CATHEDRAL OF ST MARY AND ST HELEN
HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
Sunday 24th March 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
Sunday 31st March 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
Sunday 7th April 2019

Please ensure that you are aware of the position of all the emergency FIRE EXIT doors in the Cathedral

MASS TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES for each week can now be found on the noticeboard in the Cathedral narthex and at the back of Holy Cross Church and on also the parish website.

PLEASE NOTE this newsletter covers three weekends; please keep your copy to hand for the following two weekends.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED from Monday 25th March and will re-open on Monday 8th April. Mo, the parish secretary, is on annual leave.

DEANERY CLERGY RETREAT to Valladolid Monday 25th – Thursday 28th March. Fr Martin will be the only priest available during this time.

THANK YOU for the collection on the weekend of 16th/17th March: £3,835.49 of which £2,849.25 was Gift Aided; also for the second collection for CAFOD: £1561.53 of which £781.50 was Gift Aided. Thank you for your continued generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings and for your support of the parish.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 a.m. MASS today will be hosted by St Helen’s Parents Association; the following weekends will be the turn of the Rainbows pre-school group, Parish and Communities Events (PACE) team and the First Holy Communion group respectively.

GIFT AID BOXES are now available for collection from the narthex of the Cathedral; if any Holy Cross donors are unable to get to the Cathedral to collect boxes, please let Lorna Green know (01277 205923) and she will arrange for them to be delivered to Holy Cross. Please collect boxes as soon as possible.

JUST A REMINDER that the clocks will go forward one hour next Sunday 31st March at 1.00 a.m.

40 HOURS OF CONTINUOUS PRAYER AND MEDITATION will begin at 7.00 p.m. on 28th March
and finish at the 9.15 a.m. Mass on Saturday 30th March.
Will you give the Lord one hour in prayer and adoration?
Can the men of the parish and any women protect our Lord and guard the Cathedral by giving an hour during the night shift?
Can our older children give fifteen minutes and younger children five minutes to Jesus?
Please sign up for one hour on the 40 Hour poster.
In order to safeguard the Blessed Sacrament and the Cathedral we need a minimum of ten people for each hour.
Holy Hour candles will be on sale after Sunday Masses during Lent.
Please write your prayer intention on a sticker and place on your candle and bring it along to the 40 Hours.

GIFT AID APPEAL: On the weekend of 30/31st March there will be an appeal to encourage all tax payers in the parish to Gift Aid their offering. Gift Aid allows
you to increase the value of your gifts to the church at no additional cost to yourself. If you are UK taxpayers, we can reclaim from HMRC Charities the basic rate tax paid on your gifts, boosting them by 25%. A gift of £10 from a Gift Aid donor is worth £12.50 to your church. So, please, please speak to a member of the GIFT AID team after Mass this weekend and play your part in securing the financial future of the parish.

LOVE IN ACTION GROUP This newly formed group will promote the social teaching of the Church in our parish community. This group will meet on the last Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral Conference Centre; the next meeting will be 27th March. If you are interested in practical ways of living your faith, please come along.

THE SCRUTINIES On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent we will celebrate the “scrutinies” of the elect as they prepare for baptism at the Easter Vigil. But what is a scrutiny? The purpose of each scrutiny is “to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect” and “to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright and good....For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ.” (RCIA 141) In other words, it is Jesus who scrutinizes the elect, whom he loves and calls to himself. For the elect, the scrutinies are grace-filled encounters with the healing power of the Spirit.

Please pray for the elect and all those who will receive the Easter sacraments. Please make a very special effort to attend the Easter Vigil, the highpoint of the Church’s life, at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday 20th April.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS. Do you play a musical instrument? Do you enjoy singing? If so, this is an opportunity to use your musical gifts to help the whole community better worship and give praise to God. We are looking to develop a new music group for the 9.30 am Sunday Mass. We are planning to have just four rehearsals throughout the year where we can practise music and learn new pieces.

The first rehearsal is on Sunday 7th April - 3.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. in the Cathedral where we will rehearse music that will be used in our Sunday liturgies from Easter to Pentecost. Please put the date in your diary. Let Fr Martin know you plan to be there. If you are interested please contact Fr Martin.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO JOHN AND IRIS FUHR who have been longstanding, faithful and active parishioners at Holy Cross church. John has been a sacristan at Holy Cross where he has ensured that all is prepared and ready for the reverent celebration of our sacred liturgies. Now that John and Iris are moving, we thank them for all they have given our parish community. May the Lord richly bless them for their goodness and generosity.

