

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Holy Souls	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention	
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: Joe & Ray Cauty & Family	
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass	
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention	
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners	
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Patrick Irvine RIP	
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>	Mass + Confessions
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mrs Margaret Barker RIP	
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Michael Rush RIP	
	<i>Church</i>	5.30 pm	Polish Reconciliation	
		6.30 pm	Polish Stations of the Cross	
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	Spy Wednesday
	<i>Church</i>	* 8.30 am	Ints: Alice Drew	
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Thursday of Holy Week</b>	Maundy Thursday
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Office of Reading & Morning Prayer	
	<i>Monkwick</i>	6.00 pm	Polish Triduum (Polish)	
	<i>Church</i>	8.00 pm	Thanksgiving (AT)	
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Office of Reading & Morning Prayer	
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Children's Stations of the Cross	
	<i>Church</i>	3.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord	
	<i>Mile End</i>	12.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	
	<i>Monkwick</i>	3.00 pm	Polish Triduum (Polish)	
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Office of Reading & Morning Prayer	
	<i>Monkwick</i>	8.00 pm	Polish Triduum (Polish)	
<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B)</b>				
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Bridget Lloyd	Solemn Vigil of Easter
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention	
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: Monica, Adrian Galvin + Family	
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass	
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention	
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners	
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP	



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Week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

The events of the Passion are many and all have a significance. A thought about just one moment. Jesus in his examinations deflects questions or is silent, except for the direct question of the chief priest, 'Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?' to which he gives the clear answer, 'I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven'. Here Jesus claims to be the Messiah, the Son of God (the Blessed One) and Son of man, who will rule his Kingdom from heaven. His testimony is given before the supreme council of the Jews and it is rejected by the chief priest and the rest of the Sanhedrin; an official rejection we could say. His words are prophetic, the council members will see the coming of the Kingdom in his Resurrection and the spectacular growth of the Church, though the Kingdom is also rejected by them. Nevertheless, his Kingdom continues to grow to this day. The opening words of St. Mark, 'The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God' culminate in Jesus' statement. We are very familiar with the Gospel, try to imagine its impact on someone hearing it for the first time, or indeed, in this Holy Week find the time to read the whole of St. Mark's Gospel in one sitting.

Fr. Chris

\* MASS ON SPY WEDNESDAY (27<sup>th</sup> March) IS AT 8.30AM AND NOT 9.30AM

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT MONKWICK EASTER WEEKEND.

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## PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

<b>DAILY (Mon-Fri)</b>	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<b>at 8.45 am</b>
<b>DAILY</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>at 9.15 am</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 8.00 pm</b>



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: For New Martyrs.** Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE, ISRAEL & UKRAINE.** God of hope and mercy, protect all who are in any form of danger; provide practical help to those in need; strengthen the weary, console the grieving, heal the suffering; and bless those engaged in disaster relief efforts with safety and courage. Amen.



**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15) *Today is all we have.* Today let us reflect on what is really important in our marriages. In this day and age the cost of living can create anxieties and tensions about making ends meet. So today, let's hold hands, look at each other, and celebrate our love, which joins us together as a 'sign' of God's love for everyone.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Jimmy Clarin, Jason Christopher McLean, Grace McCartney, Diana Iven, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Joyce Wrobel, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Jason McLean, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Maureen R. We also pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

† **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Belson and Michael John Rush who have both recently passed away. The parish community offers John and Michael's family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS:** The annual collection for the SVP is on Maundy Thursday (28<sup>th</sup> March), and on Good Friday (29<sup>th</sup> March) there will be a collection for Holy places for the upkeep of the places in the Holy Land. Thank you.

**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 Chris and Fr Philip are the beneficiaries, since this collection forms the main part of their personal annual income. Thank you.

**'BISHOP ALAN LISTENS' RESEARCH REPORT.** To see the responses of hundreds of Catholics across our diocese and hear what Bishop Alan heard. <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/results-of-bishop-alan-listens-research-report/>

**MASS FOR PAULINE OKOLI RIP:** Fr Philip will be holding a Mass for his mother Pauline on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** at St James the Less & St Helen Church at **7.00pm**. Please see poster in Church Porch/Facebook for bring a plate suggestions for reception in hall after Mass.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024:** Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come, and wish to reserve a seat on the coach – please add your name to the Coach Seat Reservation list, which can be found on a clipboard in the Church Porch. A 53-seat coach will be picking up from East Hill near the corner of Priory Street at 07:45 for 8:00am departure, with tickets at £17.00 per person, payable on the coach for those who have reserved seats. Please bring a packed lunch, as the cafeteria at Walsingham will be very busy

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2024

Date	Time	Service	Location
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 am	Mass & Confessions	Priory Street
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 am	Mass	Priory Street
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30 am	Mass	Priory Street
<b>EASTER TRIDUUM</b>			
28 <sup>th</sup> March:	9.30 am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
	8.00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watching until Midnight	Priory Street
29 <sup>th</sup> March:	9.30 am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
	10.30 am	Children's Stations of Cross	Priory Street
	3.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion of The Lord	Priory Street
	12.00 pm	Stations of Cross	Mile End
30 <sup>th</sup> March:	9.30 am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
	6.30 pm	Solemn Vigil of Easter	Priory Street
31 <sup>st</sup> March:	<b>EASTER SUNDAY (THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD)</b>		
	Masses at usual Sunday times		
	[There will be no Mass at Monkwick]		
1 <sup>st</sup> April:	10.00 am	Mass	Priory Street

**HOPE AND HEALING FUND:** Friends of the Holy Land have set up a Hope & Healing on the Journey through Holy Week fund raising page to provide life-saving support to the 820 Christians trapped in Gaza as well as emergency financial aid to those most in need in Gaza <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

**POLISH FOOD BLESSING:** This will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 1pm-2pm.

**YOUTH MASS, THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2024:** Celebrating the Easter week with a Praise and Worship Music Workshop. Meet in the Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza and refreshments, before being lead in a music workshop with Art Wangcharoensab from the Cathedral music department. Singing is a wonderful way of praying together, sharing our talents and celebrating our faith, particularly in the joyful week following Easter Sunday! You are welcome to sing, bring an instrument or just listen if you prefer! At 7:30, Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral, where you are also welcome to sing, play, read or serve (just bring along an alb or instrument.) All info can be found at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**AN EVENING WITH THE ROCKIN' REV** on 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at St Teresa's Church Hall, Lexden. There is an evening with the Rockin' Rev, who plays guitar to songs including The Shadows and can be seen on YouTube. The tickets are £15 and include either a fish & chips or chicken & chips supper. Please contact Catherine Offord for tickets on 07971 052441.

**BAPTISMS:** A Godparent must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This means they have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. You only need one Godparent. It does not matter if they are male or female. If you choose two Godparents, traditionally a male and female that meet the requirements for Godparents. There is no provision for more than two godparents.

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Monday 25/03/24: Team 4 / Friday 05/04/24: Team 5  
**COFFEE MORNING:** 24/03/24: Yolande + 1 / 31/03/24: NO COFFEE MORNING