

Services During the Week

(Morning Prayer - 20 mins prior to each weekday Mass)

Sat 13 Apr 6.00 pm	Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass <i>Bernadetty Kelly. RIP</i>
Sun 14 Apr 08.00 am 10.30 am	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass <i>Our Parish Community.</i> Mass <i>Rita Claudius. RIP Anniversary</i>
Mon 15 Apr 09.30 am	Monday in Holy Week Mass <i>Ita Harrington. Intention</i>
Tues 16 Apr 09.30 am	Tuesday in Holy Week Mass <i>Monica & Joseph Lee. Thanksgiving</i>
Wed 17 Apr 09.30 am	Wednesday in Holy Week Mass <i>Anton Jesudasan. RIP</i>

The Paschal Triduum

Thurs 18 Apr 8.00 pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper - <i>Fr Matthew's Intentions.</i> <i>(Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight.)</i>
Fri 19 Apr 09.00 am 10.00 am 3.00 pm 7.30 pm	GOOD FRIDAY Office of Readings & Morning Prayer. Children's Stations of the Cross. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion. Stations of the Cross & Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
Sat 20 Apr 09.30 am 9.00 pm	HOLY SATURDAY Office of Readings & Morning Prayer. Easter Vigil (First Mass of Easter) - <i>The Newly Baptised.</i> <i>(Starts outside by the Hall.)</i>
Sun 21 Apr 08.00 am 10.30 am	EASTER DAY Mass <i>Agnes D'Cunha. Intentions</i> Mass <i>Our Parish Community.</i>

PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year C) - 14 April 2019

We now stand on the threshold of the greatest week of the church's year, the week in which the Passover sacrifice of Christ is instituted in the upper room, offered on the hill of Calvary, and proved acceptable as the once-for-all sacrifice of our redemption by the empty tomb and the appearance of the risen Christ. Between now and Easter Day we are all invited to enter as fully as possible into this great drama of our redemption. In every Mass, we give thanks to God for the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord: this week we follow these events 'close up'. The liturgies of Holy Week are particularly ancient: if we keep the three sacred days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Night, we are in good company, for we join millions around the world and countless followers of Christ in every generation since it all began. There is no better way to prepare for Easter than to enter as fully as possible into the celebrations of Holy Week!

Today, **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**, Christ's entry into Jerusalem is commemorated with a procession from the Hall at the 10.30am Mass and the blessing of palms at all Masses. The reading of the long passion gospel (from Luke) sets the tone for this week and looks ahead to the events of Good Friday. The passion is read by different voices: please join in the crowd parts marked 'C'.

On **Holy** or **Maundy Thursday**, we begin the sacred three days or 'Triduum' with the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** at **8pm**. We recall the new commandment given by our Lord, to 'love one another as I have loved you' as the celebrant, imitating the action of Christ in whose person he acts, washes the feet of those he is called to serve. At this Mass we give thanks for the institution of the Eucharist as the means by which Christ's sacrifice is continually made present for us. The Mass concludes with the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in the Pastoral Centre, recalling Jesus' journey to the Garden of Gethsemane. We are invited to watch and pray with Jesus for a while. Even if you are unable to attend the Mass, you are encouraged to visit our Lord at the Altar of Repose. The vigil of prayer concludes with Night Prayer at midnight.

Parish - Regular Notices

On **Good Friday** we commemorate the day of our Lord's crucifixion. The solemn **Liturgy of the Passion** takes place at **3pm**. This is not a Mass, but communion is distributed from the sacrament reserved following the previous night's Mass of the Lord's Supper. This ancient liturgy includes the reading of the Passion from John's Gospel, prayers of intercession for the whole world, and the veneration of the cross, when we honour the wood on which our saviour hung and worship him who died for our salvation. The tabernacle is empty, but it is customary to genuflect before the crucifix after its unveiling at the solemn liturgy. If you cannot attend the afternoon liturgy, or if you would like to conclude the day with a further time of prayer, you are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary at 7.30pm. Children and families are invited to take part in their own service of the Stations of the Cross at 10am.

