

Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park	
Sat 9th March	
6.00 p.m.	Ivan Francis (Rest in Peace)
Sun 10th Mar	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) ('Laetare' Sunday)
9.00 a.m.	Alfred Ojuri & Cornelia Potakey (Rest in Peace)
11.00 a.m.	Tewa – Birthday Blessings
Mon 11th Mar	Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent
9.15 a.m.	Benedicta Addo (Rest in Peace)
Tue 12th Mar	Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls.
Wed 13th Mar	Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent
9.15 a.m.	Melon Family – Intentions
Thu 14th Mar	Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent
9.15a.m.	Immanuel Addo (Rest in Peace)
Fri 15th Mar	Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent
6.30 p.m.	Holy Souls.
Sat 16th Mar	Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent
9.15a.m.	
6.00 p.m.	
Sun 17th Mar	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
9.00 a.m.	
11.00 a.m.	Mugomba & Julia Bannerman (Rest in Peace)

Prayer List

John Oruche, Veronica Ojuri, Margaret, Chris, Loreen Phillips, Nicholas Graves, Kathleen Phillips, Baby Simon Elliott, Clemence Sanderson, and Kathleen Kavanagh, Mary Jane Ememe, Jay Agnes.

Offertory 3rd March 2024

Envelopes	£280.70
Loose plate	£341.72
Standing order	£357.12
Total	£979.54

Pews & Kneelers	
June-December 2023	£3,772.72
Jan-Feb 2024	£350.00
March 2024	£7.00
Total	£4,129.72

Coffee morning: £48.28; Kneelers: £7.00; Sound system & oil candles: £158.28; Candle money: £112.02; Second collection Lent fast: £17.00



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Fourth Sunday of Lent –B (10.03.2024)

Dear Parishioners,

In the first reading, taken from the Second Book of Chronicles, we see the compassion and patience of God. God chose Cyrus the Great, a pagan conqueror, to become the instrument of His mercy to, and salvation of, His chosen people exiled in Babylon. In the second reading, Paul tells us that God is so rich in mercy that He has granted us eternal salvation and eternal life as a free gift through Christ Jesus. The Gospel provides a theme that parallels the Gospel, but on a much higher level. Jesus, the Son of God, becomes the agent of God's salvation, not just for one sinful nation but for the sinfulness of the whole world. Through John 3:16, the Gospel teaches us that God has expressed His love, mercy, and compassion for us by giving His Only Son for our salvation. Nicodemus, the wealthy Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, meets Jesus by night and begins a long religious discussion. Jesus explains to him that he must believe Jesus' words because Jesus is the Son of God. Then, by referring to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent (Nm 21:1-9), Jesus further explains God's plan of salvation. Just as God saved the victims of serpent bite from death through the bronze serpent, He is going to save mankind from its sins by permitting the crucifixion and death of His Son Jesus, because the love of God for mankind is that great.

Have a Blessed Week
Fr. John Victor.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to the parish priest for more information.

Baptisms: By appointment. At least two months' notice is required. If you have a child to baptise kindly speak to the parish priest after Mass.

Season of Lent: Let us be more prayerful and peace loving.

Lent	Day	Time
Adoration	Sunday to Thursday	8.30 to 9.10 a.m.
	Saturday	9.45 to 10.30 a.m.
Adoration, Mass & Stations of the Cross	Every Friday	6.30 p.m.
Vigil Mass	Every Saturday	6.00 p.m.
Adoration & Confession	Every Saturday	9.45 a.m.
Holy Week		
Palm Sunday 24/25.03.2024	6.00 p.m. (Vigil Mass 24 th) & 9.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m.	
Maunder Thursday 28.03.2024	Mass 8.00 p.m. Followed by adoration.	
Good Friday 29.03.2024	Passion of the Lord 3.00 pm	10.00 a.m. (for children) & 7.00 p.m.
Holy Saturday 24/25.03.2024	8.00 p.m. (Easter Mass)	
Easter Sunday 24/25.03.2024	9.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m. (Holy Mass)	

Lighting candles: Please ensure that an adult accompanies children when they light candles. This is for Health & Safety reasons, thanks for your assistance in this matter.

The Sisters' Mission Committee for England and Wales wish to thank all the parishioners of St Stephen's Church, for your generous donation towards the Annual Mission Appeal 2024. **Your generosity amounted to £208.36.** We are very grateful for your support and may God reward you all.

AWAKE LONDON A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 16th March 2024 from 11am to 5pm led by Fr. David Waller and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Christ the King Catholic Church, 455 Chingford Road, London E4 8SP. Convention includes: Praise and Worship,

Holy Mass, confession, Healing service and Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual sharing, sessions for children (www.afcmuk.org) Free car parking available.

Brentwood Cathedral Lent Lectures 2024: Talk Four: Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Wednesday 13th March, 7.30 pm. Free entry, all welcome. Further details on Brentwood Cathedral website: www.cathedral-brentwood.org

The synodality lectures at Brentwood Cathedral are being recorded and will be available on the diocesan website. Due to an embargo, Fr Timothy Radcliffe's talk will not be available until 15th March but Fr Jan Nowotnik's lecture can be found here: Fr Jan Nowotnik gives Lenten Lecture at Brentwood Cathedral – Brentwood Diocese (dioceseofbrentwood.net).

Hours of Devotion (Continuous Eucharistic Adoration) – St John Vianney, Clayhall & The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham 7am Saturday 16th March 2024 Solemn Mass of Exposition; 11pm Sunday 17th March 2024 Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Come and spend an hour or more with us praying before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in this very special devotion. St John Vianney Catholic Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall, Ilford IG5 0JB.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) are looking for thrill seekers with a passion for fundraising to take part in Harlow Tye Rotary's annual Harlow Water Tower Abseil on Saturday 18th May 2024. For all details, please visit our Harlow Water Tower Abseil webpage here: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved-events/>. To secure your spot, a £35 entry fee will be paid to the Harlow Tye Rotary Club, with all funds raised through your efforts being donated to BCCS. Please reach out to Charlotte: cwalker@bccs.org.uk / 07986 841178 to sign up!

Volunteer at the St John Bosco Children's Camp: from 27th July-3rd August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, but there are limited places. Applications open to the end of March. Details: <https://boscocamp.co.uk/volunteer-applications>.

Drawing a cheque: When you draw a cheque for the Parish, kindly write the following name: **Catholic Church, Manor Park.**

Counters' Rota					
Date	11/03/2024	18/03/2024	25/03/2024	01/04/2024	08/04/2024
Group	St Mark	St Matthew	St Luke	St Mark	St Matthew