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# PALM SUNDAY – PASSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY 28TH MARCH 2021

## Mark's Account of the Passion of our Lord

Each of the four Evangelists give an account of the Passion, but each tells the story with his own particular style and emphasis. The account read this year is written by Mark, Saint Peter's helper and companion in Rome, and it shows the stark human abandonment of Jesus. The behaviour of the disciples is portrayed negatively. In the garden they fall asleep three times while Jesus prayed. Judas betrayed him, while Peter with a curse denied any knowledge of him. All flee. Jesus' only words from the cross were: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." Even these plaintive words were met with derision. Yet, as Jesus breathes his last, God acts to confirm his Son. The veil of the temple was rent in two, and a Roman Centurion confesses: "Truly this was God's son."

There are moments in the lives of most Christians when they need desperately to cry out with Jesus: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me", only to find, as Jesus did, that God is listening, and can reverse tragedy. It is above all a comfort to those who find it hard to bear the cross to know that it wasn't easy for God's own son, either.

This story of the Passion of Jesus according to mark is punctuated by the evangelist's references to the time of day. Jesus is crucified 'at the third hour'. Roman reckoning of day-time hours began with 6am so this is 9am. The darkness over the earth begins at noon. Jesus 'breathes his last' at 3o'clock, the traditional time for recalling the death of Christ.

Three groups mock Jesus. Anonymous passers-by taunt Jesus by referring to his words about the temple. The chief-priests and scribes mock Jesus, who 'saved others, but cannot save himself'. They also ridicule him with his supposed claims to be the Messiah. Finally, Mark tells us that 'those who were crucified with him also taunted him'. This evangelist appears to know nothing about the 'good thief'.

Jesus' final words are words of abandonment. The Son of God, who comes to share our life and give his life for us. Drinks the cup of suffering to the depth out of love for his brothers and sisters. And thus he dies.



# Palm Sunday – Passion of the Lord Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

# <u>Liturgical Calendar</u>

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March Monday in Holy Week

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March Tuesday in Holy Week

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March Wednesday in Holy Week (Spy Wednesday)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April Maundy Thursday

(Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Good Friday

(Today is a day of Fasting and Abstinence)

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Holy Saturday

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April The Resurrection of the Lord – Solemnity

#### Easter Triduum

Christ redeemed mankind and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery; by dying he destroyed our death and by rising he restored our life.

The Easter Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ is thus the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

# **Timetable for Holy Week and Easter Sunday**

Palm Sunday
12 Noon normal Mass first come first served

Holy Thursday 8pm Mass of the Last Supper - Please pre-book

Good Friday

3pm Passion of the Lord - Please pre-book

5pm-7pm Private Veneration of the Cross

7pm Stations of the Cross - Please pre-book

Holy Saturday 8pm - Vigil Mass - first come first served

Easter Sunday

12 Noon normal Mass first come first served

Sunday 28th March	10.00 am	John & Lilian Kane – RIP
		(donor – Kate Sharma & Liz)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am	Kathleen Keanerly – RIP
		(donor – Maria Poddington)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am	Josephine & Don Smith – RIP/Anni
-		(donor – Greta Street)
Wednesday 31st March	10.00 am	Chantel Cyrus – RIP/Anni
j		(donor – Maria Dickson)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	8.00 pm	Victor De Silva – RIP/5 <sup>th</sup> Anni
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Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	3.00 pm	,
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	8.00 pm	Mencia McGuire – RIP
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Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	12.00 pm	John Manning – RIP/Anni
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# Sunday Masses In Church Palm Sunday/Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 (livestream)	12pm (in church)
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 (livestream)	12pm (in church)
Sunday 11th April	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)
Sunday 18th April	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	10am (livestream)	12pm (in church)

## **Parish Notice Board**

## **Towards The Easter Vigil**

Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared audio commentaries on two of the readings for the Easter Vigil. They are available at <a href="https://www.whatgoodnews.org">www.whatgoodnews.org</a> on the home page. Going to 'Easter Genesis', you can consider in more detail the story of creation in Genesis chapter 1. 'The Binding of Isaac' is an invitation to explore the difficult story in Genesis chapter 22 of Abraham preparing to sacrifice his son Isaac.

#### Pauline Carroll - RIP

Pauline's funeral service will take place here at English Martyrs on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April which unfortunately, due to the restrictions, will be for family and close friends only. However please continue to pray for the family and especially Richard.