HOLY HOUR OF SILENT PRAYER before the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Monday from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. Please note there will be no Holy Hour on Monday 25th March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday evening in the Cathedral 7.00 – 7.45 p.m. Please make a special effort to come to, at least, one of the Friday night Stations of the Cross during Lent.

THE ROSARY takes place after the 9.15 a.m. Mass every Saturday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday morning 11.00 – 12 noon.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALK IN LONDON on the evening of Wednesday, 10th April. Do you want to learn more about the history of the Catholic Faith and its relationship with central London? Meet at Westminster Cathedral at 18.15. You will need to be physically able for a good walk. The nearest tube station for Westminster Cathedral is Victoria. The cost for each person, excluding transport, would be £5.00. If you are interested, please sign up on the list in the narthex and at the back of Holy Cross by Monday 25th March.

PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN’S PASSION PLAY At the 9.30 a.m. Mass on 14th April, our children will act out in word, song and drama the Passion of Jesus. If your child would like to be involved in this dramatisation, please put your name and a contact email address on the sign-up sheet in the narthex and Holy Cross Church. There will be a rehearsal after the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 7th. Every child is welcome to take part in this special dramatisation.

On Palm Sunday, please gather with the donkey outside the Cathedral offices at 9.15 a.m. for a 9.30 a.m. start.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. Come and experience the forgiveness and healing of Christ. There will be a number of priests available for confessions.

EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE If you would like to place a small card in amongst the flowers then put the card with a message and a donation (if you wish) and hand it in to Clergy house marked ‘Easter Flowers’; the flower ladies will place the card amongst the flowers at Easter.

SOUP AND CHAT LUNCH every Wednesday during Lent (apart from Holy Week) 12.00 – 2.00 p.m. in the small Parish Hall. All are welcome. So we have an idea of numbers, please sign up at the back of Cathedral and Holy Cross if you would like to come. Voluntary donation with all proceeds going to homeless charities. Thank you for your support.

THE PASSION PAINTINGS BY ANDREW WHITE

Andrew White was born in Louth, Lincolnshire in 1968. Andrew spent two years studying at Lincoln College of Art and Design from where he won a place at the Slade School of Art in 1986. Here he won first prize for best traditional painting.

The Passion paintings are artistic meditations on Christ’s redemptive suffering. The beauty of the paintings and the intensity of feeling behind each image reveals how the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ are saving mysteries that the whole of humanity is caught up in.

PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THE PAINTINGS AND BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO KNOCK THEIR STANDS.

Do you want to reflect deeply more on The Passion paintings? Fr Martin will provide a guide to the paintings on the following dates:

- Sunday 31st March 5.00 – 6.00 p.m. in the Cathedral
- Wednesday 10th April 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. in the Cathedral

FR MARTIN IS SLEEPING OUTSIDE from Friday 12th April 2019 - Saturday 13th April in solidarity with those 307,000 homeless people in our country (according to homeless charity, Shelter). Please sponsor Fr Martin on the sheets in the Cathedral narthex or at the back of Holy Cross. You can also sponsor him by donating online https://bcys.net/sleepout-donations/ and put Fr Martin’s name in the reference box. All money raised will go towards supporting the homeless charities on the Caritas Brentwood website (50%), especially helping homeless people to have food and shelter in the coldest months of the year and young people in our Diocese (50%), especially helping young people in financial need to attend pilgrimages and events.

Will you join Fr Martin? For more information about the 1000 person sleep-out go to https://bcys.net/events/sponsored-sleepout-walsingham-house-abbotswick/ and for further details of the homeless charities please go to https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/charities/?cause=homeless.

RETREAT IN SCOTLAND Would you like to join Fr Martin on retreat at the beautiful Benedictine abbey of Pluscarden, Elgin, Scotland? For more information please go to https://www.pluscardenabbey.org/newsandevents/2019/3/2019-pentecost-lectures.

OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS go to Alison Fong San Pin and Check Wai Ma who were married recently in the Cathedral. May the Lord who has sealed their marriage grant them the graces to live their high calling with profound joy, serenity and love.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY Jack Walpole and Betty Watson who were baptised recently; please remember the children and their parents “the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of Faith”.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL

Wednesday 17 April  Mass of Chrism at 7.00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday 18 April 8.00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper with washing of feet Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight

Good Friday 19 April – a day of fasting and abstinence for those in good health

Stations of the Cross for Children in the Cathedral Parish Hall at 9.30 a.m.

