speeches. Four bishops have committed to attending the event so far. The theme this year is '10 Million Too Many'.


'Relay 100'

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their now-annual '**Relay 100**' event this May and June. This initiative is an opportunity to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals or groups to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912308000 or www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/relay-100 to read more about this event.

Donate to the parish without Giftaid-it

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

Donate to the parish with Giftaid-it

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Readers for Mass

Sat 9th Apr	6:00pm	Peter Roberts & Anne Carroll
Sun 10th Apr	9:00am	Nathalie Duncan & Ngozi Onodugo
	11:00am	Clare Nwachukwu & Angela Milton
Sat 16th Apr	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald & Peter Roberts
Sun 17th Apr	9:00am	Alfonse Gabriel & Pamela Anike
	11:00am	Ify Dyrojaiye & Nkem Okoli
Sat 23rd Apr	6:00pm	Confirmation Candidates
Sun 24th Apr	9:00am	Annette O'Donoghue & Daniel Hughes
	11:00am	1st Communion & Caliyp Candidates

Eucharistic Ministers for Mass

Sat 9th Apr	6:00pm	Denis Ahorituwere
Sun 10th Apr	9:00am	Amanda Shpati
	11:00am	Veronica Obi
Sat 16th Apr	6:00pm	Catherine Ahorituwere
Sun 17th Apr	9:00am	Matthew Onyemah
	11:00am	Augusta Egualeonan
Sat 23rd Apr	6:00pm	Marian Fitzgerald
Sun 24th Apr	9:00am	Teresa Onyemah
	11:00am	Angela Milton



A New Day is Dawning

**Join the community in our
pilgrimage to Aylesford**

On

10th September 2022

**We come together again for a day of reflection,
renewal and prayer**

Cost:- £20 for adults and £10 for children

Mass Intentions

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord (C)

Saturday 9th April	6:00pm	Breda Myers (RIP)	
Sunday 10th April	9:00am	Jack Mercer (RIP)	S & D Panton
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

Monday in Holy Week

Mon 11th April	9:00am	Stephanie Maturine	J Xavier-Small
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Tuesday in Holy Week

Tue 12th April	9:00am	Marian Francis (RIP)	Cody Family
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Wednesday in Holy Week (Spy Wednesday)

Wed 13th April	9:00am	Alam Family (Spec Ints)	A & J Carroll
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Maundy Thursday

Thu 14th April	7:30pm	Agens Hughes (Get Well)	M Fitzgerald
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Good Friday

Fri 15th April	12:00pm	Service of the Passion of the Lord	
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Holy Saturday

Saturday 16th April	8:00pm	People of the Parish	
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Easter Sunday (C)

Sunday 17th April	9:00am	John Cody (RIP)	Cody Family
	11:00am	Josiah & Emilia Nwosu (RIP)	Anteyi Family

Monday within the Octave of Easter

Mon 18th April	9:00am	Ted Musgrove (RIP)	A & J Carroll
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Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Tue 19th April	9:00am	Mary Nevin (RIP)	Chris Gigg
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Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Wed 20th April	9:00am	Agnes Hughes (Spec Ints)	D & S Panton
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Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Thu 21st April	9:00am	Jane Xavier-Small (Spec Ints)	A & J Carroll
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Friday within the Octave of Easter

Fri 22nd April	9:00am	Ted Musgrove (RIP)	Cody Family
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Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday 23rd April	9:00am	Anne Forkan (RIP)	Anne & Mary
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Second Sunday of Easter - C

Saturday 23rd April	6:00pm	Eileen Cooney (RIP)	Haywood Family
Sunday 24th April	9:00am	Bernadette Panton (RIP)	S & D Panton
	11:00am	People of the Parish	

Mass attendance: 27/3/22 – 367 Late: 101 3/4/22 – 396 Late: 90
Collections: 27/3/22 - £1,191.56 3/4/22 - £846.55 Thank you