Holy Saturday (N.B. 'Easter Saturday' is the week after) is a day of emptiness and preparation until the evening when we celebrate the great **Easter Vigil**, the highpoint of the liturgical year. This takes place after nightfall at **9pm**. We begin outside, weather permitting, with the blessing of a new fire from which a new Paschal Candle is lit symbolising the light of Christ. Lent is over, Easter has begun. The celebrant sings the praises of God, honouring the candle as a symbol of the resurrection. We then hear a number of readings from the Old Testament and New Testament culminating in the Gospel. Recalling the link between Easter and the sacrament of rebirth, the font is blessed and on this most holy night the newest members of Christ's church are joined to him in the sacraments of initiation before we all renew our baptismal promises. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, as at every Mass, the entire Paschal Mystery is commemorated and the risen Christ, our victorious Passover lamb, is in our midst to give us life and feed us.

At this most sacred time, do please keep silence when leaving and arriving for these liturgies. We should also try and keep, as far as we can, a spirit of recollection at other times during the week, aided by the fasting and abstinence customary on Good Friday. May this be a very holy week indeed.

Fr Matthew

Church Rotas

This Week: Cleaning - Team C.

Paschal Triduum: Readers - See Rota on the Notice Board in the Porch.

Eucharistic Ministers - See Rota on the Notice Board in the Porch.

Small Linen Laundry - Monica. **Flowers** - All available members.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE AWARE OF THE POSITION OF THE
EMERGENCY FIRE EXIT DOORS IN THE CHURCH**

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL: If anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important to let Fr Matthew know so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should also inform the Catholic Chaplain of the hospital concerned (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 447761; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877*).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for those in our community who are sick and housebound as well as the patients in Goodmayes, King George's and Queen's Hospitals. Also, the sick Priests of the Diocese - Frs Tom Jordan & Martin Nott.

ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL: Ellen Arnold, Bill O'Brien, Michael Cahill, Aleixo Fernandes, Ray Fitzgerald, Max Godfrey, Robert Jackson, Anne McGrory, Meera Mervyn, Vilma Mowlan, Dan O'Shea, Teresa O'Shea, Jai Ramcharan (Jnr), Joseph Rene, Margaret Reynolds, Joseph Souris, Olive Stephens, Anna Tan and Evalina Underwood.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If you are expecting a baby or have a baby for baptism in the next couple of months, please contact Helen Mac Mahon on 020 8590 9981 who will help you make the appropriate arrangements.

MASS REQUESTS: Special envelopes for this purpose are available at the back of Church. Please use one for each request and place your donation within it.

CHURCH HALL: The Church Hall is available for bookings by Parishioners. Please contact Sid on 07887983310 for bookings and conditions.

CHURCH CAR PARK: Please remember it is essential that emergency vehicles have clear access to the Church at all times. During the week, please do not park in front of the Hall gate and remember to leave your details at the Parish Office if you are leaving your car here outside Mass times.

CHURCH GROUNDS: Please remember to do what you can to keep the church grounds tidy - if you see some litter and it is safe to do so, please pick it up and put it in one of the two bins provided.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30 AM MASS ON SUNDAY: Tea & coffee will not be served again until Sunday, 28 April but see item overleaf in respect of Easter Sunday.

NEW PARISHIONERS: You are very welcome here. Please make yourselves known to Fr Matthew and complete one of the Parish Registration Forms as soon as possible.

Meeting this Week

Monday: Lent Faith Formation (2nd Session) in the Hall from 7.45 pm.
Tuesday: Legion of Mary in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30 pm.

Parish - In & Around

PALM SUNDAY: Please note that **the 10.30 am Mass this Sunday** begins in the Church Hall with the blessing of palms and gospel reading followed by a procession to the Church.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: The Offertory collection (inc. Standing Orders) for **last weekend amounted to £1,046.23 of which 78% was "Gift Aided"**. Thank you all for your continued generosity and support.

RICHMAN POORMAN MEAL: The event last Saturday evening **raised a total of £375**. So, many thanks to everyone who bought tickets and came along in support. A cheque will now be presented to the Ilford Drop in Centre to support their valuable work.

