

## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD [B]

Saturday April 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 pm	THE EASTER VIGIL – All Parishioners Moira & Dennis Pryke RIP
Sunday April 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Tim Williamson RIP
	2:00 pm	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	6:30 pm	Ints: Maurice Highfield
West Mersea	8:30 am	Teresa Hogan RIP [A&MB]
Mile End	9:15 am	Gelsomina Fappiano & Carmine Cestari RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Harold Smith RIP
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	
<u>NB</u> Church	8:00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<u>NB</u> Church	10:00 am	Patrick Quinlivan RIP
Church	2:00 pm	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	
Church	9:15 am	John O'Sullivan RIP
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	
Church	7:30 am	
West Mersea	10:30 am	<b>REQUIEM MASS –Theresa Hogan RIP</b>
Church	12:15 pm	Hilda Boddice RIP [SVP]
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	
Church	9:15 am	Delia Connolly RIP
Church	11:30 am	<b>REQUIEM MASS –Tim Williamson RIP</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	
Church	9:15 am	Ints: Teresa Hall
Church	6:30 pm	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	
Church	9:15 am	George Verrachia RIP

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER [B] (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Saturday April 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Ints: Mr & Mrs Mathew
Sunday April 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Derek Harvey RIP
	10:30 am	Norah Hewitt RIP [E&IH]
	2:00 pm	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	5:00 pm	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>
	6:30 pm	Ints: Leo Gildea
West Mersea	8:30 am	Teresa Hogan RIP [MW]
Mile End	9:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick	10:15 am	Ints: Catherine Spicer

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My dear friends

Welcome to you all on this the Sunday of all Sundays, Easter Day. We celebrate with great joy the centre of our Christian faith, Our Lord's Resurrection from the dead. We renew our faith and commitment to the Risen Lord by re-affirming our baptismal vows today.

Our faith is rooted in history. Jesus' Resurrection was a real historical event verified by reliable witnesses. Around AD 56 St Paul wrote: "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve" [1 Corinthians 15:3-4]. We embrace this living tradition and upon it build our lives and live our faith.

*Lord Jesus your body passed from a state of death to another life beyond time and space. You are the "man of heaven" and through the grace of baptism we share in your death and enjoy the hope of your risen life."*

A very happy Easter to you all from Fr Tony, Fr Neil and Fr Philip

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm*  
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE *At least six months notice is required*

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Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy followed by Rosary 3pm  
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy  
8:35am  
EVENING PRAYER: Fridays at 6pm Church  
PRAYER GROUP: Mondays at 7:45pm Crypt  
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm Crypt  
SCRIPTURE GROUP Wednesdays at 10am Crypt  
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 9:45am – 10:30am and 5:30pm – 6pm

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type):** Please remember in your prayers; Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, John & Olive Crawford, Paul Crocker, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Ronald Jay, Mary Jose, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Lawrence Larkin, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, Eileen McGee, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, **Charles Norman**, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Stephen and Sabina Rhatigan, Margaret Scammell, Aimée Stammers, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Brian Baggiony, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED?** The next Baptism course will be Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. [This course is for new-borns up to age 6]

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Denis Hall, Parish Priest of Upton Park, Theresa Hogan and Tim Williamson. Mrs Hogan's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30am at Mersea. Tim Williamson's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am Priory St. May they rest in peace.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** We thank all the flower ladies for the beautiful floral decorations for the Easter celebration. Thank you for the recent collection of £518 that went towards it.

**EASTER OFFERING:** The Offertory Collection at all the Easter Masses is your personal gift to the Clergy. This collection, together with the Christmas one, forms the main part of the income of Fr Tony and Fr Neil. Thank you.

**EASTER MONDAY:** Mass will be at 8am and 10am.

**UCM: Spring Chick/Easter Egg Hunt** on Sunday 19th April, 2 - 3.30pm by the Café in Castle Park. Activities include Easter Trail, Egg & Spoon race and Egg Rolling. Prize for best Easter Bonnet. £3 per child, £5 per family.

**WEDDING PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:** Our Parish Administrator - Gareth Copping will be marrying Caroline Gitonga on Friday 26th June at 3pm Priory St. Parishioners are very welcome to the nuptial Mass and a celebration afterwards in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. For catering purposes - please RSVP [www.carolineandgareth.rsvpify.com](http://www.carolineandgareth.rsvpify.com) or to the parish

**CANONESSES:** Bishop Stephen Cottrell will share his thoughts on social inequality. You are all welcome to the 3rd in a series of 'Living Easter' talks which will take place at New Hall on Saturday 11 April 2015. Doors open at 9am. Morning Prayer at 9.30am. Lecture begins at 10am and ends at 12:15pm. Please book via our website <http://www.canonesses.co.uk/event-bookings/>. Places are limited and free of charge.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** April 12<sup>th</sup>. The novena in preparation for the feast occurs from Good Friday to Saturday 11th April. To pray the novena, recite the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy daily along with the prayers corresponding to each day of the novena. Prayer leaflets will be available. Polish Mass will be at 2pm. Divine Mercy devotions at 3pm. Holy Hour 5 – 6pm.

**ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL EASTER CELEBRATION:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm. All our welcome to attend.

**LEAVING GREETING CARDS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH:** It is not advisable to leave cards intended for other parishioners at the back of church, as unscrupulous people tend to open them looking for money.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** 23<sup>rd</sup> May. A 16 seat minibus will be leaving East Hill at 8:15am. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Team 2**

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**A light Unto My Path**  
Very Reverend Robert Barron

Myths, express, not historical events, but the great necessities and rhythms of nature. And this is why they are set *in illo tempore* (once upon a time), or a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away.... No one wonders exactly when Hercules was born or on what planet Luke Skywalker went to school, for those characters aren't part of the real world but rather symbolic representations of timeless truths. Many people are tempted today to construe the story of Jesus' Resurrection as a mythic tale, a symbolic narrative expressive of the life force or the regenerative power of nature. But as C S Lewis observed, those who think the Resurrection of Jesus is simply another myth haven't read many myths.

Jesus' story is not set *in illo tempore*, but in a very definite, historically verifiable period of time, when Herod was tetrarch of Galilee and Pontius Pilate was the Roman Governor of Judea. The Gospel narrations mention well-known places such as Galilee, Jericho, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. And they speak, with breathtaking directness, of "eating and drinking" with their friend Jesus after he rose from the dead. Moreover, all of these first witnesses, with the exception of Saint John, went to their deaths defending the truth of what he taught. How many martyrs are there to Osiris, Hercules, or Dionysus? The answer is none! No one dies for a mythic abstraction, but people were more than willing to die for their friend, "whom they had looked upon and their hands had touched", and who had come back from the dead. To grasp this still-startling truth is to grasp the meaning of

Easter.