

Brentwood Cathedral St Mary & St Helen

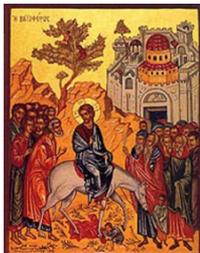


This is Holy Week 2026

Dear Friends in Christ:

Preparing for Holy Week 2026

Today we enter Passiontide and prepare ourselves for Holy Week 2026. 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 to Resurrection on Easter Day.



Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of our Holy Week 2026. We will travel with the Lord Jesus on his triumphant 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**, 8.00pm, 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 11.00pm.

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. 3.00pm

The high point of the Liturgical Year is **The Easter Vigil**, 7.30pm, 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 five Catechumens and receive into full-communication, seven 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 days of preparation.

May God Bless You All during Holy Week

SCHEDULE OF MASSES & SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK 2026

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: 28th / 29th March

6.30 p.m.	Cathedral	Blessing of Palms Vigil Mass
8.00 a.m.	Cathedral	Blessing of Palms
9.30 a.m.	Cathedral	Family Mass Blessing of Palms
11.30 a.m.	Cathedral	Solemn Sung High Mass
6.30 p.m.	Cathedral	Blessing of Palms

MONDAY, 30th March

9.15 a.m.	Cathedral	Confessions after Mass
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TUESDAY, 31st March

9.15 a.m.	Cathedral	Confessions after Mass
7.30 p.m.	Cathedral	Parish Lenten Penitential Service

WEDNESDAY 1st April

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 2nd April

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

GOOD FRIDAY, 3rd April - Day of Fasting and Abstinence

9.00 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
3.00 p.m.	<u>THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</u>
7.00 p.m.	Cathedral. Stations of the Cross. Confessions

HOLY SATURDAY, 4th April

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

EASTER SUNDAY, 5th April: THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

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

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PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

This Year our Penance Service will be held on *Tuesday, 31st March 2026* at 7.30pm with visiting Confessors. I will also schedule Confessions after all the Masses & Services during this coming week & Holy Week. Please try to avail yourselves of the Sacrament in preparation for Easter. Thank you!

PALM SUNDAY 28th / 29th March

Two of the Sunday Morning Masses 9.30am & 11.30am 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, which goes to make up their salary for the year. You can also make your Easter offering electronically. We just need to transfer the money to the parish account with the reference 'Easter Offering'; please also quote you Gift Aid Number. The details of the bank account are:

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Number: 30217492 (EASTER OFFERING + GIFT Aid No)

Account Name: Brentwood Cathedral

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES 2026:

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

Saturday, 4th April 2026 at 7.30pm - 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.