

PARISH DIARY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

6.00pm Mass People of the Parish

Sunday 14th April 2019

8.30am Rosary

9.00am Mass Fr Jack Rodgers RIP

11.00am Mass Peter Robinson RIP

Monday 15th April 2019 - Monday in Holy Week

9.00 am Morning Prayer

9.20 am Mass William Guckian RIP

Tuesday 16th April 2019 - Tuesday in Holy Week

6.30pm Confessions

7.30pm Mass Terry Hambleton RIP

Wednesday 17th April 2019 – Wednesday in Holy Week

9.00 am Morning Prayer

9.20 am Mass Charles Hanks RIP

7.00 p.m. Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral – *All welcome.*

Thursday 18th April 2019 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

6.30pm Confessions

7.30pm **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** All who minister in this parish

Includes the Washing of the Feet and concludes with the Procession to the Altar of Repose and The Watch until 10.00pm Night Prayer

Friday 19th April 2019 – GOOD FRIDAY

9.00am Children's Stations of the Cross

10.00am Walk of Witness (starts from Christ Church finishes at Our Lady of Good Counsel)

3.00pm **SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION**

7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday 20th April 2019 – HOLY SATURDAY

8.00pm **THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL** Olive Monisse RIP

Liturgy of Light, Word, Baptism and Eucharist - First Mass of Easter

Sunday 21st April 2019 – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8.30am Rosary

9.00am Mass Joe & Mary Rodgers Intentions

11.00am Mass People of the Parish

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord Sunday 14th April 2019

Gospel Reflection - Jesus Enters Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40)



This reading announces the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at the end of his long journey. In Luke the cheers are concentrated not merely on the Kingdom, but on the King himself, who comes in the name of the LORD. Their cries of the people echo (and excel) those of the angels at the nativity, 'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!' For Luke, Jerusalem is the hinge: it is the turning-point where the gospel ends and the Acts of the Apostles begins, and the Good News is spread to the ends of the earth. During the previous ten chapters of the Gospel all the concentration has been on this journey up to Jerusalem, where Jesus is to suffer and so rise again. There has been an air of tragedy about the journey: Jesus' death has been constantly in mind, for it has been stressed that no prophet can perish away from Jerusalem. As Jesus enters the city, he weeps over its refusal to accept him, just as he had done earlier on his journey (13:34-35) and as he will do as he leaves Jerusalem for execution.

How do I welcome the Lord into my life?

Do I constantly recognise his presence with me?

Parish Office (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm)

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HOLY WEEK



MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS: This is a personal invitation to anybody that serves the church in any way (Holy Communion, Readers, Musicians, Altar Servers, Welcomers, Flower Arrangers, Cleaners) to renew their commitment to their Ministry at the Maundy Thursday Mass.



PROCESSION OF WITNESS – URGENT APPEAL! The annual procession of the churches of Wickford and Runwell, will start at 10am from Christchurch and finish here at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Hot Cross Buns and tea/coffee will be served in Our Lady's Hall for all the walkers at the end of the procession. **Due to injury and illness, we urgently need volunteers to set up the hall, butter the hot cross buns and make/serve the refreshments.** If you can assist in any way on Friday, please speak to Fr John or Karen in the parish office (733219) or email wickford@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Many thanks.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS: All are invited to our annual Good Friday

Children's Stations of the Cross which takes place at 9am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Good Friday will take place at 7.30pm and will be led by our Confirmation candidates.



HOLY PLACES COLLECTION: A retiring collection for the Holy Places will be taken after the Passion Service on Good Friday. This collection is an important means of support for the Christian Community in the Holy Land.



GREAT EASTER VIGIL – LET THE BELLS

RING: Fr John invites everyone attending the Great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, to bring a bell from home with them, to help joyfully ring in the alleluias



CONFESSIONS: No confessions next Saturday (Holy Saturday). Fr John will be available to hear confession at 6.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday.



CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER: We need volunteers next Wednesday, 17th April to help give our church a really good spring clean ready for the Easter services. It doesn't matter if you are male or female, young or not so young, as many hands make light work! Cleaning will start at 10am and all helpers will be made very welcome.



PLANTS NEEDED! We would be grateful for donations of plants to use to help recreate the garden at Gethsemane for the watch on Maundy Thursday after the Mass of the Lords Supper and for the Easter Garden window display. If you are able to assist with donations please drop them off to the parish office or leave on the table in the sacristy. Thank you.



