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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Dear friends in Christ

This weekend we come to Palm Sunday, and so begins the holiest week of the entire Church calendar, leading as it does to the most important celebration in the entire year of the Church, the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. The full narrated Passion reading begins to set the scene as we hear about the Lord's mock trial and the cruel taunts and shouts of the crowd, leading eventually to his crucifixion and death. These next few days are a wonderful opportunity to enter more deeply into prayer and the contemplation of the love of God revealed in Jesus. Remembering that Our Lady stood at the foot of the cross, let us ask her to pray for us and with over the next few days.

Schedule for the next few days

The morning schedule will be as normal on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with rosary and Mass. On Thursday Mass is at 8.00pm and is the Mass of the Lord's Supper with watching until 11.00pm

On Friday, Good Friday, the main service is the Service of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm, with the Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Stations of the Cross starting at 7.00pm.

The Easter Vigil starts in the garden at 8.00pm on Saturday and Mass on Easter Sunday is at the normal Sunday time of 10.00am.

All of this information is also printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Good Friday walk of witness

The Good Friday Christian Walk of Witness takes place as usual this year and we have the opportunity to witness to our Christian faith with our friends from the other Christian denominations. I will be participating and I would love to see parishioners join me in this. Please meet near Saint Nicholas at 10.45am.

Doreen Hind RIP

At the time of writing, Thursday evening, the only news we have heard about our late friend Doreen is that she has been referred to the Coroner's office. More news will be given when we hear it ourselves.

God Bless you all, Fr Eamonn

Our Lady of Canvey Liturgical Timetable

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Saturday 13th April

5:15pm: Confessions 6:00pm Mass: Pro Populo

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday 14th April

9:15am: Confessions 10:00am Mass: Mary Quinn (RIP)

Monday in Holy Week

Monday 15th April

9:30am: Rosary 9:50am Mass: Kit Kilford (Ints)

Tuesday in Holy Week

Tuesday 16th April

9:30am: Rosary 9:50am Mass: Leontine Cox (RIP)

7:00pm: Healing Mass

Wednesday in Holy Week

Wednesday 17th April

9:30am: Rosary 9:50am Mass: Pat Martin & Family (Ints)

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 18th April

8:00pm: Mass of the Lords Supper: William Brennan (Ints)

Watching with the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm

Mass of the Lords Supper

Friday 19th April

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00pm: Mary Hughes (91st Birthday)

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Holy Saturday

Saturday 20th April

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm: Fr James McCormack (RIP)

The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 21st April

9:15am: Confessions 10:00am Mass: Pro Populo

Senior Citizens Quiz Night – Saturday 4th May 7.30pm-Late £5 adults & children free under 14. All proceeds go to Parish funds. For more information or to book please contact Myra 01268 510193 or Lynn on 01268 680700

Goodwill Club – The Goodwill Club have now started in the Parish hall. They will be in there every Friday from 7-10pm & it is open to anyone who is interested. Entrance fee is £3 & they do different things each week which are bingo, sequence dancing & much more & they even do holidays & day trips out. They currently have around 40 people attending. Your first session to try it is completely **FREE** so come along & find out more!

St Vincent De Paul (SVP) – The SVP have space available for new members. Anyone interested in joining the SVP please give your contact details to Fr Eamonn who will pass this on to a member who will then contact you. They meet every two weeks in the Parish meeting room for a maximum of one hour. For more information on what the SVP do please visit <https://www.svp.org.uk/what-we-do>

Friendship Club – The Friendship Club meet the last Friday of each month in the Parish meeting room at the back of the Parish office 1:15-3:00pm & are a group of ladies that come together for a chat with tea/coffee & cakes/sandwiches provided.

Legion of Mary –The Legion of Mary meet every Monday morning in the Church at 10:30am following Mass. We are always looking for new members to join us. If you are interested in or would like more information on what is involved please contact Cathy on 01268 691323.

Offertory Collection – The Offertory collection for the weekend was **£206.40** of which **£386.04** was Gift Aided. Many thanks for your generous donations.

Grotto Water Feature Memorial Garden – The water feature is now up & running so we are now going to tidying up the garden area next to it & the plaques will be ordered. Can we now ask if you would like a plaque & have put your name down that you give the money to Fr Eamonn or the Parish office so we can start to order. We need the exact names for the plaques & it is two names per plaque due to the size. Many thanks.