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING GROUP: Congratulations to the Group for raising another £100, this time for the Mary's Meals charity.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION: There will be a collection after all Masses **this weekend (13/14 April)** for flowers to decorate our Church over the Easter season. With the help of your generous contributions we feel sure our church will look lovely for this special feast. Remember, if you use the "Gift Aid" envelope system then **please place your donation in one of your "Special Collection" envelopes** so we can reclaim the tax and thereby increase your donation by 25%. If you have run out of these or don't belong to the envelope scheme, you can also use one of the special light blue "Gift Aid" envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church.

LENTEN ALMS GIVING: Please remember to bring back your CAFOD box to the Church **on this coming Thursday (Maundy Thursday) for the Mass of the Last Supper**. If you cannot attend this Mass, then please remember to bring the box back at any Mass over Easter and place it in the Offertory collection basket.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The collection on Good Friday is traditionally the annual international collection for the Church in the Holy Land. Donations may be "Gift Aided" so, if you use the envelope scheme, **please remember to use one of your "Special Collection" envelopes for your**

donation and the Society will benefit by a further 25%! If you have run out of these or don't belong to the envelope scheme, you can also use one of the special light blue "Gift Aid" envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church.

EASTER OFFERTORY COLLECTION: **Please remember that your "Offertory Donation" next weekend is your personal gift to Fr Matthew.** Together with your gift at Christmas, your donation at Easter forms the major source of his income over the year. Donations may be "Gift Aided" so, if you use the envelope scheme, please remember to use the one marked "Easter Offering". If you can't find the envelope or don't belong to the envelope scheme, you can also use one of the special light blue "Gift Aid" envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church.

DONATION ENVELOPES: A reminder that if you do have need to use one of the light blue general "Gift Aid" donation envelopes from the back of the Church, then you must enter either your Contributor Number or your full name and address on the envelope otherwise we cannot claim any "Gift Aid" on your donation.

PIVOTAL PLAYERS – BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: On this coming Monday, (15 April) come and learn from Bishop Robert Barron's award-winning documentary series about this 'pivotal player' in the history of our church. Hall doors open, for tea and coffee, at 7.45 pm; film starts 8.00 pm; discussion until approximately 9.30 pm. See the Poster in the Porch for more information.

SERVERS REHEARSAL: There will be a practice for the Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies **following the 10.30 am Mass this Sunday and on Saturday at 10.00 am** for the Easter Vigil. Would all Altar Servers please make a special effort to attend both sessions.

CONFESSIONS: There will be extra opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) during Holy Week. Fr Matthew will be in the Confessional at the following times, **Monday: 10-10.30 am & 7-7.30 pm, Tuesday & Wednesday: 10-10.30 am and Saturday: 5.15-5.45 pm (No Holy Hour)**. Fr Matthew would also be delighted to hear confessions at any other time during the week if he is available to do so (including Good Friday and Holy Saturday, though ideally not just before the liturgies on those days).

GREENERY WANTED: The Flower Group would appreciate any "greenery" that you can spare to help decorate the church at Easter. Please leave what you can at the rear of the church by no later than **midday on this coming Wednesday**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Can you spare a little time **on this coming Tuesday morning after Mass** to help clean the brass and the votive candle stands in readiness for the Easter celebrations? Any help would be much appreciated - remember the maxim "*Many Hands Make Light Work*".

CHRISM MASS: On Wednesday evening this week, priests of the diocese gather in the Cathedral in Brentwood for the Mass of Chrism: the annual renewal of our commitment to priestly service and the occasion when the three holy oils (of catechumens - used in baptism; of the sick; and the sacred chrism - used in baptism, confirmation and ordination) are consecrated. Please pray for the priests of the diocese on this day - you are welcome to attend this Mass **which begins at 7 pm.**

EASTER ROTA FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS: The rota for both these ministries over the Paschal Triduum can be found on the Notice Board in the Porch.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need twelve people who are willing to have one of their feet washed **during the Mass on Holy Thursday.** In accordance with a decree from Pope Francis, this is now open to men and women of any age - please add your name to the list in the Porch. As last year, those who have their feet washed will sit in reserved places at the end of pews and remain there for the washing of feet.