Morning Prayer in the Cathedral at 9.45 a.m.

Ecumenical Walk of Witness from St Thomas’s church at 10.30 a.m.

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion with veneration of the Cross at 3.00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral 7.30 p.m.

Easter Saturday 20 April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.

Confessions 11.00 – 12 noon

Polish blessing of Easter Food 12.30 pm

THE GREAT AND HOLY VIGIL OF EASTER at 8.30 p.m.

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Darkness vanishes forever! Alleluia!

PLEASE MAKE A VERY SPECIAL EFFORT TO ATTEND THE EASTER VIGIL

Easter Sunday 21 April

Masses at 8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Mass at Holy Cross, Warley at 10.30 am

Please note that there is no evening Mass
UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP The Upper Room Prayer Group will next meet on Thursday 11th April in the Upper Room of the Cathedral from 8.00 – 9.15 p.m. A time of prayer, praise, reflection and intercession. For further details, please call Chris 07974 702771 or Gabrielle 07817 515207 or email: upperroompq@gmail.com.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A SACRISTAN AT HOLY CROSS? If so, please contact Fr Martin for more information

CHORAL VESPERS is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m. and Fridays at 6.15 p.m. (during term time only). All are welcome.

JEWELLERY HANDED IN We have been handed two rings that were found in the Cathedral car park on the morning of Thursday 14th March; if you think these may be yours, please call the office on 01277 265235.

LOST PROPERTY We have many items of lost property; if you think you may have left an item in the Cathedral, please email or drop a note through the door of Clergy House giving your contact details and a description of the item. Please be aware that any unclaimed items will be taken to a charity shop on 15th April.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK is available to anyone who is gravely ill or about to have an operation, so if you know someone who would like to receive this important sacrament then please speak to a member of the clergy or ring the office on 01277 265235.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS: If you know anyone who is unable to come to Mass but would still like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please contact Clergy House so we can add them to our Sick visits list.

CATHEDRAL PARISH HALLS and ST PETER’S HALL BOOKINGS: Please email Dawn Cockerton at patrickdawn8@aol.com or phone her on 07756 765567.

PARISH DIARY

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL and HOLY CROSS

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Tuesday 2nd April         7.00 p.m. | The Brentwood School Concert | Cathedral |
Wednesday 3rd April       6.30 p.m. | Choral Vespers               | Cathedral |
Thursday 4th April        5.30 p.m.  | Mass                         | Grange     |
Friday 5th April          10.30 a.m. and 12 Noon | Brentwood Ursuline School Holy Week Services | Cathedral |
Saturday 6th April        6.15 p.m.  | Choral Vespers               | Cathedral |
                      7.00 p.m.  | Stations of the Cross        | Cathedral   |
Sunday 7th April          1.00 p.m.  | Baptism of Saffron Driscoll   | Cathedral |
                      3.00 p.m.  | Choir Rehearsal              | Cathedral   |
                      4.00 p.m.  | Confirmation Programme       | Hall        |
Monday 8th April          7.30 p.m.  | Holy Hour and Exposition     | Cathedral   |
Tuesday 9th April         7.30 p.m.  | Parish Lent Reconciliation Service | Cathedral   |
Wednesday 10th April     6.30 p.m.  | Choral Vespers               | Cathedral   |
                        7.30 p.m.  | Rehearsal for Concert        | Cathedral   |
Thursday 11th April      5.30 p.m.  | Mass                         | The Grange   |
                        7.45 p.m.  | Upper Room Prayer Group      | Upper Rm     |
                        8.00 p.m.  | Journey in Faith Group - Rehearsal | Cathedral   |
Friday 12th April        6.15 p.m.  | Choral Vespers               | Cathedral   |
                        7.00 p.m.  | Stations of the Cross        | Cathedral   |
Saturday 13th April      11.00 a.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation   | Cathedral   |
                        7.00 p.m.  | Lenten Concert               | Cathedral   |

