

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD [C]**

<b>Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>THE EASTER VIGIL – All Parishioners</b> Mr & Mrs Max Milford RIP
<b>Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP [Mr & Mrs M]
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Maurice Highfield RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	POLISH MASS
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Filipino Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Dr R Sykes RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Patrick Brennan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Cestari Family RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Catherine Spicer RIP

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>** **MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
**N.B Jubilee Mass** Church **12:00 pm** Patrick Quinlivan RIP

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>** **TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
Church **9:15 am** Canon John Bloomfield RIP

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>** **WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
Church **9:15 am** Dr Roger Sykes RIP

**N.B. NO 12:15 Mass**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>** **THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
Church **9:15 am** Intentions of Sarah Crowe

**Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>** **FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
Church **9:15 am** Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP  
Church **12:30 pm** Nuptial Mass – Suzanne and Heinrich

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Church **9:15 am** Parishioners

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER [C] – [Divine Mercy Sunday]**

<b>Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Des Byrne RIP
<b>Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Thanksgiving: Mathews Family
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Ester Crowe RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	POLISH MASS
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	FILIPINO MASS
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Alfredo Ramos RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Olive Newland RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Intentions: Sagnella Family
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Catherine Spicer RIP

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

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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.

This Easter Sunday has a special significance for me as it marks 40 years since I was ordained to the priesthood on March 27<sup>th</sup> 1976 at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Chelmsford. I give thanks to the Lord for this great milestone in my life, and look forward to the Mass of Thanksgiving tomorrow, Easter Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, to which you are all invited.

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

Congratulations to Adrian Lowe, our parishioner, who has been formally accepted as a student to the priesthood for our Diocese. He will commence his studies at the Beda College in Rome in September. He will continue to help in the parish, gaining valuable pastoral experience and will make 51 Priory Street his home when returns during his vacation times. Please keep him in your prayers.

Fr Paul McCourt, our Army Chaplain, continues to give us valuable help when he is able. We wish him a happy Easter.

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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  
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays - Crypt 8pm

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, **Lorraine Belmonté**, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Athene Jones, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merces, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Jordi Fleix Pujol, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Aimée Stammers, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**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 Alex. Thank you.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Thank you to all the flower ladies for the beautiful floral decorations for the Easter celebration. Thank you for the recent collection of some £400 that went towards it.

**EASTER MONDAY:** There is the one Mass at 12 noon on Easter Monday to celebrate Fr Tony's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the priesthood.

**WEDNESDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** There will be **one** Mass today at 9:15am; No 12:15 pm Mass. The clergy have a Deanery Meeting.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 3rd April 2106. [1]** The Novena continues until Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. . On 3<sup>rd</sup> April, the Polish Mass is at 2pm; Divine Mercy devotions at 3pm. A Plenary Indulgence is now available to those who celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. **[2]** The Billericay Padre Pio Prayer Group invite you to a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy at Abbotswick House of Prayer. Arrival 10.30 for 11am start. Confession available. Mass at 3:30pm. For more details, ring Claire Wallis 01277 658783.

**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL YEAR OF MERCY MASS:** on Sunday 10th April at 6.30 pm. Are you a doctor, nurse or involved in the care of those with physical or mental health issues? Are you a carer for someone with ill health? Are you a minister

of God's mercy to those who are sick? You and all people are warmly invited to join the community at Brentwood Cathedral and come into the presence of the living, merciful God. Preacher: Fr Stephen Wang

**TEACHING VACANCY:** At the Ursuline Academy, Ilford. Subject Leader – Religious Education to start September 2016. For further details: [www.uai.org.uk](http://www.uai.org.uk) Or email [bbarnes@uai.org.uk](mailto:bbarnes@uai.org.uk) Closing Date: Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**DIOCESAN VACANCY:** Person required for a paid position of 28 hours p.w. as Executive Assistant to support the Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and the work of the Diocesan Strategic Planning Group {DSPG} in the rollout of the Stewards of the Gospel programme throughout the Diocese. Based at Cathedral House, there will be extensive travel to parishes and deaneries, with some evening and weekend work. If you, family or friends are interested, please first contact Fr Tom Saunders [[tomsaunders@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:tomsaunders@dioceseofbrentwood.org)] for a job/person spec. Then submit your CV with covering letter, demonstrating how your experience and skills match the requirements/attributes of the role. Closing date: May 4<sup>th</sup> at mid-day.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEWBORNS UP TO AGE 6:** Will take place on **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April**, in the Crypt from 7:30-9pm. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. There is no need to make an appointment – just turn up – but both sessions must be attended. These Baptisms will then take place between May and June and will be booked during the Course.

**DIOCESAN PRILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016:** Transport has been arranged and will leave East Hill at 8:30am. For more details and to book, please contact Theresa Higgins on 523501.

**DOCTORS NEEDED FOR LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:** The Annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes would like to increase further the medical cover it provides for its pilgrims. If you are a doctor, please consider joining the pilgrimage this year (14 - 19 August). Your care of our pilgrims is greatly needed, will be greatly appreciated, and is immensely rewarding. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Cathy O'Connor at 01206 501146 or [cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org](mailto:cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org)

**DIARY DATE – WORLD YOUTH DAY:** With Pope Francis , Krakow, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016. If you are in school year 12 through to your early twenties and want a “once in a lifetime” opportunity, then join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service WYD Group to Krakow to be with Pope Francis and 3 million young people. Contact Clare Sullivan on [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net) before 14<sup>th</sup> April. 7 spaces left!

**THANK YOU:** To all who attended, helped with the St Patrick's Dance. £395 was raised for Parish Funds.

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL:** To book: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) **07758 805263**  
**CHURCH CLEANERS ROTA:** Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March – Team 1.