

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

Sunday 2nd	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Michael Morris RIP
	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Kathleen Jones RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Maria Da Gracia RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Fr. James Hannigan RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention
Monday 3rd			MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Marco
Tuesday 4th			TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Polish Stations of Cross
Wednesday 5th			WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK <small>SPY WEDNESDAY</small>
	<i>Church</i>	* 8.30 am	Christine Daly RIP
Thursday 6th			MAUNDY THURSDAY
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Office of Reading & Morning Prayer
	<i>Monkwick</i>	6.00 pm	Paschal Triduum (Polish)
	<i>Church</i>	8.00 pm	Private Intention (PA)
Friday 7th			GOOD FRIDAY
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Office of Reading & Morning Prayer
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Children's Stations of the Cross
	<i>Mile End</i>	12.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	<i>Church</i>	3.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
	<i>Monkwick</i>	3.00 pm	Paschal Triduum (Polish)
Saturday 8th			HOLY SATURDAY
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Office of Reading & Morning Prayer
	<i>Monkwick</i>	8.00 pm	Paschal Triduum (Polish)
			THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (A)
Saturday 8th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas <small>S V of E</small>
Sunday 9th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Norma Mildred Terron RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: Daniel, Adele, Samuel Wackett + Johnatan
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Ints: Sandra Hennessy
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Parishioners

* MASS ON SPY WEDNESDAY (5th April) IS AT 8.30AM AND NOT 9.30AM

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT MONKWICK EASTER WEEKEND.

- Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings: colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org
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Week Commencing 2nd April 2023



Today we begin, again, the Holy Week. We might recall a phrase we'll be using at the Vigil, 'All time belongs to Him'. God is the solid foundation on which we must rely, building our lives on his fidelity with his grace. Nothing else will suffice. We are called to imitate Jesus and can look at the reading from Philippians for encouragement. One phrase which particularly struck me, among all the wonderful passages we hear today, comes from the first reading, 'Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.' As human beings we are created, first and foremost, for relationship with God, so learning to listen to his will is central to our existence. This isn't always easy as there are many competing voices in the world so we have to tune in, remembering that practice makes perfect.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY (Mon-Fri)	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
ADORATION & PRAYER	Thursdays	at 7.30 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: *For a culture of peace and non-violence:* We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Isaiah 50:4-7, Philipians 2:6-11, Mathew 26:14-27, 66) **Challenged when we witness how others love.** St Paul recognises the amazing humility of Jesus who accepts death on the cross out of love for God and us. We wonder and are challenged by the joy of a friend who daily visits his wife who has dementia; in his great love he feeds her, puts her to bed each evening, prays with her. Could we love like this?

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Joyce Wrobel, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Crawford who has recently passed away. The parish community offers his family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Funeral details to be advised.

2nd COLLECTIONS: The annual collection for the SVP is on Maundy Thursday (6th April), and on Good Friday (7th April) there will be a collection for the upkeep of the places in the Holy Land, Thank you.

EASTER COLLECTION: The Offertory Collection at all the Easter Masses next Sunday is by tradition, the parishioners' personal gift to the Clergy. In this Parish, Fr Chris and Fr Paschal are the beneficiaries, since this collection forms the main part of their personal annual income. Thank you.

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS: following an agreement by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales that this is now permitted at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. Unfortunately, for practical reasons we are not able to resume this yet and will advise when communion under both kinds can be given.

MILE END NEWS: A 2nd collection will be taken today for Easter Flowers.

CARITAS Diocese of Brentwood is inviting people from the night of **March 31st 2023 (9pm)** to the morning of April 1st (8:30am), to join this year's **Sponsored Sleepout** in one of our four locations; **Lexden**, Forest Gate, Hornchurch, and Southend. The Sleepout will assist in raising awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All info can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their head office in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Catherine Munns cmunns@bccs.org.uk who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website: www.bccs.org.uk

POLISH FOOD BLESSING: This will take place on Saturday 8th April from 1pm-2pm.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2023

Monday 3 rd April	9.30 am	Mass & Confessions	Priory Street
Tuesday 4 th April	9.30 am	Mass	Priory Street
Spy Wednesday 5 th April	8.30 am	Mass	Priory Street

EASTER TRIDUUM

6th April:	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
9:30 am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
8.00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watching until Midnight	Priory Street

7th April:	GOOD FRIDAY	
9:30 am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
10:30am	Children's Stations of Cross	Priory Street
12.00pm	Stations of the Cross	Mile End
3:00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion of The Lord	Priory Street

8th April:	HOLY SATURDAY [NO CONFESSIONS]	
9:30 am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
8:00 pm	Solemn Vigil of Easter	Priory Street

9th April:	EASTER SUNDAY (THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD)	
	Masses at usual Sunday times [incl. 6:30pm evening Mass at Priory Street]	

10th April:	EASTER MONDAY	
10.00 am	Mass	Priory Street

EASTER FUNDAY: The Knights of Saint Columba warmly invite you to join them for a day of activities at the Cardinal Bourne Institute, Priory Street. The day will start with Mass at 10am, and will then be a day of family friendly and children friendly activities. We will also see a return of our seasonal cinema. Entry is £2 Please see the program of events at: <https://1drv.ms/w/s!AhCUdptwFCtx0UsokYQIZv99PS6x?e=aQcKyQO>

ALMHOUSE AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATION: Lady D'Arcy with Fynches and Berryfield Cottages Almhouse Charity: 1 bedroom end of terrace bungalow with sitting room, kitchen and bathroom. There is a small garden to be maintained by the resident. **Criteria:** In need, hardship or distress and resident in Colchester; Of modest means – this may mean eligible for Housing Benefit; Capable of independent living – able to look after yourself and your home, if necessary with help from, for example, friends, family or social services; Able to live in a community with respect for it. **Contact:** The Clerk, Alison Smith at avalonbsl@outlook.com (tel: 07990501921). The closing date for applications is 15/04/23.

HOLY WEEK VIDEOS: are available on The Thresholds of Hope YouTube channel www.youtube.com/@thresholdsofhope2945 They are introductions to the great mysteries that we will celebrate during Holy Week. Do have a look.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE: Caritas Social Action Network is an international Catholic charity with services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland. It is matching Ukrainian people displaced by war with people in the Catholic community who are willing to host them for 6 months. If you have room in your home, visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more info. Or see the poster in Church porch/facebook.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 03/04/23: **Team 2 + Any Volunteers who are willing to help clean our Church for Easter (after Mass).** Monday 10/04/23: **Team 3**

CBH COFFEE MORNING: 02/04/23: **Peggy & Anne** / 09/04/23: **No Coffee Morning**