OFFICE OF READINGS AND MORNING PRAYER: On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the two days of the year when Mass is not celebrated, the church's cycle of prayer known as the Divine Office continues. You are invited to join in praying the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer on these days, **at 9.00 am on Good Friday and 9.30 am on Holy Saturday.**

HOLY WEEK POSTERS: Please take home one of the Holy Week Posters from the back of the Church which are produced each year nationally by the Knights of St Columba, and display it prominently.

EASTER SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: Please pray for all those to be baptised and received into the full communion of the Church at Easter especially Edvanda, to be baptised at the Easter Vigil, and for Penelope, to be baptised at the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The parish Knights of St Columba are organising an Easter Egg hunt in the Hall **after the 10.30 Mass on Easter Sunday** and will be putting eggs all around the outside of the church for the children to find. It will cost £ 2.00 to take part, and there will be tea, coffee and cakes on sale. All the money raised will go to the Knights of St Columba for charitable causes.

RAMFEL: Donations of non-perishable food for the RAMFEL Foodbank may be left in the Sacristy **next weekend**, to support refugee families living in our local area. Cereal, rice, tuna, biscuits, tinned tomatoes, long-life milk and orange juice are especially welcome. Unfortunately, RAMFEL is currently unable to accept donations of clothing. For more information please visit www.ramfel.org.uk/wordpress/news/

CAR PARKING: Please take extra care during the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter to ensure that you do not obstruct emergency access to the church. We also need clear routes for the processions that form a part of this week's liturgies. Please follow the instructions of the car park stewards.

THE CATHOLIC CLOTHING GUILD: Members are reminded that subscriptions (£2) are now due together with either two garments which must be brand new, or, a monetary donation; these should be given to Margaret Flavin or Sheila Nugent **by no later than Wednesday, 24 April.** For further information about the work of the Guild please contact Margaret Flavin on 0208 590 8808 or Sheila Nugent on 0208 554 1203. New members are always welcome.

LONDON MARATHON 2019 ON BEHALF OF BCCS: Fr Marek from St Cedd's Parish, Goodmayes is running in the London Marathon on 28 April on behalf of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. If you would like to support him, all you need to do is forward a donation to www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/marekpabis2019

TWIN PARISH: Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in the parish of Sacred Heart, Pomeroy, in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa, with whom we are twinned and their parish priest, Fr Mandla Makhanya.

VISITORS: If you are a visitor to St Teresa's then you are most welcome, and we very much hope you enjoy the service you are attending. If you are a tax payer and would like to "*Gift Aid*" your Offertory donation, then please use one of the special "*Gift Aid*" envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church.



REDBRIDGE FAITH FORUM: Two events are planned in the coming weeks. The first, is a Women's Interfaith Workshop **on Wednesday, 24 April from 1.15 pm-3.15 pm** at St Andrew's Church, The Drive, Ilford IG1 3PE. Welcoming a baby into the family and community is an exciting occasion. It is also a time steeped in customs and traditions that are believed to bring protection, spiritual blessings and happiness to the new

born. Please come along to hear from our Christian and Sikh women speakers about birth customs in their faith communities. In future workshops we will hear from women of other faiths. The second event is a lunchtime Network Meeting **on Tuesday, 30 April from 11.45 am-1.30 pm** at Ilford Islamic Centre, Albert Rd IG1 1HW which should be a very informative meeting on the topic of 'New Community Hub Models'. This meeting is your opportunity to hear about the plans. Please do come along and join the conversation, ask, question and give your views.

