

## CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT & PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 17th	9 am 11am 5pm	Anthony Rogers People of the Parish Michael Balyebuga RIP	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
Monday 18th			<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>
Tuesday 19th			<i>St Joseph</i>
Wednesday 20th	9.30 am	Bernard Fowler RIP	
Thursday 21st	9.30 am	CWL	
Friday 22nd	9.30 am	Joe d'Abreu RIP	
Saturday 23rd	9.30 am 11-11.30	Margaret Smyth Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9 am 11 am 5pm	People of the Parish Emilia Nahajski RIP Michael Semakula RIP	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>			
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>			
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Beatrice Adunyah RIP	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	People of the Parish	<i>Holy Thursday</i>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	3 pm		<i>Good Friday</i>
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	11-11.30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Easter Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	7 pm 9 am 11 am	Peter Ozua & Family Katie Butler RIP People of the Parish	<i>Easter Vigil</i> <i>Easter Sunday</i>

5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	Hebrews 5:7-9	John 12: 20-30
Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50: 4-7	Philippians 2: 6-11	Mark 14:1-15:47
Easter Sunday	Acts 10: 34, 37-43	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20: 1-9

**PALM SUNDAY:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week. The solemn procession and blessing of palms will take place at the beginning of the 9am Mass. At the other Masses the blessing of the palms will take place in church. The Passion of Mark will be read. It is available digitally and in missals. Please join in the people's parts if you have them.

**HOLY THURSDAY:** Our Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday will begin at 7pm. The Holy Oils blessed by the bishop at the Chrism Mass will be received. Special Ministers of the Eucharist are invited to renew their commitment at this Mass. At the end of Mass there will be the procession to the Altar of Repose. There will be the opportunity for private prayer in the church until 9pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** The Good Friday service will begin at the usual time of 3pm, the 'ninth hour' at which Jesus died on the cross. If you have the text of the Passion of St John, you can join in the people's parts. The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the General Intercessions. There will be no individual veneration of the Cross, but the opportunity to venerate the Cross as a community. Holy Communion will be available at the end of the Service.

**HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER SUNDAY:** This is the high point of the liturgical year, our celebration that 'Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!' We will begin the service at 7pm with the blessing of the fire and the lighting of the paschal candle. Candles will be provided for each person to be lit from the paschal candle. The Easter Proclamation or Exsultet will be sung. The Liturgy of the Word, with four Old Testament readings, will follow. The Alleluia will be sung and the Easter gospel proclaimed. The renewal of baptismal promises will be made at this Mass and at the other Masses on Easter Sunday. NB There will be no 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm

**THE READINGS AT THE EASTER VIGIL:** On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7 pm Fr Adrian will give a talk in the parish hall entitled 'The Readings at the Easter Vigil - the 'four nights' of salvation'. Refreshments will be available from 6.30 pm. All are welcome, especially our Readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Catechists, and all who intend to be at the Easter Vigil, the most important service of the Church's year.

**JUBILEE RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7 pm we will have our Lenten Reconciliation Service. Several priests will be available to hear Confessions. Our Jubilee Year is an opportunity to move forward in a more positive and faith-filled way. To do this we may well need to be freed from past mistakes and the things which bind us. We will be joined by our Confirmation candidates, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament at the end of May. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Of course, each Saturday the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in our Church from 11 am

**NELSON MASS CONCERT:** Saturday 21 March 6.30pm Upminster Baptist Church. Full details in the outside notice board.

**GIFT AID BOXES 2024/2025:** The Gift Aid boxes are available for collection after all Masses this weekend. Last Tax Year, we were able to claim back £9400 from the Inland Revenue. This is thanks to all those parishioners who are signed up to the Gift Aid Scheme. If you are a tax payer and regularly contribute to the Parish either by Standing Order or Loose Collection Plate, please consider signing up to this scheme. The Parish can claim back 25% of all that you contribute. This provides the Parish with valuable funds. Any queries please contact : Gwen Button – 01708452400.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH:** Derek Barton, Marc Bernard, Marie-Thérèse & Serge Bosson, Margaret Corry, Marc & Margaret Dalton, Kath Davis, Daniella & Lucia di Lisio, Selina Etherton, Paul Gilligan, Gregory Hart, Kevin Hartie, Doreen Hughes, Theresa Lawlor, Peter Madden, Emily Mears, Doreen Moran, Maureen Morris, Maureen O'Mahoney, Teresa Pycroft, Angela Radley, Edward Rajadurai, Callan Rogers, Teresa Search, Kath Sims, Greta Street, Anne Sullivan, Alex Tecza, Mena Townsend, Marie Turner, Steven Wagstaff, Emily Pougnet, Bruce May, Ricky Madge, Cristina Corsoni, Michael Lowry, John Cornew and all who are sick in hospital or housebound.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Erieri Ogbomah (2015), Joan Leeder (2012), Andrew Corbett (2011), Thomas Ogbomah (2015), David Cassidy (2011), Dr Martin Blewitt (2023), Beatrice Adunyah (2015), Mary Kelly (2017), Gerald Hatton (2019), Grace Smith (2020)

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:** (Readings available on [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com))

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** A pure heart create for me, O God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me,  
Wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

JOHN 12: 20-30

**PALM SUNDAY:** (Readings available on [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com))

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** My God, my God why have you forsaken me?

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Praise to you, Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Christ was humbler yet, Even to accepting death,  
Death on a cross, But God raised him high  
And gave him the name which is above all name.

MARK 14:1-15:47

**EASTER SUNDAY:** (Readings available on [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com))

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Christ, our Passover has been sacrificed;  
Let us celebrate the feast the, in the Lord. Alleluia!

JOHN 20:1-9