

Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park	
Sat 16th March	
6.00 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sun 17th Mar	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
9.00 a.m.	Quirino Allam Lozanado (Family Intentions)
11.00 a.m.	Mugomba & Julia Bannerman (Rest in Peace)
Mon 18th Mar	Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent
9.15 a.m.	Adam Mol, Iyana – Baby Jahniya - Birthdays & Safe arrival of baby
Tue 19th Mar	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Solemnity
9.15 a.m.	Sabastian Pillai (Rest in Peace)
Wed 20th Mar	Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent
9.15 a.m.	Malon Family – Intentions
Thu 21st Mar	Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent
9.15a.m.	Holy Souls
Fri 22nd Mar	Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent
6.30 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sat 23rd Mar	Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent
9.15a.m.	Damian Luis (Rest in Peace)
6.00 p.m.	Parishioners
Sun 24th Mar	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)
9.00 a.m.	Justin Gilbert – Thanksgiving for new Job (Family Intention)
11.00 a.m.	

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 10th March 2024

Envelopes	£312.00
Loose plate	£371.36
Standing order	£357.12
Total	£1,040.48

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

Sound system: £100.00; Second collections: £8.00.



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Fifth Sunday of Lent –B (17.03.2024)

Dear Parishioners,

The first reading, taken from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah, explains how God will replace the Old Covenant of Judgment with a New Covenant of Forgiveness of sins. This New or Renewed Covenant prophesied by Jeremiah was fulfilled, at least in part, through Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. In the second reading, St. Paul tells the Hebrews that it is by Jesus' suffering and death, in obedience to his Father's will, that Jesus established the New Covenant. Using metaphors of the "*sown wheat grain*" and the "*spent life*" in today's Gospel, Jesus teaches the lessons St. Paul will repeat. The Gospel hints at the inner struggle of Jesus in accepting the cup of suffering to inaugurate the New and Eternal Covenant. However, Jesus accepts the cross as his "*hour*," meaning the stepping-stone to his passion, death, Resurrection, and exaltation. Jesus also considers his "*hour*" as the way of glorifying his Heavenly Father and of being glorified by his Father. In addition, it is the way by which all people will be drawn into the saving action of God. Finally, the "lifting up" of Jesus on the cross and later into Heavenly glory by Resurrection and Ascension is the assurance of our own exaltation and glorification, provided we accept our crosses.

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.
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.
Lenten Reconciliation	Monday	18/3/2024 at 6.30 pm
Holy Week		
Palm Sunday 24/25.03.2024	6.00 p.m. (Vigil Mass 24 th) & 9.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m.	
Maundy Thursday 28.03.2024	Mass 8.00 p.m. Followed by adoration.	
Good Friday 29.03.2024	Passion of the Lord 3.00 pm	Stations of the Cross - 10.00 a.m. (for children) & 7.00 p.m.
Holy Saturday 24/25.03.2024	8.00 p.m. (Easter vigil 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.

Washing of the Feet: Those who want to participate in the washing of the feet on Maundy Thursday, kindly write your details at the sheet kept at the rear of the Church.

Gift Aid Envelopes are placed at the rear of the Church, kindly collect your envelopes. Those who newly want the envelopes, kindly approach either Sahaya Selvaharan or the parish priest.

'Bishop Alan Listens' Research Report: Understanding why Catholics in the Diocese of Brentwood no longer come to Church. Last summer Bishop Alan invited Catholics who no longer regularly come to Church to get in touch so that he could seriously listen to their stories and experiences and begin to understand why so many Catholics no longer feel as though they belong in the

Church. This report presents a moving and challenging insight in to how our Church and the covid-19 pandemic have contributed to a movement away from a regular practice of faith for many Catholics and offers our Church a rich repository of wisdom that might enhance and inform our ongoing journey of renewal in the diocese. Thank you to all those who so generously and thoughtfully participated in this research. Please share this link/report with those whom you know have participated in this research. Go to the home page of <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/> to see the responses of hundreds of Catholics across our diocese and hear what Bishop Alan heard.

London Borough of Newham – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: Join us to mark International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2024 with a conversation between Patrick Vernon and Alia Alzougbi. Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz will introduce the event and we will open with Iftaar for Ramadan. To book a free ticket, visit newham.gov.uk/events. Thursday 21st March, 6-9 pm, East Ham Town Hall, 328 Barking Road, E62RP.

Caritas Networking Day 2024: Interested in the Catholic response to homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, assisting with the cost of living crisis, or tackling the causes and effects of climate change? You are invited to the 2024 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, Saturday 27th April, 10am-2.30pm, at the St Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford. This day is a chance to be sustained, share ideas and good practices with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. Details and registration at www.caritasbrentwood.org/network.

Catholic Parish Summit: The Catholic Parish Summit is taking place in Harrogate from 12th -14th June with over 1,000 parish leaders from across the country. Our diocese has booked some places for the Summit which are available to anyone who is interested in attending. These places are free but they are limited and you will need to make arrangements for accommodation while you are in Harrogate. For more information about the Summit please visit their website: <https://catholicparishsummit.com/>. Or contact Father. Dan Mason, the Episcopal Vicar for Parish Renewal at billericay@brcdt.org.

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

Counters' Rota					
Date	18/03/2024	25/03/2024	01/04/2024	08/04/2024	15/04/2024
Group	St Matthew	St Luke	St Mark	St Matthew	St Luke