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY: The Feast will be celebrated at St Cedd's Church, Goodmayes **on Mercy Sunday, 28 April** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm, Chaplet of Mercy and Stations of the Cross at 3.00 pm and Blessing and Benediction at 5.00 pm. The usual Sunday evening Mass will follow at 6.30 pm. The Billericay Padre Pio Prayer also has a day of devotion to the Divine Mercy at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, CM14 5SH **on Mercy Sunday**. Arrival from 10.30 am for 11 am start. Mass will be at 12 noon. Confession available. The day will end at 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Ring Claire Wallis on 01277 658783 if you require further information. All are welcome.

CARE FOR THE FAMILY is a Christian, national charity, which aims to promote strong family life and to help those who face family difficulties. As part of their "Spring Tour", they will be holding an event in Barking **on Tuesday, 30 April at 7.30 pm** at Elim Christian Centre, IG11 7LZ. The topic is "Raising Faith", and the speakers will be looking at several important aspects of helping children to develop a faith that lasts. There is a poster in the porch, with more information.

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, WANSTEAD: We would like to invite prospective parents to visit our school at our next Open Morning on **Thursday, 02 May from 9.30 am to 11.30 am**. Please contact our Admissions Secretary on 020 8989 4700 or e-mail enquiries@stjosephsconventschool.co.uk to reserve a place. We look forward to welcoming you to our family.

SAVE THE DATE: March for Life UK is happening in London **on Saturday, 11 May**. Join thousands of other pro-lifers in creating awareness of the hurt and damage abortion causes and helping to promote a culture of life. Inside festival (LifeFest19) 9.30 am - 1.30 pm, booking required. March starts 2 pm (no booking required). For more info go to marchforlife.co.uk or call 07773501721/07885505116.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team are organising A Day of Renewal themed 'The Love of Jesus'

which will be held **on Saturday, 18 May** at the Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford from 10.00 am until 4pm. Our speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3 pm. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch

STUDY DAY ON THE APOCALYPSE (BOOK OF REVELATION): A study day on this theme will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Romford **on Saturday, 01 June**. Dr Sean Ryan, formerly of Heythrop College and now lecturer at Roehampton University, will lead an exploration of key passages from this fascinating and difficult book of the New Testament. The day begins with coffee at 10.30 am. and ends at 3 pm. Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

THE GENDER AGENDA: What does it mean to be male or female? How – and why – are the two sexes different? Come and explore a Catholic perspective at a conference sponsored by the Association of Catholic Women **on Wednesday, 12 June** at St Mary Moorfields, Eldon Street London EC32M 7LS. Tickets cost £15.00 to include a buffet lunch. Send cheque made out to Association of Catholic Women to ACW, Flat 2, Salamander Court, 135, York Way. London N7 9LG.

BCCS ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: BCCS is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio '**The Priests**' have agreed to hold an Anniversary Concert for us **on Saturday, 15 June at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 pm**. Tickets (£20 plus fee) can be purchased directly through Eventbrite – www.eventbrite.co.uk - look for The Priests under Event, or, click the link on our website www.bccs.org.uk under Our 35th Anniversary/Anniversary Events. We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment.

CALAIS LIGHT: On 21 - 23 June, Calais Light, the car-sharing convoy which takes a bunch of like-minded, friendly volunteers to Calais to work with refugee charities - sets off again. Trip 11! We're returning to Care4Calais, to sort aid in their amazingly well-run warehouse. Every afternoon, all volunteers go out with Care4Calais's team to meet refugees living rough. We chat with them, listen to their stories, offer them solidarity, normality, kindness & essential services. Our March weekend was a huge success - moving, unexpectedly joyful, crucial. So, come with us! Sign up for a convoy at www.calaislight.com or donate by emailing: calaislight@yahoo.com

PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES OF FRANCE: If you would like any further information about this pilgrimage, which includes visits to Lisieux, Paris,

Nevers, Lourdes, Avignon, Ars and Paray le Monial, please contact Celine Bui at Joe Walsh Tours on 02034680617 or e-mail celine.bui@joewalshstours.ie.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: From 07-14 May with the parishioners from Holy Family Church, Dagenham, led by Fr Stephen Myers. Cost is £1363 per person including flights with El-Al. This price includes half-board accommodation based on shared rooms with private facilities and two lunches. Contact the Parish Office on 020 8592 1634 for further information.

