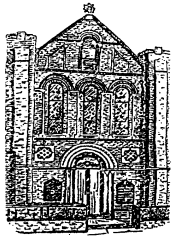


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## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 24<sup>th</sup> 2011

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. We extend a warm welcome to all those newly baptised and received into the Church this Easter.

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

**PLEASE SEE SCHEDULE FOR CHANGES TO MASS TIMES**

***No Prayer Group, Scripture Group or Hospital Mass this week***

**DAILY:** Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am. [Wed. 11:15am]  
**PRAYER GROUP** Mondays @ 8pm in the Crypt  
**MEDITATION GROUP:** Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt  
**EXPOSITION:** Saturdays at 9:45am-10:30 am

**SICK:** Please remember in your prayers: Sr Mary Thérèse Bamford, May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Wendy Higgins, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Denis Nolan, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Andrew Southern, Ellen Woodley.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!** To Valerie and Patrick Quinlivan and Isabel and Hector Silva.

**BAPTISM COURSE FOR CHILDREN UP TO 6 YRS:** If you would like to present a child for Baptism, the next Course has been arranged for Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May and Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9pm, Appointments are not necessary, but *both* sessions must be attended.

**FRANCIS AND EMILIE CARTER:** Thursday, 28th April is the first anniversary of the deaths of Francis and Emilie Carter. A photograph of a potential memorial (a statue of St Helena) will be on display in the church porch.

**BRENTWOOD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SERVICE: **Post Easter Events: The Easter Mystery in Painting and Poetry-Sr Magdalen Lawler, SND**** author and retreat director. **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 7.30-9.00pm.** Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood **Cost:** £5 pp. **The Gospel and Dementia- A Message of Hope- Sr Siobhán O'Keefe**, SSHJM, Co-ordinator of Harmony House Dementia Support Service for people with Early Onset Dementia. **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm-9.30pm** Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. **Cost:** £5 per person.

**FINANCE VACANCY:** The Diocese requires a Fund Accountant to work at Cathedral House. In-depth experience of working with Sage and Excel is essential, along with knowledge of charity accounting. Job description and person specification available from [finance@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:finance@dioceseofbrentwood.org). CV should address job specification. Deadline for receiving CVs is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April; interviews week commencing Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED [ACN];** Walsingham Pilgrimage of Hope – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Lifts available to share costs. Tel: 851838 as soon as possible to secure a seat.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>:** This year the Holy Father will beatify John

Paul II on this wonderfully appropriate day. It was Pope John Paul who instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy and he died after the Vigil Mass of Divine Mercy in 2004. We will be joined by the Poles in celebrating this occasion. There will be a Mass in Polish at 2:00pm followed by Exposition and then the **Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm**. After the St Faustina Praises there will be Benediction and then Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy. There will also be unveiled a new image of this great pope which has been obtained for the parish. If you aren't going to Rome, join us at Priory St to pray for the first time publicly for his intercession!

**SPONSORED WALK IN AID OF CHILDCARE [BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY]:** The Knights of St Columba are organizing a sponsored walk of 4-5 miles on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, starting at St Cedd's, Mersea, at 10am. Funds are urgently needed for Childcare if they are to continue their invaluable work with families in the Diocese, including our parish. Sponsors/walkers please contact Gary on 530863; Ron on 795715.

**QUIZ NIGHT:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. £2.50 a ticket, bring your own wine/beer. Soft drinks, tea, coffee and snacks available. All proceeds to help fund young people of the parish who are going to Lourdes with The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Phone Diane Porter 01206 797780 for tickets.

**CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR THE 2012 GAMES:** Few days remain to be able to apply for tickets to attend any of the OLYMPIC events next year. The deadline for applications is **11.59pm on Tuesday 26 April 2011**. Applications for PARALYMPIC tickets will open in September 2011; TEST EVENTS and London 2012 Festival available for sale later in 2011. Go to [www.tickets.london2012.com](http://www.tickets.london2012.com) for more details.

**NAMING EAST LONDON:** The *Olympic Park Legacy Company* is running a competition asking for **names for five new districts** to be created in East London when the Games are over. The Catholic community is being asked to consider putting forward names that link in with the strong Catholic history of this area. Three key people come to mind, namely: **Cardinal Manning:** he intervened in the Dockers' Strike in 1889, **Fr Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ:** born close to Stratford station. **John Scurr MP:** District Chairman of the Dockers' Union, moved an amendment to block the implementation of the 1930 Education Bill unless faith schools got financial help for building costs from central government. The competition deadline is **Wednesday 18 May 2011**. Apply via [info@legacycompany.co.uk](mailto:info@legacycompany.co.uk) [www.legacycompany.co.uk/competition/](http://www.legacycompany.co.uk/competition/), or by phone 020 3288 1800.

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Team 4.**

**MOVING?:** If you are moving, please let the Parish Office know. If you are newly arrived, please complete a Registration Form [in the porch]. For inclusions to the parish website: [admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](mailto:admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org)

**LITURGY FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD [A]**

**April 24<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am** Agnes Chee RIP  
**10:30 am** Patrick Gallagher RIP  
**1:00 pm** **POLISH MASS**  
**6:30 pm** Sidney and Rose Castell RIP  
**8:30 am** Fr John Glavin RIP [Westminster]  
**9:15 am** Parishioners  
**10:15 am** Intentions of Michael Firmin [MD]

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 [BANK HOLIDAY]  
 N.B. Mass Times

**MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
 Church **8:00 am** Intentions of Elizabeth Hatchman  
 Church **10:00 am** Intentions of Valerie and Patrick Quinlivan [Golden Wedding Anniversary]

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
 Church **9:15am** Intentions of Mrs Tide & Family

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
 Church **12:15 pm** Intentions of Patrick Reilly

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
 Church **9:15 am** Francis and Emilie Carter RIP [A]  
 Mersea **12:00 pm** **FUNERAL – BERYL STEVENS RIP**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 N.B.

**FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
 Church **8:00 am** Intentions of Elizabeth Hatchman  
 Church **9:15 am** Ints: Valerie & Patrick Quinlivan [50<sup>th</sup> W/A]

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
 Church **9:15 am** Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

**LITURGY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER [A]**  
**May 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 – Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**6:15 pm** Ints Isabel & Hector Silva [50<sup>th</sup> W/A]  
**8:00 am** Brian Jackson RIP  
**10:30am** Phyllis, Cora and Deirdre RIP  
**2:00 pm** **POLISH MASS/D.M. SERVICE**  
**6:30 pm** Intentions of Maura Foley  
**8:30 am** Ints. Michael and Ellen Finn  
**9:15 am** Bob McLaren & Christopher Barrell RIP  
**10:15am** Parishioners

*West Mersea*  
*Mile End*  
*Monkwick*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**  
**SCHOOLS**

**NOT EASTER SATURDAY**  
**Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter**  
**At least six months notice is required**  
**St Thomas More** Head: Bridget Harris

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*St Benedict's* Head: John O'Hara

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