500 Club – Many thanks for your continued support. Anyone wishing to join there is still time to join for the coming year. All are welcome! Forms are available & I will be collecting this year's subscriptions after Masses for the next few weeks. Congratulations to 166 – Cliff Larman on winning 1st prize, 15 – Joan Dettke 2nd prize & 16 – Sid Doe on 3rd prize. . Look forward to seeing you. God bless Eileen.

St Nicholas Church Stations of the Cross – We have been invited to St Nicholas Church for their Stations of the Cross at 8pm. All welcome!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND – Carol Tebbitt, Ernie McSweeney, Joan Dettke, Elizabeth Roche, Peter Brand, Peggy Fearn, Kit Kilford, Meryl Ponder, Kathy Rose, Shirley Chrichton, Joseph Sullivan, Maureen Pring, June Fen, Elizabeth O'Connell, Fr. Jean-Laurent Marie, Clare Ashford, Pat Collins, Joseph Pisani, Edward Horton, Patrick O'Brien, Peter Holland, Michael De Cruz, Lorraine Ballin, Matt Bynorth, Marie McDonagh, Winnie Holland, Dorothy Feary, Bridie George, Michael Lamberti, Maureen & Eddie Preshaw



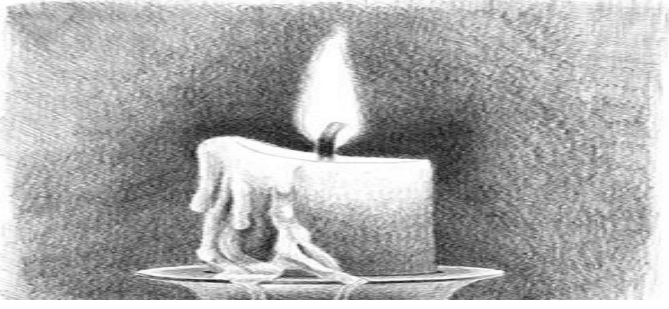
Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Anniversary Concert: We are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' have agreed to hold an Anniversary Concert for us on Saturday 15th June 2019 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. Early bird tickets are available now at a special price of £15 plus booking fee until 1st March after which all tickets will be £20 plus fee. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite - www.eventbrite.co.uk - look for **The Priests** under **Event**, or click the link on our website www.bccs.org.uk under **Our 35th Anniversary/Anniversary Events**. We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment.

Blues Brothers Tribute Act Summer Garden Party - On Saturday 29th June the Parish will be hosting a Blues Brother's Tribute Act Summer Garden Party from 1.30-5.30pm. Entertainer Gary Allen has recently started up a Blues Brothers tribute act along with another fellow entertainer so we have booked them for this hugely popular act. This will be hosted in the Parish garden similar to the 80s celebration & we will have a BBQ & Pimms available & we also invite anybody who would like to set up stalls in the hall that day. Anybody who wishes to run a stall please let one of the Social Committee know whether it be cakes, brik a brak or anything else. Tickets are priced at £5 per adult & £3 child as we would need to just cover the cost of the entertainer & BBQ. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society - Has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 27th May 2019. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.

St Helen's Parish, Westcliff-on-Sea is celebrating its 150th Anniversary in May with the following events: On Friday 24th May there will be a mass at 5:30pm followed by a special dinner with Bishop Alan Williams at 7pm in celebration of all the couples who were married at St. Helen's Church over the years. Please contact the office on 01702 342324 for tickets. On Saturday 25th May from 6 to 8:15pm there will be a concert featuring beautiful songs, instrumentals and dance by talented young people from Brentwood Diocesan schools and churches. No tickets required but there will be an opportunity to make a donation. Coffee and cake will be available in the hall during the interval. On Saturday 26th May there will be an International Food Festival starting with a cultural show at 12pm. Adult £8/ Children £3 (please contact the office on 01702 342324).

*The Sanctuary lamp burns for
Doreen Hind RJP*



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Catholic Singles is an organization - Helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

Aylesford 2019 – Date for your diary. Aylesford has been booked for Saturday 8th June this year so save the date. More details will follow.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society – Children and families are now able to access direct therapeutic support in one of our clinics. Sessions take place **after school or at an evening clinic** at our counselling suites in Rayleigh. Our highly experienced counsellors provide support directly to the whole family or to children and adolescents on a 1:1 basis. If you are concerned that your child may need someone to talk to, please contact Catherine on cmunns@bccs.org.uk. There is a sessional charge, so please enquire.