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:— Please pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners and friends, including: Lawrence Allum, Sheila Barnett, Bridget Barron, Hermine Bayley, Carmen Blackett, Sr Eileen Bolger, Stacey Bosley, Josephteine Brooks, Toni Bryson, Beryl de Prazer, Charles Carlton, Phil Carr, John Carroll, Michael Clifford, John Collins, Linda Cooper, Sharon Cornell, David, Patricia Decup, Baby Arthur Fleming, Rebecca Florendo, Ron Fuhr, Concetta Hall, Arthur Hollingshead, Tom Horan, Rita Hornsby, Ann Hurcumbe, Jess Joseph, Billy Jones, James Joseph, Mary Kavanagh, Brian Kelleher, Veronica Kelleher, Marion Kelly, Ronald Lee, James Mackevey, Tony Maule, Anita McDonald-Liggins, Diarmuid McMahon, Betty McManimon, Baby Michael, Eliane Moss, Kathleen Murnane, Michael Murphy, Barney O’Driscoll, Maura O’Flynn-Iffland, Phoebe O’Flynn-Lynch, Kathleen O’Harte, Siobhan O’Leary, Babs Page, Debbie and Brian Perrett, James Quilligan, Mary Robinson, Ted Rogers, Anne Rowe, Pat Shaw, Robin Shenton, Daisy Simpson, Bernard Slater, Rosemary Spooner, David Spring, Marie Stack, Sarah Storer, Patricia Swadling, TCT, Tim, Donald Walker, Fr John Warrington, Maria Wallis, Celine Wells, Wendy, Louisa Whiteman, and all our sick in Marillac, Mascal, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartswood Hospitals and St Francis Hospice.
MASS INTENTIONS for Saturday 23rd March to Sunday 31st March:

23 March
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Intentions of Fr Fergus Kelly

6.30 p.m. Holy Cross
People of the Parish

24 March
8.00 a.m. Cathedral
Mary Boyce R.I.P.

9.30 a.m. Cathedral
Intentions of Nancy Howard

10.00 a.m. Marillac
William Lucid R.I.P.

11.30 a.m. Cathedral
Intentions of Valerie Neill

6.30 p.m. Cathedral
Paddy and Rose Ward R.I.P.

25 March
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Gwen Sankey R.I.P.

26 March
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Johanna McMahon R.I.P.

27 March
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Maureen Mackay R.I.P.

28 March
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Mary Gallagher R.I.P.

5.30 p.m. Grange
Peter Curran R.I.P.

29 March
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Philip Apicella R.I.P.

30 March
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Keith Lloyd R.I.P.

6.30 p.m. Holy Cross
Roy Wood R.I.P.

31 March
8.00 a.m. Cathedral
Ryan Musy R.I.P.

9.30 a.m. Cathedral
John Sultana R.I.P.

10.00 a.m. Marillac
Jacqui Kelly R.I.P.

11.30 a.m. Cathedral
People of the Parish

6.30 p.m. Cathedral
Margaret Pett R.I.P.

MASS INTENTIONS for Monday 1st April to Sunday 7th April:

1 April
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Thomas and Bridget Caden R.I.P.

2 April
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
John Duffy R.I.P.

3 April
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Intentions of
Ann and John Wilkinson

4 April
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Jane Reilly R.I.P.

5 April
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Thomas Robbins R.I.P.

6 April
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Jan and Agnieszka Borsuk R.I.P.

6.30 p.m. Holy Cross
Patrick McGrath R.I.P.

7 April
8.00 a.m. Cathedral
Gerard, Kathleen and Brenda Moran R.I.P.

9.30 a.m. Cathedral
Michael O’Sullivan R.I.P.

10.00 a.m. Marillac
Sean Crowley R.I.P.

11.30 a.m. Cathedral
People of the Parish

6.30 p.m. Cathedral
Stefan Krafcak R.I.P.

MASS INTENTIONS for Monday 8th April to Sunday 14th April:

8 April
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Mary Ruane R.I.P.

9 April
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Mrs Lenihan R.I.P.

10 April
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Jan and Agnieszka Borsuk R.I.P.

11 April
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Intentions of
Tom Carr R.I.P.

5.30 p.m. Grange
James McCready R.I.P.

12 April
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
Intentions of
Moira and Paddy O’Rourke

13 April
9.15 a.m. Cathedral
James and Sheila Hennessy R.I.P.

6.30 p.m. Holy Cross
Kathleen Mary Conoley R.I.P.

14 April
8.00 a.m. Cathedral
Biddy O’Brien R.I.P.

9.30 a.m. Cathedral
People of the Parish

10.00 a.m. Marillac
Pat Hamilton R.I.P.

11.30 a.m. Cathedral
Michael Farrelly R.I.P.

6.30 p.m. Cathedral
Intentions of Mary and Bill Oldham

ANNIVERSARIES - Saturday 23rd March to Sunday 14th April 2019:


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