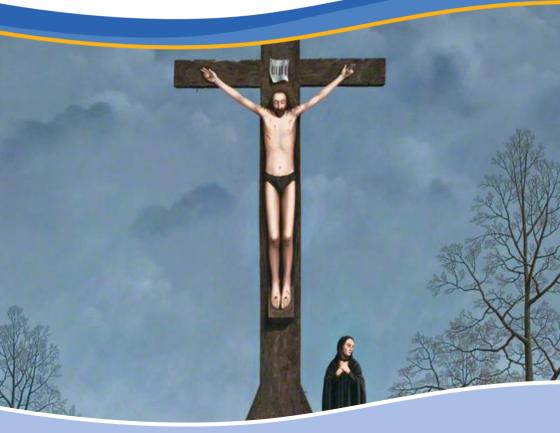


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## Holy Week and Easter Services 2025

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#### WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL

#### Lent Service of Reconciliation - 7.00 pm A number of priests will be available to hear confessions

"The sacrament of reconciliation is a sacrament of healing. When I go to confession, it's for healing: healing the soul, healing the heart because of something that I did to make it unwell." Pope Francis

#### WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL

## Mass of Chrism - 11.00 am at Brentwood Cathedral Main celebrant: Bishop Alan Williams

All of us have been anointed as followers of Christ at our baptism, confirmation, and some of us at ordination to the priesthood and permanent diaconate. We are all consecrated to share in the life, death and resurrection of the Anointed One, Jesus. Tonight, we remember that we are a priestly people united to Christ and to one another in His body, the Church.

## The Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

These three days (the Triduum) are the most sacred days in the Church's year as we participate in the saving events of Christ's death, burial and resurrection. Although spread over three days, the liturgies form a single unity.

During these three days, we should be especially generous in giving our time to Christ, who comes to us in a unique and personal way in these solemn liturgies.

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

### Mass of the Last Supper with washing of feet - 8.00 pm followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight

In this celebration we give thanks for the new Passover, the Eucharist, where Christ gives us Himself to liberate us from sin and death so that we can "pass over" with Him to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

A day of fasting and abstinence for those in good health

## Ecumenical Walk of Witness from the United Reformed Church - 10.00 am

and concluding at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

# Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with veneration of the Cross - 3.00 pm

Stations of the Cross in the Church 7.00 pm

## HOLY SATURDAY 19TH APRIL Confessions 10.00 – 11.00 am

## THE GREAT AND HOLY VIGIL OF EASTER at 8.00 pm

This liturgy (the highpoint of the Church's year) speaks of the joy and new life we find in Christ's resurrection not only with words but with music, fire, light, the waters of baptism and holy oils.

With deep and profound joy, we sing and pray together: Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Darkness vanishes forever! Alleluia!

#### PLEASE MAKE A VERY SPECIAL EFFORT TO ATTEND THE EASTER VIGIL

## EASTER SUNDAY 20TH APRIL Masses at 9.30 am and 11.30 am

Please note that there is no evening Mass

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