Zumba kid's classes - Are designed exclusively for children aged 4-6 years and 7-11 years to combine music, movement and community in a class. These are high energy and packed with specially choreographed child-friendly routines with music children will love. Zumba kids inspires children to express themselves through movement and play while effectively improving their overall health and well-being. These classes suit all abilities and includes dance, music and games. Classes are in the Parish hall. Class times: 4-6 years 4.15-5.00pm £5, 7-11 years 5.15-6.15 £5.50. Contact Jemma on 07985275025 for more information.

Father's Day – We will be showing the 1966 World Cup in the hall with breakfast bap & tea/coffee & this will be directly after Mass on the Sunday 16th June. There will be a list at the back of the church for you to put your name down nearer the time.

The Billericay Padre Pio Prayer - Invites you to a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, CM14 5SH on Mercy Sunday, 28th April 2019. Arrival from 10.30 am for 11 am start. Mass will be at 12 noon. Confession available. The day will end at 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Ring Claire Wallis on 01277 658783 if you require further information. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Easter Lillies – If you would like an Easter Lily for your loved one this Easter they are £3 per stem with a maximum of two names per stem. The envelopes will be at the back of the church in the Easter Lilly box. Names will then be displayed in an A3 frame on the altar. **THE ORDER FOR THE LILLIES IS BEING PICKED UP ON WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL SO YOU HAVE UNTIL TUESDAY TO ORDER YOUR STEM & GIVE YOUR NAMES**



THE NEXT COFFEE MORNING IS THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE COFFEE MORNING ON SUNDAY 28TH APRIL AFTER MASS

Parish Events

Sunday 28th April – Social Committee Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Saturday 4th May – Senior Citizens Quiz Night for Parish (7.30pm til late)

Sunday 5th May – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Sunday 19th May – Social Committee Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Sunday 2nd June – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Saturday 8th June – Aylesford Parish Pilgrimage

Sunday 16th June – Social Committee Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Saturday 29th June – Blues Brothers Tribute Act Summer Garden Party – (1.30-5.30)

Sunday 7th July – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Sunday 14th July – Social Committee Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Sunday 6th August – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Sunday 1st September – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Sunday 15th September – Senior Citizens Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Sunday 22nd September – Social Committee Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Saturday 5th October – Senior Citizens Quiz Night (7.30-Late)

Sunday 6th October – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Sunday 13th October – Social Committee Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Saturday 19th October – Irish Night with Dave White (7.30pm til late)

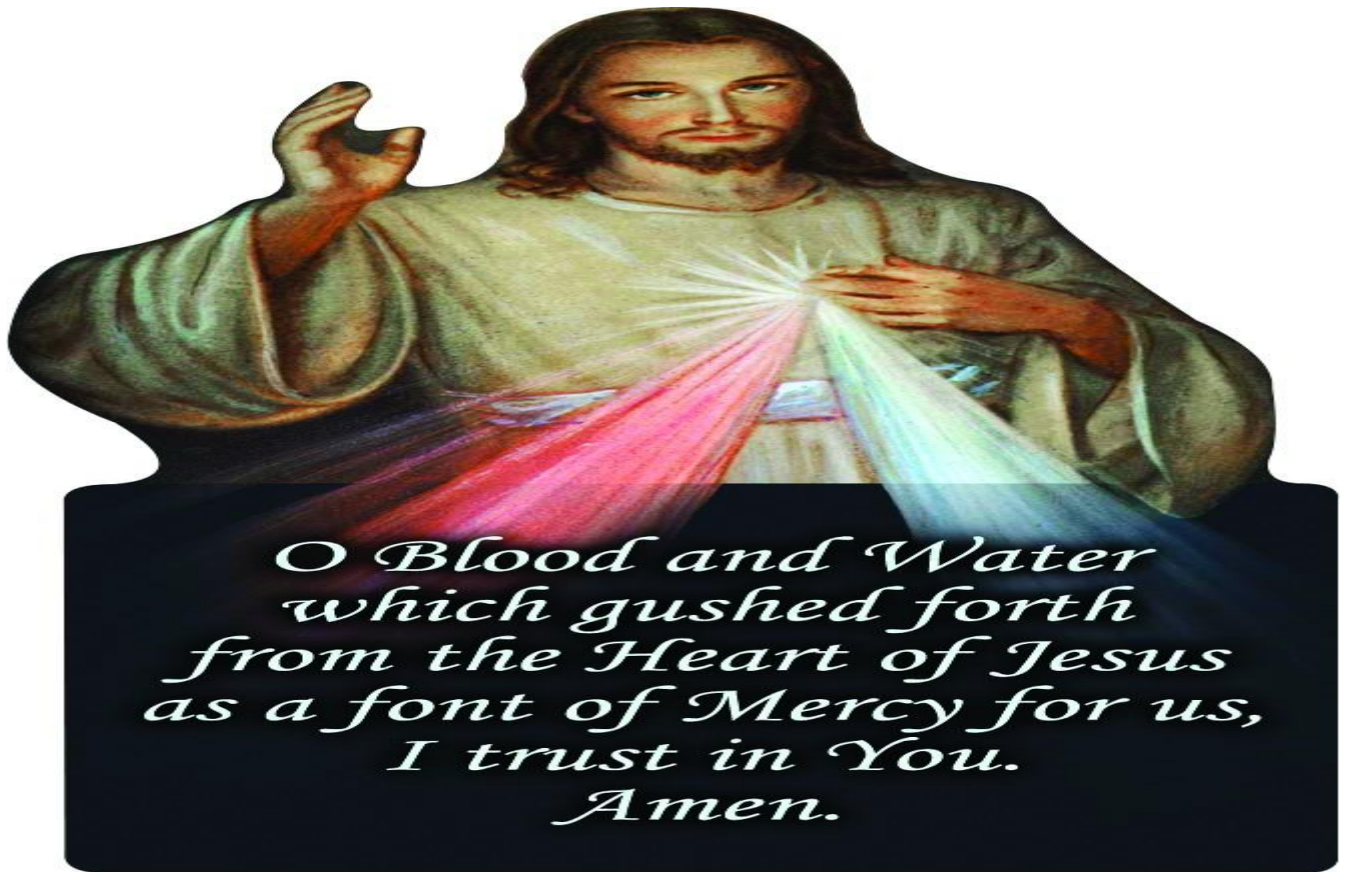
Sunday 27th October – Senior Citizens Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Sunday 10th November – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Sunday 17th November – Social Committee Coffee Morning (After Mass)

