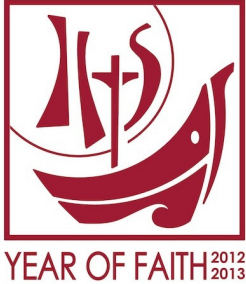


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**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD[C]**

**Sunday – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013**

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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. We extend a warm welcome to all those received into the Church this Easter, especially Danielle Toole from our own parish.

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, and 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

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm SVP Crypt

<b>SUNDAYS:</b>	<b>Divine Mercy followed by Rosary</b>	<b>3pm</b>
<b>DAILY:</b>	<b>Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy</b>	<b>8:35am</b>
<b>EVENING PRAYER:</b>	<b>Fridays at 6pm</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>PRAYER GROUP:</b>	<b>Mondays at 8pm</b>	<b>Crypt</b>
<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b>	<b>Tuesdays at 8pm</b>	<b>Crypt</b>

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Richard Cox, Stanley Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Denis O'Neill, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Patricia Roche, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Koch. Her Requiem will be at Priory St on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 11.15am. May she rest in peace.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED?** The next Baptism course will be Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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]

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Anna and Ivan Norfolk who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

**THANK YOU:** To everyone for the parish celebration of the Easter Triduum. Special thanks to our musicians and singers and to all those who carried out ministries in the liturgy.

**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 OCTAVE:** The Church observes the week after Easter as one long Easter day. On Easter Monday, Mass is at 10am and then there is one Mass each day this week, as Fr Neil is leading the parish pilgrimage to Rome.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** We thank all the flower ladies for the beautiful floral decorations for the Easter celebration. Thank you for the recent collection of £380 that went towards it.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** celebrations will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm. The novena in preparation for the feast occurs from Good Friday to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Leaflets for the novena are available in the porch. Please take one. To pray the novena, recite the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy daily along with the prayers

corresponding to each day of the novena. The novena also carries a plenary indulgence with the usual conditions.

**TABLE QUIZ:** A total of £300 was raised for the **Mary Barron Cancer Suite**, Colchester General Hospital. Our thanks to all who turned up, despite the weather. For those who could not attend, donations can still be placed in an envelope addressed to: KSC 270 and put through the presbytery door.

**LIVERPOOL CARE PATHWAY REVIEW.** Several senior doctors have publicly criticised the use of the Pathway, asserting that it can mean hastening death for vulnerable patients. A number of families have spoken out in the media about the abuses their loved ones have suffered as a result of being put on the Liverpool Care Pathway in hospitals and nursing homes. The Government is holding a review and the deadline for responses is **Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>**. The review panel includes leading pro-euthanasia advocates so it is very important that the opposition of Catholics is voiced clearly, especially those with personal experience. Please **write** to: Liverpool Care Pathway Review, Department of Health, Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, London SW1A 2NS, or **email:** [liverpoolcarepathwayreview@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:liverpoolcarepathwayreview@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

**Do you ever ask, "Who is God calling me to be?" "What is God calling me to do?"** Men and women aged 17 – 35 are very welcome to the Brentwood Vocations Discernment Group; it is informal and friendly, includes a meal and a time of prayer, and we invite excellent speakers to share their story. At our next meeting on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** we welcome **Mgr John Armitage**, Vicar General of Brentwood Diocese. Fr John was Vocations Director for a decade, and he has superb stories and insights to share about his own path to Priesthood. For full details of the group, and the venue, please email [frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org](mailto:frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org) or call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, 01268 281732. For lots more resources and information, visit [www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org).

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** New envelope sets are available from the back of church. **If you have not already collected your supply - please make sure you do so as soon as possible – Thank you**

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Team 3**

## EASTER

On Good Friday, he lays hold of the cross with the hands of a lover, takes to his heart all that dire misery, ugliness, brutality, that is the result of sin; even that he transforms. Suddenly, the age-long sorrow, death, becomes potent with life. The seed has fallen in to the earth, the great emptiness of the world's heart is filled with the potency of immortal love.

Easter is Christ risen in us; our life is the risen Christ, Christ will flower in us, will bear fruit in us, will come to harvest in us.

Had he not risen in the flesh, but remained in the tomb, he would have been the prerogative of the devout few. In every age the Magdalenes and the Johns of the world would have come with their precious ointment of love, but the Christian world would have been a world of weeping. Because Christ is risen it is a world of joy, an unassailable kingdom of heaven in the midst of surrounding sorrow.

It is for the ordinary man, the creature of flesh and blood, that Christ has risen; for those who cannot look upon folded hands and still feet and listen to the silence of the heart no longer beating.

## *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2013**

**Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>**      **8:00 pm THE EASTER VIGIL**  
Richard Lambe RIP & Des Byrne RIP

**Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>**      **8:00 am** Cecily Slim RIP  
**10:30 am** Eileen Fordham RIP [PG]  
**1:00 pm POLISH MASS**  
**6:30 pm** All Parishioners  
**8:30 am** Mrs Lil Willis RIP  
**9:15 am** James Burke RIP  
**10:15 am** Catherine Spicer

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>**      **MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
**NB Church 10:00 am** Agnes Chee RIP  
Patrick Quinlivan RIP

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
**Church 9:15 am** Catherine & Edward McElroy RIP

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
**Church 12:15 pm** Luke Chelamtampu RIP

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**      **THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
**Church 9:15 am** Canon John Bloomfield RIP

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**      **FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
**Church 9:15 am** Ints: Mary (Delaney) Brookes RIP

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**      **SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
**Church 9:15 am** Ints: John Matthews

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]**

**7<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>**      **6:15 pm** Moira & Dennis Pryke RIP  
**Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>**      **8:00 am** Ints: Geoffrey Foley  
**10:30 am** Ints: Union of Catholic Mothers  
**2:00 pm POLISH MASS**  
**6:30 pm** Mary Peel Yates RIP  
**8:30 am** Private Intention [MB]  
**9:15 am** Parishioners  
**10:15 am** Rita Wright RIP

*West Mersea*  
*Mile End*  
*Monkwick*

