

<b>Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park</b>	
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	
6.00 p.m.	Parishioners
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)</b>
9.00 a.m.	Justin Gilbert – Thanksgiving for new Job (Family Intention)
11.00 a.m.	Eillin Rennie (Rest in Peace) & Deceased relatives of Veronica
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
<b>Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>
9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>
9.15 a.m.	No Mass
<b>Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Thursday of Holy Week (MAUNDY THURSDAY)</b>
8.00 p.m.	
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)</b>
3.00 p.m.	
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>
8.00 p.m.	Brian David (Rest in Peace)
<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Solemnity</b>
9.00 a.m.	Silverster Antony & Mary Wedding anniversary (Family Intention)
11.00 a.m.	Annie Soares – Birthday Blessings

**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 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>£209.20</b>
<b>Loose plate</b>	<b>£325.78</b>
<b>Standing order</b>	<b>£357.12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£892.10</b>

<b>Pews &amp; Kneelers</b>	
June-December 2023	£3,772.72
Jan-Feb 2024	£350.00
March 2024	£7.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,129.72</b>

Sound system – Oil candles: £200.00; Second collections: £22.00.



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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord –B (24.03.2024)**

Dear Parishioners,

Today's first reading, the third of Isaiah's four Servant Songs, like the other three, foreshadows Jesus' own life and mission. The Refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22), " *My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?* " plunges us into the heart of Christ's Passion. The Second Reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Philippians, is an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early Christian understanding of who Jesus is, and of how his mission saves us from sin and death. The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception Jesus received from his admirers, who paraded with him for a distance of two miles: from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. In the second part of today's Gospel, we listen to/participate in a reading of the Passion of Christ according to Mark. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story – like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus.

**Have a Blessed Holy 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.

Holy Week		
<b>Palm Sunday 24/25.03.2024</b>	6.00 p.m. (Vigil Mass 24 <sup>th</sup> ) & 9.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m.	
<b>Maundy Thursday 28.03.2024</b>	Mass 8.00 p.m. Followed by adoration.	
<b>Good Friday 29.03.2024</b>	Passion of the Lord 3.00 pm	Stations of the Cross - 10.00 a.m. (for children) & 7.00 p.m.
<b>Holy Saturday 24/25.03.2024</b>	8.00 p.m. (Easter vigil Mass)	
<b>Easter Sunday 24/25.03.2024</b>	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.

**Easter Collection:** The Offertory Collection at all the Easter Masses next Sunday is by tradition, the parishioners' personal gift to the Clergy. In this Parish, Fr John Victor is the beneficiary, since this collection forms the main part of their personal annual income. Thank you.

**Parish Priest on Holidays:** The Parish priest will be on holidays from 2<sup>nd</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> April. Hence Revv. Yusuf and Tansi will be offering Holy Masses on the weekends; there will be no Holy mass on Week days at 9.15 am. If you have any important matter, kindly approach him before the end of this month. Weekday Holy Masses will be revived on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. Thank You.

**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 Selvahan 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.

**Divine Mercy Devotion:** St John Vianney, Clayhall, is holding an afternoon of Divine Mercy Devotion on Divine Mercy Sunday, 7 April 2024. Starting at 1pm and ending with Mass at 5pm, it will comprise Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of St Faustina's Praises, the Litany of the Divine Mercy, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary, prayers and time for Confession. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome at St John Vianney Catholic Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall IG5 0HE. Parking available, nearest TfL station Gants Hill, buses 123 and 179 pass nearby, also bus 462 slightly further away.

**Brentwood Cathedral Lunchtime Music Recital – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00 pm.** This will be given by our Cathedral Organist Stephen King who will be accompanied by Sophia Assitzoglou on the Violin and Owen Romhany on the Trombone and Cello. Both Sophia and Owen are in the sixth form at Brentwood School. The programme includes Gustav Holst: Duo Concertante for Trombone and Organ and Josef Rheinberger: Suite for Violin, Cello and Organ.

**Vacancies: Learning Support Assistant, Cover Supervisor, Classroom Practitioner (HLTA Level)**

Exciting opportunities to work at **St Bonaventure's School**, supporting boys in various ways with their learning. For more information, please see <https://www.stbons.org/workwithus/>. Closing date: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024, at 12 noon.

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

Counters' Rota					
Date	25/03/2024	01/04/2024	08/04/2024	15/04/2024	22/04/2024
Group	St Luke	St Mark	St Matthew	St Luke	St Mark

**HAPPY HOLY WEEK**