EASTER EGG RAFFLE: The young people of the parish will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses from this weekend to raise funds for the parish youth fund. Tickets are priced at £1 per strip.



THE TIME HAS COME to renew your membership, or to join The Parish 100 Club monthly prize draw. Membership is just £24 per year and will be collected after Mass. Please note that, if you win, your name will be published in the parish newsletter unless you have instructed us otherwise. Good luck, Peter and Fionnghuala



EASTER FLOWERS: The flowers that decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday are generously donated "In Memory Of" or in "Thanksgiving For" loved ones. If you would like to dedicate some flowers then please place your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" with name of who you are remembering, or giving thanks for, and return it to the parish office by Wednesday 17th April. A list of the names will be displayed in church and in the newsletter on Easter Weekend.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: There will be no adoration during Holy Week, adoration will recommence on Tuesday 23rd April. Thank you to all our loyal watchers.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available for collection from the Sacristy



REPOSITORY: Easter cards are now available in the Repository shop.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The PPC met on the 27th March and continue to focus on the Diocesan 'Vision Document Shaping our Future' preparations. The PPC are planning to meet with their counterparts from Basildon and Billericay next month.

Sick Friends and Relatives - Please pray for Jayne Balaam, Masie Berry, Delores Bilewyc, Frederick Bidnamrodi, Rita Bone, Ruby Borien, May Carey, Mary Caruana, Ethel Doyle, Anne Downes, Theresa Eldred, Christina Elliott, Tom & Margaret Fanning, Ann Grant, Celine Guckian, Sharon Guckian, Aisling Hawkins, Beatie Harty, Mary Hurley, Mary Jarvis, Kathleen Jennings, Pat Kent, Rose Kudirka, Graham Labbett, Gabrielle & Ralpie Langridge, Margaret Livesey, John Maguire, Bridget Mahoney, Elizabeth Mooney, Norman Miller, Carmella Micella, Elizabeth Mooney, Neil Murnane, Cecile Narbeth, Olivia Nazareth, Diane Neale, Margaret O'Doherty, Joy Orrock, Halina & John Ostrowski, Phil Payne, Carmelo Piazza, Maureen Price, Conchita Prime, Linda Ringwood, Joseph Rodgers, Alan Rushbrook, Catherine Skully, Winifred Ward, Maria Weedon, Gabrielle Wisken, Lucy Woods, Cathy Young

Anniversaries - We pray for George Hatch, Fr Owen Fitzgerald, Fr John O' Mahoney, Bridie Miller, Kathleen O'Donnell, Karen Hetherington, Fr William Donelan, Fr George Duckett, Rose Pont, Hannah Kemp, Mary Worthington, Mary Mellady, Frederick Hazell, Pamela Flynn, Bernard Holden, William Naylor, William Guckian, Christina Wells, Teresa O'Meara, Harold Horam, William Raven, Violet Crouch, George Pye, Robert Orrock, Margaret Kearney, Josie Shennan, Walter Bradley, Valerie Harris, Adam Tasneem, Rita Taylor. May they rejoice forever with all the saints in God's Kingdom.

Holy Week Services

Wednesday 17th April

7.00pm Mass of Chrism Brentwood Cathedral

Maundy Thursday – Thursday 18th April

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – Friday 19th April

9am Children's Stations of the Cross,

10am Ecumenical Walk of Witness

3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord.

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Easter Vigil – Saturday 20th April

8pm on Holy Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday – Sunday 21st April

9am Mass

11am Mass

MASS FOR MIGRANTS – celebrating the diversity of London, Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire. ALL WELCOME! Together with the Dioceses of Westminster and Southwark, the Mass for Migrants is a joyful celebration of the diversity of our Dioceses, as well as reflecting on and praying for the great hardships that many migrants face. Please join Bishops, Priests and thousands of people from across London and the Home Counties for this Mass on **Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am.** It will be preceded by a banner procession at 10am – banners from parishes and different ethnic groups are very, very welcome – gather outside the Cathedral from 9.30am.



THE BILLERICAY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP invites you to a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, CM14 5SH on Mercy Sunday, 28th April 2019. Arrival from 10.30 am for 11 am start. Mass will be at 12 noon. Confession available. The day will end at 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Ring Claire Wallis on 01277 658783 if you require further information. ALL ARE WELCOME.