Richard and the family would like to request any memories, pictures and anecdotes you may have or remember as a fitting tribute to her. Please forward anything you may have to <a href="mailto:pauline.anecdotes@gmail.com">pauline.anecdotes@gmail.com</a>

Alternatively, please forward to Daphne at English Martyrs and she will subsequently forward on your behalf to the family. Can this be done by 9<sup>th</sup> April please.

Please note there was an error with the previous email address above, it has now been revised. If you have had your messages returned, please try again with the new revised email.

#### **Easter Offerings:**

Please do not forget your Easter offerings to our Parish Priest, Fr. Britto. Kindly use your own envelopes with the title "Easter Offerings" and post them through the presbytery door.

<u>Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:</u> David Calder, Kathleen Clifford, Evelyn Golding, Anna Heneghan, Paul Hogan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy,

Sheila Murphy, Don Muscat, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright. Rose Yates in Emerson Court.

#### COMMUNICATIONS DESK

#### **BCCS – Spring Newsletter**

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society - bccs - Spring Newsletter:

https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/9516/1409/6364/BCCS Spring Newsletter 2021.pdf

#### **BCYS Sponsored Sleepout 2021**

Join us in "giving" rather than "giving up" this Lent, by taking part in a diocesan wide Sponsored Sleepout on 26<sup>th</sup> March, led (virtually) from Walsingham House at Abbotswick. – join us from your garden, with just a sleeping bag and mat or cardboard boxes to sleep on or under! No tents allowed, whatever the weather!

Challenge yourself with a sponsorship goal - from £10 - £100, or perhaps even more! – as all money raised will support local homeless charities, such as Anchor House, The New Way Project, Basildon Emergency Night Shelter and Southend Night Shelter, as well the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. If you are not able to take part, you can always support those who are by sponsoring them on our website! Sponsorship forms, online donations and further information can be found at <a href="www.bcys.net/events/sleepout2021">www.bcys.net/events/sleepout2021</a> and if you would like to take part or have any more questions, please email <a href="gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org">gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org</a>.

# **Calais Light**

Will we survive or drown?" Calais Light is a small refugee charity group that is still caring for refugees here & in N France. Watch & listen to the desperate thoughts of a refugee mother adrift in the dark in our Guided Meditation: "A minute on the Aegean Sea". Imagine the terrible decisions she has to make. Watch on our website: <a href="www.calaislight.com">www.calaislight.com</a> & please donate. Thank you.

## **USEFUL WEBSITES**

For those who have access to a computer, you may find the following websites of help in keeping up to date with developments:

https://www.cbcew.org.uk

https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net

http://walsingham.org.uk (For Live stream masses)

#### **Liturgy Of The Word**

Apps to access readings for Mass: Daily Readings for Catholics, and Laudate. You can also access the readings by going to the website www.universalis.com

### Vacancy at Sir William Petre Almshouses, Ingatestone

A vacancy has arisen at the Almshouses situated along the High St in Ingatestone. The Almshouse is a one-bedroom property. Candidates must be over 50 years and in need. Preference may be given to Roman Catholics. Applicants please contact Mike Falcone, Trustee, Ginge Petre Trust on tel 07935 959388.

All Brentwood Diocesan Catholic School Vacancies (for which the Education Services Department are aware) are posted on the Diocesan website.

To view current vacancies with further information please use this link address. <a href="https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/">https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/</a> or enter 'Diocese of Brentwood school vacancies' in the search function of your internet browser.

The following vacancies are currently being recruited for (in order of application deadline):

- Class Teacher St Helen's Primary School, Westcliff-on-Sea
   Deadline for applications: 12:00 pm on Thursday 25th March 2021.
- <u>Headteacher St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School, Grays</u> Deadline for applications: 6:00 am on Tuesday 6th April 2021.
- School Chaplain Ursuline Convent High School, Brentwood Deadline for applications: 3:30 pm on Friday 30th April 2021.

Parish Priest: Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020)

Parish Administrator: Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (11am-2pm) (07956 473389)

Diocesan Safeguarding Representative: Katie Nash (07825293308)

Finance & Maintenance: Mr Graham Daniels (01708 452406)

Parish Gift Aid Organiser: Dr Steve Pinder (01708 445443)

Hall & Lounge Bookings: English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)

The English Martyrs Catholic Church (Diocese of Brentwood)
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