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St Michael's Church East Ham**

<b>Saturday 16th</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b> 6.00 pm Patrick Bernard Anniv. (Family)
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)</b> 7.30 am Joseph Henry Anniv. (Family) 9.00 am Joseph Lehane RIP 11.00 am Parish Family. 2.00pm -9.00 pm Syro Malabar
<b>Monday 18th</b>	8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Amparo Bautistatan (Family) 9.40 am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Tuesday 19th</b>	<b>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)</b> 8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Lucita Nebrija RIP (Maria & Monica). 9.40 am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Wednesday 20th</b>	8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Susan Thompson F.M.
<b>Thursday 21st</b>	8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Jimmy Duffy (Sr. Margaret) 9.40 am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday 22nd</b>	8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Maureen Marshall F.M. 9.40 am Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm Stations of the Cross 7.00 pm Thomas Duffy (Tommy)
<b>Saturday 23rd</b>	11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation. 11.45 am Mid-day Prayer, Benediction and Angelus 12.00noon Joseph Raju Anniv.
<b>Saturday 23rd</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b> 6.00 pm Grace Riste RIP. (Jim Towns)
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)</b> 7.30 am Parish Family 9.00 am K S Lazar RIP (Family) 11.00 am Joseph Reiju Anniv. 4.00 pm Malayalam Mass 8.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

1st Reading **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Psalm **Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15**

**R/ A pure heart create for me, O God.**

2nd Reading **Hebrews 5:7-9**

Gospel **John 12:20-33**

Dear Parishioners,  
Eternal Father,

As we enter the closing weeks of Lent and prepare for the ultimate sacrifice of your Son, help us to appreciate all that we have. Open our eyes to the generosity of Your giving and help us to accept your love as we spread Your good words with others. We pray for global love and peace during this Lenten time. Amen - St. Michael's School, Year 3

We are now entering the fifth week of Lent, hopefully, we have been able to do all we thought and prayed about during the last four weeks of how we take part in the Season of Lent. Next week we begin the final preparations for the celebration of Holy Week. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and we will be Blessing and distributing the Palms at all Masses. On Monday of Holy Week we will have a service of Reconciliation at 7pm. There will be extra Priests to help out and it is an opportunity for all of us to be prepared Spiritually for the Holy Week ceremonies. On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March there is a special Mass in the morning at Brentwood Cathedral when the Bishop will Bless the oils that all the Priests used in the Sacraments throughout the year. The Mass will be at 11am and you are welcome to join the Bishop and Priests at the Mass. Thursday is Maundy Thursday and the ceremonies will begin at 8pm. At the Mass, all the Eucharistic Ministers are expected to attend as they will renew the Promises of the Eucharistic Minister. It is important that you attend. There will also be the Washing of Feet and I am looking for volunteers. Please let me know as soon as possible. We need twelve people.

**God Bless, Bob**

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday Communion to the Sick/Housebound –1.30 pm.

17th Monday St. John's Governors' Meeting – 6.00pm

18th RCIA Course Continues, Church –7.30pm

Tuesday

19th

Wednesday

20th Full Governors meeting St. Michael's School

Thursday

21st

Friday Primary Schools Close for Easter

22nd Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

Followed by Mass 7.00pm

Saturday

23rd

Sunday Communion to the Sick/Housebound - 1.00 pm

24th COMING EVENTS

Parish Reconciliation Monday 25th March

End of Term Mass St. John's School Tuesday 26th March

Funeral of Atilla Otto Bogdan Tuesday 26th March

Chrism Mass Brentwood Cathedral Wednesday 27th March

ST MICHAEL'S NURSERY PLACES

There are currently spaces available in St Michael's Nursery. Nursery accepts children from 3 years of age for part-time hours (8:45am - 11:45am).

Application forms are available from the school's office. THANK YOU from the Sisters of St Peter Claver, for your kind donation of £859.91 following their Appeal in February.

GIFT AID 2024: Please collect your box from the porch, please take your time to make sure you take the right box. As we informed you before, to cut the cost of what we pay for the boxes, we had to renumber boxes, this means that a few of you will have a different number to what you previously had. Please cooperate with the helpers at the back of the Church. Also please note that because of Data Protection, we have been advised not to display the addresses on the box. If you are unsure please check with the helper, who has a list with addresses.

MARRIAGE: All couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage must contact the Parish Priest at least six months before the anticipated wedding date, to ensure all the paperwork is sufficiently filled in.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2024: Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (Tangneytours.com). If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please email Kathryn Young or Suzanna Reeves at Lourdes@brcdt.org  
WALSINGHAM HOUSE: 40 years of Walsingham House Teams: 2024 marks 40 years of retreat teams at Walsingham House. There will be a celebration Mass with Bishop Alan on Saturday 31st August 2024 at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Please save the date as it would be wonderful to see Walsingham House and BCYS alumni and friends gather together to mark this milestone. More information to follow in the New Year. VACANT

Learning Support Assistant, Cover Supervisor, Classroom Practitioner (HLTA Level) Exciting opportunities to work at St Bonaventure's School, supporting boys in various ways with their learning. For more information please see <https://www.stbons.org/workwithus/>, Closing Date: 11th April 2024, at 12 noon. TELEPHONE LINE PROBLEMS The Parish mobile number still in use is 07459 310 729 and we can receive emails at [eastham@brcdt.org](mailto:eastham@brcdt.org) Once again we thank you for your understanding and patience and we very much regret the inconvenience all this is causing.

Special Youth Led Stations of the Cross

There will be a meeting next Sunday, <https://www.stbons.org/workwithus/>, Closing Date: 11th April 2024, at 12 noon.

YOUTH LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Calling all young people. We need you. With Holy Week getting closer, our parish youth would like to prepare a special Stations of the Cross for Good Friday, the most solemn day of the Church's year. To help us prepare for this, there will be a practice after the 11am Mass next Sunday,