

# Brentwood Cathedral St Mary & St Helen

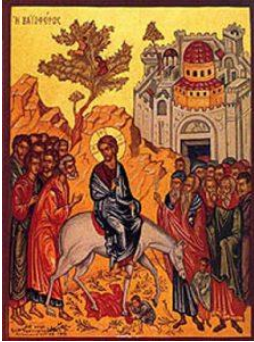


**This is Holy Week 2025**

**Dear Friends in Christ:**

**Preparing for Holy Week 2025**

Today we enter Passiontide and prepare ourselves for Holy Week 2025. This is a most beautiful time of the Church's liturgical year; we retrace those last days of Our Blessed Lord's life, as we journey with Him through His Passion, Death & Resurrection.



**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of our Holy Week 2025.** We will travel with the Lord Jesus on his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, with the cries of 'Hosanna to the Son of David', as they lay their palm branches before him. We also must remember this same crowd in a few days' time will be baying for his blood with cries of 'Crucify him, Crucify him'!

**THE TRIDUUM OF THE LORD:** Is the most powerful liturgy that we experience during the church's liturgical year. I encourage you all to participate fully in these most wonderful celebrations of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.



We share together the Mass of **The Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday**, 8.00 p.m. with the re-enactment of the Mandatum - Washing of Feet, and the Institution of the Holy Eucharist. There will be Watching at the Altar of Repose until 11.00 p.m.

**The Good Friday Liturgy** is simple and sombre, we enter the Cathedral in silence. St John's Passion is read and Veneration of the Cross takes place, we leave in silence. 3.00 p.m.

The high point of the Liturgical Year is **The Easter Vigil** at 8.00 p.m. - it encapsulates the whole story of Salvation History. Listening attentively to the Sacred Scriptures, until we reach that moment in time when Jesus Christ triumphed over sin and death through the Resurrection. At the Vigil, we will baptise three Catechumens and receive into full-communication, five candidates for the Sacraments. This is a very special time in their lives as they commit themselves to Jesus Christ through the Catholic Faith. Please pray for them in these final weeks of preparation.

**May God bless you all during Holy Week**

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES & SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK 2025

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: 12th / 13th April 2025

6.30 p.m.	Cathedral	Blessing of Palms - Vigil Mass
8.00 a.m.	Cathedral	Blessing of Palms
9.30 a.m.	Cathedral	<b>Family Mass - Blessing of Palms</b>
11.30 a.m.	Cathedral	<b>Solemn Sung High Mass</b>
6.30 p.m.	Cathedral	Blessing of Palms

### MONDAY 14th April

9.15 a.m.	Cathedral	Mass followed by Confessions
<b>7.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Cathedral</b>	<b>Parish Lenten Penitential Service</b>

### TUESDAY 15th April

9.15 a.m.	Cathedral	Mass followed by Confessions
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### WEDNESDAY 16th April

11.00 a.m.	<u><b>CHRISM MASS</b></u>	- Brentwood Cathedral
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## THE TRIDUUM

### MAUNDY THURSDAY 17th April 2025

9.15 a.m.	Cathedral, Morning Prayer, / Confessions
<b>8.00 p.m.</b>	<u><b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b></u> <u><b>Cathedral</b></u> Watching until 11.00 p.m. / Confessions

### GOOD FRIDAY 18th April Day of Fasting and Abstinence

9.15 a.m.	Cathedral, Morning Prayer.
9.30 a.m.	Children's Stations of the Cross / Parish Hall
11.00 a.m.	Walk of Witness. Commencing at St Thomas's
<b>3.00 p.m.</b>	<u><b>THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b></u>
7.00 p.m.	Cathedral. Stations of the Cross. Confessions

### HOLY SATURDAY: 19th April 2025

10.00 a.m.	Cathedral Morning Prayer, Tenebrae, Confessions.
12.30 p.m.	<u><b>Swieconka:</b></u> Polish Blessing for Easter Food Baskets
<b>8.00 p.m.</b>	<u><b>Cathedral. THE EASTER VIGIL</b></u> All Welcome

### EASTER SUNDAY 20th April THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

8.00 a.m.	Cathedral, Parish Mass
<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Cathedral, Parish Family Sung Mass</b>
<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Cathedral, Solemn High Sung Mass / Bishop Alan</b>
6.30 p.m.	Cathedral, Parish Mass

# HOLY WEEK 2025

## PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

This Year our Penance Service will be held on Monday 14th April 2025 at 7.30 p.m. with visiting Confessors. I will also schedule Confessions after all the Masses & Services during this coming week and Holy Week. Please try to avail yourselves of the Sacrament in preparation for Easter. Thank you!

## PALM SUNDAY 12th / 13th April

Two of the Sunday Morning Masses 9.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m. will commence outside of the Cathedral with the Blessing of Palms, and procession into the Cathedral, singing our opening Hymn.

## ELECTRONIC EASTER OFFERING:

This year envelopes will be available for you to make your Easter Offering, which, as you know, is an opportunity in every Catholic Church for parishioners to make an Easter gift to your Parish Priests this goes to make up their salary for the year. You can also make your Easter offering electronically. You can simply transfer the money to the parish account with the reference 'Easter Offering'; please also quote your Gift Aid number.

The details of the bank account are:

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Number: 30217492

Account Name: Brentwood Cathedral

Reference: 'EASTER OFFERING' and please add your Gift Aid number)

## EASTER SUNDAY MASSES 2025:

Please note that the Easter Vigil Mass will take place on:

Saturday 19th April 2025 at 8.00 p.m. The first Mass of Easter - All Welcome!

THANK YOU: My sincere thanks to all our Ushers who have been so faithful and helpful in looking after our Parish Community throughout the year. They have done a wonderful job welcoming and greeting all our parishioners every week at Holy Mass.