

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

17th March - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Jeremiah Crawley RIP
9.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish
11.30 a.m. MASS - Mary Quigley RIP
6.30 p.m. MASS - Sylvester Mascarenhas & family INT

Monday 18th March

9.00 a.m. MASS - Doris & Denis L'Estrange RIP

Tuesday 19th March

9.00 a.m. MASS - Marie Francis RIP

Wednesday 20th March

NO MORNING MASS

11.00 a.m. FUNERAL MASS - ROSEMARY O'CONNOR RIP

Thursday 21st March

9.00 a.m. MASS - Frances Peel & family INT

Friday 22nd March

NO MORNING MASS

Saturday 23rd March

NO MORNING MASS

10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. CONFESSIONS

6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - David Reilly RIP

24th March PALM SUNDAY

9.30 a.m. MASS - Celine Fernando RIP

11.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish

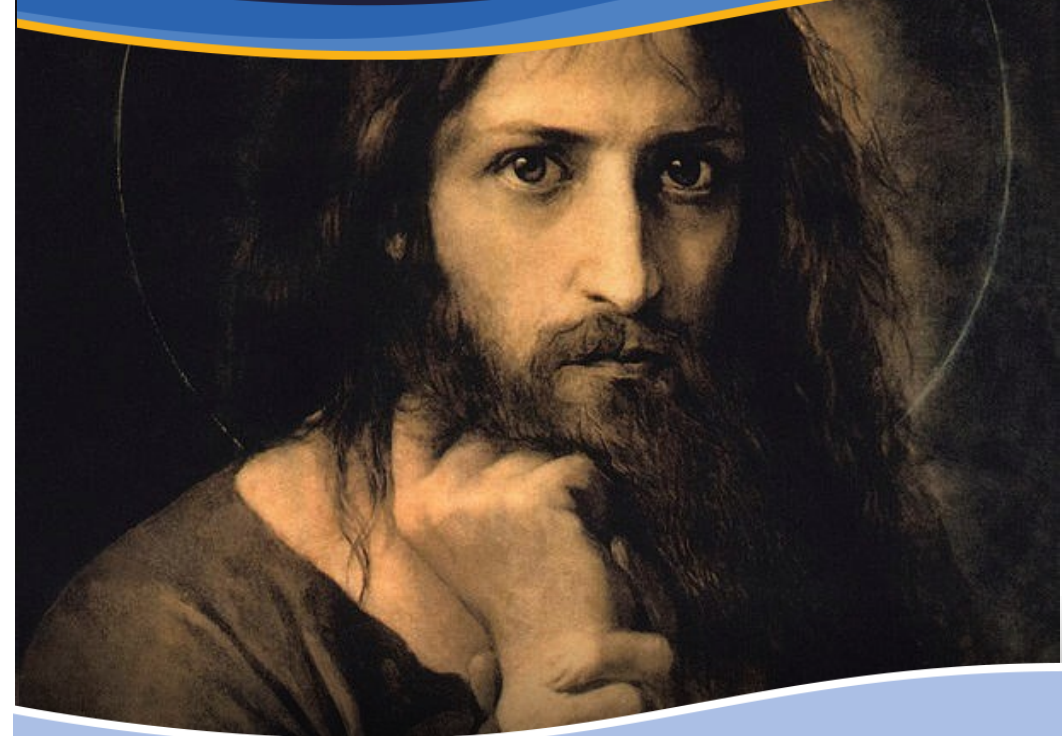
*Please gather outside the Convent of Mercy, Cambridge Park
at 11.20 a.m.*

6.30 p.m. MASS - John Gallagher RIP

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5th Sunday of Lent

"Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!"

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2024

24th March PALM SUNDAY

Mass times: 9.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. (*Please gather outside the Convent of Mercy, Cambridge Park at 11.20 a.m.*) and 6.30 p.m.

Monday 25th March 9.00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday 26th March NO MASS

Wednesday 27th March
NO MORNING MASS

CHRISM MASS 11.00 a.m. at Brentwood Cathedral

The Bishop, joined by the priests of the diocese, gather together to manifest their unity. During this Mass, the Bishop blesses three oils: the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy Chrism which will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the Diocese in the coming year.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

These three days (the Triduum) are the most sacred days in the Church's year as we participate in the saving events of Christ's death and resurrection. Although spread over three days the liturgies form a single unity and calls us to be especially generous in participating in them and giving our time to Christ.

HOLY THURSDAY 28th March

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER WITH WASHING OF FEET at 8.00 p.m. followed by watch at the Altar of Repose until midnight.

In this celebration we give thanks for the new Passover, the Eucharist, where Christ gives us Himself to liberate us from sin and death so that we can "pass over" with Him to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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IF YOU ARE A TAXPAYER, PLEASE GIFT AID YOUR OFFERING

Our Lady of Lourdes is fortunate in that our parishioners have always been very generous and many of you already donate under the Gift Aid and envelope systems. However, the impact of Covid and the changing demographic of the parish have meant that the number of parishioners who do not donate through Gift Aid has increased.