PILGRIMAGE TO AVILA: Based in the heart of Avila – the home of St Teresa of Avila - but also visiting Segovia, Toledo & Salamanca. this pilgrimage, **from 19 - 24 May**, is led by Fr Francis Coveney. Accommodation is at the Palacio de los Velada in the centre of Avila - see www.hotelpalaciodelosvelada.com/en Full package prices including flights: £870 per person based on twin room (single room supplement £120). For further details or booking please contact Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886 666 or www.tangney-tours.com

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Come this summer on Brentwood Diocese's pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan, **from Sunday, 21 – Friday, 26 July**. For further information, please 'phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666. Please note that we shall be flying from Southend Airport. We are able to support those with medical needs.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL Fr Eduard-William Fartan from Holy Family in Benfleet is organising a Pilgrimage to Greece to follow in the footsteps of St Paul. Taking place **from Monday, 07 to Sunday, 13 October**, the cost will be £730 per person with a £150 deposit by Wednesday, 01 May required to secure your place. Walking should be light, breakfast and dinner included. Any queries or to register your interest please email priest@holyfamily-church.org or call 01268 799082/01268 792082.

ST CEDD'S YOUTH CLUB is a Youth Club based in the middle hall of St Cedd's Church in Blythwood Road, Goodmayes. For Years 5, 6 and 7, it opens from 6 pm to 8 pm and the Senior Youth Club (for all in Year 8 & upwards), runs from 8 pm to 10 pm. All are most welcome, come along for a game of Table Tennis, Badminton or Pool, play on the PS4s, air hockey or table football, or just come along to listen to music and have a chat. Any questions please ring John on 07803116729.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: If you have any items for inclusion in the weekly Newsletter then please email them to admin@stteresasnewbpark.com The copy deadline for including items in the Newsletter **is Thursday 12 noon**.

Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee to include all requests we receive in the paper edition but we will make every effort to accommodate articles and insertion requests in the on-line edition including job vacancies.

Job Opportunities.

ST JOHN'S RC SPECIAL SCHOOL, WOODFORD BRIDGE is recruiting Class Assistants and an SEN Class Teacher to work with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs. Both positions are full-time, term time only, and require previous experience. For an application pack please contact the School Office on 020 8504 1818 or [email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk)



Palmer Partnership News

Bishop Alan has asked parishes to cooperate with their neighbours in the partnerships outlined in the Diocesan Vision document. The clergy and stewards from the parishes of Ss Peter & Paul and St John the Baptist, Ilford, St Cedd, Goodmayes, St Teresa, Newbury Park and St Bede, Chadwell Heath have agreed that our partnership should be called the "Palmer Partnership" recognising the influence of the late Canon Patrick Palmer on the Catholic Church in this area.

This is the fruit of the diocesan vision and planning process, documented in the recent publication, "Shaping our Future". You can view this document on either the Parish or Diocesan website or obtain a copy from your Steward of the Gospel

The vision document speaks of "Renewal and Restructuring". In regard to renewal, the clergy and Stewards of the Gospel from the parishes in the partnership are already meeting to explore ways in which we can better evangelise, provide the sacraments, collaborate and share resources, and serve our schools and hospitals. Concerning restructuring, this is partly forced on us by the prospect of having fewer priests: our Partnership is being asked to plan for a future with four rather than six priests as at present.

Fewer priests necessitates a reduction in the number of Saturday evening/Sunday Masses in the area from 16 to 12. There are, for example, currently five Saturday evening Masses and two Sunday evening Masses. An initial proposal, therefore, is to immediately reduce these by 2. As from 27th/28th July, there will be no Saturday evening Mass at St Cedd's and no Sunday evening Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's.

If you would like to contribute to the discussion on shaping the future of The Palmer Partnership, please speak to your priest or Steward of the Gospel.

A common monthly insert in everyone's newsletter entitled, "**Palmer Partnership News**", will inform of joint initiatives as well as, for example, advertise Mass and Confession times across the Partnership. Please keep the work of the Partnership in your prayers.

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