Sunday 1st December – Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner

Sunday 7th December – SVP Coffee Morning (After Mass)



Divine Mercy novena

The Feast of Divine Mercy, as defined by Jesus to Saint Faustina, falls on the Sunday following Easter Sunday. For those who wish to prepare with the novena, this begins on Good Friday with the chaplet to be said every day in between. Leaflets for this are available for those who want one are in the porch of the church. A nominal charge of 50 pence can, if desired, be donated to the repository, which will help cover the cost of postage and packaging.

Healing Mass of the Resurrection (family tree)

There will be a healing Mass of the resurrection, otherwise known as a family tree healing, on Tuesday the 16th of April, starting at 7.00pm with rosary. The full schedule is as follows:

7.00pm Rosary, with preliminary prayers for family tree healing

7.30pm Mass

8.15pm family tree prayers after Mass with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, chaplet and prayers for healing

Those who wish to do so are invited to sketch out their family lines on paper and place this on the altar, otherwise just come and submit them in your hearts. All are welcome.

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, part 2!

Last week we were the hosts of the joint celebration of Stations of the Cross, this Monday, the 15th of April, our friends next door are the hosts! Once again, it would be great to see a good representation of people from Our Lady of Canvey! As last week, we begin at 8.00pm and all are welcome.



Holy Places collection

Bishop Alan has asked us to remember especially the Holy Places in our hearts and prayers this year and to give whatever practical help we can in terms of the Good Friday Holy Places collection, especially in view of the very troubled current situation. Leonardo Cardinal Sandri writes: "The Church of Jerusalem [...] occupies a place of predilection in the solicitude of the Holy See and in the concern of the whole Christian world, even as interest for the Holy Places, and in particular for the city of Jerusalem, also emerges in the highest assemblies of the nations and important international organizations [...]. This attention is demanded even more nowadays by the serious religious, political and social problems existing there". Even today, the Middle East is witnessing a process that has torn apart the relations between the peoples of the region, creating a situation of such injustice that hoping for peace seems almost rash.....In order for the two-thousand-year-old Christian origins and continuing presence in Palestine to not only survive but even actively consolidate and work for the other communities with which it must live, it is necessary for Christians from all over the world to show their generosity, bringing to the Church of Jerusalem the charity of their prayers, the warmth of their understanding and the tangible sign of their solidarity".

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Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 18th April – 8:00pm Mass of the Lords Supper & watching with the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm

Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) 19th April – 3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Easter Vigil Mass Saturday 20th April – Holy Saturday 8:00pm

Easter Sunday 21st April – Mass 10:00am