

Mass Times and Intentions at St. Stephen's Church, Manor Park	
Sat 5th April	
4.30-5.30 p.m.	No Adoration & Confessions
6.00pm	The People of the Parish
Sun 6th April	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
9.00 a.m.	Dominic Gabriel RIP
11.00 a.m.	Darren McGuire RIP
Mon 7th April	Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent
9.15 a.m.	
Tue 8th April	Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent
9.15 a.m.	Marilyn Archer
Wed 9th April	Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent
Thu 10th April	Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent
9.15 a.m.	Private Intention
Fri 11th April	Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent
9.15 a.m.	
6.30-7.30 p.m.	Way of the Cross (Stations of the Cross) at 6.30 p.m. followed by Adoration & Confessions at 7.00 p.m.
Sat 12th April	Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent
4.30-5.30pm	No Adoration & Confessions
6.00 p.m.	Vigil Mass: Philip & Lucy Pereira RIP
Sun 13th April	Palm Sunday
9.00 a.m.	Marilyn Archer
11.00 a.m.	Mrs Sabena Ochu RIP

Prayer List

John Oruche, Veronica Ojuri, Margaret, Chris, Loreen Phillips, Kathleen Phillips, Baby Simon Elliott, Clemence Sanderson, Kathleen Kavanagh, Mary Jane Ememe, Jay Agnes, Teresa & Patrick Moran., Carmel Brady, and Colin Augustine.

Offertory 30th March 2025

Envelopes	£302.20
Loose plate	£431.53
Standing order	£357.12
Total	£1090.85

Building Fund: £10.00
Crib collection (for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society): £346.09



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5th SUNDAY OF LENT- C (06.04.2025)

CONFIRMATIONS BY BISHOP ALAN: The confirmations of our young people on Wednesday was a great success and a truly spiritual experience. Bishop Alan was impressed with the Candidates and the dignity they showed at their Confirmations. I wish, again, to thank all those who made the evening a wonderful event in the church calendar. I especially thank the catechists, MC's, Music directors, choir, ushers, and last but not least, the altar servers. I congratulate the Confirmed on their confirmations and pray that they continue their journey of faith, always walking in the light of the Lord.

God bless.

Fr Tony.

BROKEN WINDOW: A window and its frame fell from the high window on the early morning of Wednesday. We will be covering the hole in the window and carrying out checks to the other windows. Where the window fell, we have roped off that area and moved the benches over to the other side. So, please avoid the roped area.

HOLY WEEK MASSES: The Holy Week Masses and services will be advertised both in the Newsletter and a sheet which will have the dates and times. Please take a Newsletter and the Sheet of all the Masses on Palm Sunday.

PRECIOUS BLOOD: We will be distributing the wine of the precious blood of our Lord at the Easter Sunday Masses. It is purely optional, so you are not compelled to receive the precious blood. It is perfectly understandable if anyone does not want to receive the precious blood from a chalice because of health concerns. Those who wish to may do so at the Masses at Easter.

LEOTHA SHILLINGFORD RIP: Leotha Shillingford's Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 25th April at 10 am in St Stephen's church. The burial will take place at Forest Park Cemetery at 12 noon.

ST PATRICK CHAPEL REQUIEM MASSES FOR THE DEAD: This years' dates for the Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Masses at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL are as follows. **Monday 14th July 2025 at 11.30am. Monday 10th November 2025 at 11.30 am.**

UPDATE ON DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 24TH MAY 2025: **More seats available.** We have managed to get a good deal on the price of the coach to Walsingham. We will only charge **£15 for adults and £10 for children.** We have nearly filled all of the place on the coach. So, if you want to come, I suggest you see Galvin after 11 am Mass on Sunday or telephone him: **07751 515161.**

SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY: CAFOD Appeal for the victims of the earthquake in Myanmar.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS: Each Friday during Lent at 6.30pm, there will be the Way of the Cross (Stations of the Cross), followed by a Service of Reconciliation, Adoration, and Confessions.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING DAYS: **The last training Day for Alter Servers is on Saturday 5th April at 12 noon.** It will be a rehearsal for altar servers for Holy Week. Please be there on time.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO THE HOMELESS: The Coptics at St Nicholas' church distribute sandwiches and food to the homeless each Monday at Manor Park Library 8.15pm-10.00pm. They start at St Mary and St George Coptic Orthodox Church, aka St Nicholas church, 21 Gladding Road E12 5DD from 7:00-8:00pm for food preparation and distribute the food from 8:15-10:00pm in front of Manor Park Library. **They give sandwiches, fruits, crisps, cupcakes, hot soup, and hot drinks.** They also sometimes give **clothes and some toiletries.** If you would like to volunteer to help them or donate food, etc., then please contact us by telephone Fr Tony (0208-478-1895) or by emailing Fr Tony at: manorpark@brcdt.org. Or contact Halim, the Coptics' secretary at: halim.salama@aon.co.uk. To find when you can help or deliver food to St Nicholas' church.

MARY'S MEALS & FOREIGN CURRENCY: **There are more envelopes at the back of the church to put your foreign notes and coins in.**

SURGERY: The Surgery has recommenced and will be held each Monday 5.30 – 6.30 pm. If you have anything you need to discuss like Sacraments, inquiries or any other issues, etc, then please come along.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: We are trying to restart the SVP again and so we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in joining the SVP, then contact Martina or myself at the email: manorpark@brcdt.org

CARD READER: Just a reminder that there is now a Card Reader or DCP (Digital Collection Plate) at the back of the church for parishioners to use. It will give you the facility to pay whatever you wish for the first or second collections, as well as things like the building fund, or sales from the Repository. There is no charge for you when you use it.

FREE TINS OF PAINT: The caretaker of St Winefride's school is clearing out tins of paint. If you are interested in taking them, then contact St Winefride's school on the number at the top of the Newsletter.

CARITAS NEWHAM DEANERY: In the coming weeks and months, we are **still looking** for volunteers to give advice for the people of the parish on Legal, Benefits, and Housing issues. It would help if the volunteers had some form of experience in the DWP, the LB Newham Housing and Social Care, and any charities. We are seeking a Parish Representative to oversee the group, a Legal Advisor, Benefits Advisor, Housing Advisor, Social & Medical Care Advisor, Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support, Family Support, Educational Needs, and an Advisor on Charities that can help. If you are interested, then please email Fr Tony Grant at: manorpark@brcdt.org Or sign up at the back of the church.

GIFT AID FORMS: There are Gift Aid Boxes for those who are signed up for Gift Aid. Please, after Mass, check out the boxes at the back of the church.

ST WINEFRIDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL has Nursery and Pre-School places available for children aged 2 and up. To check your eligibility please go to <https://www.gov.uk/check-eligible-free-childcare-if-youre-working> or <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds-claim-benefits>. Fee paying places are also available. For vacancies in other year groups, including Reception for September 2025, please call the school on **0208-478-0510** for more details.

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Date	7/4/25	14/4/2025	21/4/2025	28/4/2025	5/5/2025
	St Matthew	St Mark	St Luke	St Matthew	St Mark