If you haven't entered the Gift Aid scheme but donate by standing order or regularly donate cash at the offertory without using Gift Aid envelopes, we would request that you consider joining the scheme. It is very simple to do, just take and complete one of the Gift Aid forms available at the back of the Church so that we can enroll as many people as possible in time for the new financial year. For further information or any questions, please contact Bob Fox at wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org

CLUBS/GROUPS IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE

MONDAY 18TH MARCH Teas will be served in the hall after 9.00 a.m. Mass in lieu of Wednesday 20th as there will be no morning Mass on that day. To celebrate the feast of St Patrick, Irish coffee will be served.

MEDITATION GROUP will finish on Tuesday 19th March for Holy Week and Easter week and recommence on 9th April. Following our inspiring retreat led by the Sion Community, we wish to assure you that new members are always welcome and anyone can come on Tuesdays at 10.50 a.m. to be open to the Holy Spirit and seek a way forward in our fractured world.

UNDER 5's Tuesdays in term time from 1.00p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

PRAYER GROUP Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

SHEILA LOVELL CLUB will close for Easter on 20th March and reopen on 10th March at 1.30 p.m.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Last Thursday in month from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

SICK LIST A list of the sick and housebound can be found at the entrance to the Church.

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March—day of fasting and abstinence

“By his wounds, we are healed.”

Walk of Witness leaving at 10.00 a.m. from United Reform Church, Nightingale Lane to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

THE PASSION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST with veneration of the Cross at 3.00 p.m.

RETIRING COLLECTION to support the sacred sites of the Holy Land.

7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March
10.00 a.m.— 11.00 a.m. CONFESSIONS

THE GREAT AND HOLY VIGIL OF EASTER at 7.00 p.m.

This liturgy (the highpoint of the Church's year) speaks of the joy and new life we find in Christ's resurrection not only with words but with music, fire, light, the waters of baptism, holy oils. Tonight we welcome men and women into our community as they receive the sacraments and become our brothers and sisters in Christ. With deep and profound joy, we sing and pray together:

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Darkness vanishes forever!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PLEASE MAKE A VERY SPECIAL EFFORT TO ATTEND THE
EASTER VIGIL**

31st March EASTER SUNDAY

Mass times: 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS

LAETARE WEEKEND AND THE FOLLOW UP Thank you to everyone involved in the *Laetare Weekend* and, especially, the Sion community who were such generous spiritual guides. We pray that the blessings we received as individuals and as a community may produce spiritual fruits in the future.

The importance of ensuring that welcome and hospitality have a central place in the life of our community was a concern expressed by a number of parishioners.

It's easy to talk about "welcome" in general terms but, for example, we can sometimes sit beside the same people at Sunday Mass and yet, not know their names, let alone their stories? When someone new joins our parish, in what concrete ways are they made to feel welcome and appreciated? How do we welcome single people or families? How are each person's gifts and talents recognised?

Do you have any practical suggestions as to how we might ensure that everyone might receive a warm welcome and feel recognised? Would you like to be part of the conversation and help shape this vital aspect of our parish life?

If so there will be an informal meeting on Saturday 8th June 9.00–10.30 a.m. in the parish centre to think a little more deeply about the quality of our "welcome" in the parish. All are welcome.

HOLY WEEK: ALTAR SERVERS are invited to sign up for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Please note service times and dates in the newsletter. Rehearsals for Holy Thursday and Good Friday will be at 2.00 p.m. on Palm Sunday. For the Easter Vigil, rehearsal will be at 10.00 a.m. on Holy Saturday.

EASTER OFFERINGS are your gift to the parish priest. For those who are tax payers and might wish to Gift Aid their offering, envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church. If you normally give your Sunday offering by envelope, you may wish to use the envelope in your box.

EASTER RAFFLE Draw to be held on Easter Sunday for:

1st Prize: £200 Cash

2nd Prize: £ 75 Cash

3rd Prize: Easter Hamper

Plus many more great prizes. For a chance to win, tickets will be on sale at £2 per ticket in the porch after all Sunday Masses (including Saturday evening). Please support our social committee. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE that there will be morning Mass next Tuesday 19th March, **but no morning Mass** on Friday 22nd March.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME begins at 1.00 a.m. on Sunday 31 March. Clocks go forward one hour.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday evening 7.00 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. during Lent. *We adore you, O Christ, and praise you because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place on Friday mornings during Lent from 9.30 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. and immediately following Stations of the Cross on a Friday evening until 8.30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS every Saturday morning 10-11.00 a.m. Please check newsletter for any changes.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of

i) Rosemary O'Connor whose Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 20th March at 11.00 a.m. followed by committal at City of London Crematorium, North Chapel, at 1.00 p.m. with reception into Church the evening before at 5.00 p.m.

ii) Paul Oryang whose Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 3rd April at 11.00 a.m. followed by committal at City of London Cemetery at 12.30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE that there will be **no morning Mass** on these days.