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THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD[B]

April 8th 2012

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: Toni, Claire, Joanne, David, Peter and Tony.

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes, e.g. there will be NO

7:30am and 6:30pm Masses this coming week

Wednesday 11 th	6:45pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
Friday 13 th	7.30-9.30pm	UCM Meeting	Crypt
Saturday 15 th	8-9pm	Evangelium	Crypt

DAILY Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am
PRAYER GROUP: Next Meeting – April 16th
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm **Crypt**

SICK: Please remember in your prayers Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Peter Irvén, Pamela Lee, Pat Maloney, Maria Mahy, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Tim 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 Neil. Thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mike Prout who has recently died. May he rest in peace.

CAFOD: Brentwood Office writes: "As we prepare for Easter could I ask you to thank your parishioners for their exceptional generosity in response to the **CAFOD Lent appeal**. The government matched funding scheme will double donations that **CAFOD** receives up to 17 May" As already mentioned in the Newsletter of the 25th March, the total collected from this Parish was £2388. Thank you again.

THE SISTERS AT ABBOTSWICK: invite you to visit their newly re-launched website www.walsinghamcommunity.org Next event: Sunday 15th April 2012, Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions starting from 11am until 4pm. For further information call 01277 373959.

FUN QUIZ: Thursday 19 April 7.30pm at St John Payne Church, Greenstead, in the Parish Hall, with a fish and chip supper. Cost £5.50. Bring your own drinks, but soft drinks available. Tickets on sale from this week-end. For further information contact Gene - 07939 086034.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: For newborn and children up to age 6: If you wish to present a child for baptism of this age, the next Baptism Course has been arranged for **Friday 20th April and Friday 27th April at 7:30-9pm** in the Crypt. There is no need to make an appointment but **both sessions** must be attended. *Entry to the Crypt is via the Church.*

SVP COFFEE MORNING: The Refreshments in the Hall after 10.30 Mass on 22nd April will be organized by the SVP. Proceeds will be shared between the Group in this Parish and the work of Youth SVP nationally. All welcome.

PARISH RESOURCE DAY– How to reach non churchgoing Catholics? – On Saturday 28th April, a resource day to support ministry and outreach to non-churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics will be offered at the Parish Hall, Holy Apostles Church, 47, Cumberland Street, Pimlico, London, SW1V 4LY, 10am – 4.30pm. Speakers include: Archbishop Vincent Nichols (Westminster) and Bishop Richard Moth (The Forces), among others. There is no charge to attend the day but **pre-booking is essential via** 0207 901 4818; email mission.volunteer@cbcew.org.uk <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Features/Crossing-the-Threshold>

PETITION FOR MARRIAGE: Over 360 Mass-goers in this parish signed the petition organised by the Coalition for Marriage. That's a very heartening number: thank you. Nationwide, almost 350,000 have signed up. If you missed out earlier, or can persuade your friends to do so, you can sign electronically at: <http://c4m.org.uk/>

FOOD FOR THE 175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Donations of food will be appreciated for the reception following Mass on May 3rd. Please telephone Margaret Wheeler on 797850

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Applications are invited for the post of Parish Administrator at Priory Street, vacant as from the beginning of June. This is a part-time post of 24 hours per week. Candidates must be skilled in the use of Word, Excel, Databases, with a proven track record in administration/maintenance issues. Absolute integrity and discretion are essential, together with the ability to work under pressure. For a full Job Description, please contact Fr Anthony McKentey on 01206 866317. Closing date for submission of CV's: Friday April 20th.

BCCS CHARITY GOLF DAY: – Monday 25th June 2012. BCCS will be hosting a Charity Golf Day at Lords Golf and Country Club, Hullbridge on Monday 25th June. Ticket are priced at £45 per person and include: Bacon rolls, tea/coffee on arrival. 18 Hole Stableford Competition. Nearest the pin. Longest Drive. Lunch. Places are limited, so please book early in order to avoid disappointment. *Contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / 07912277413*

MOVING OUT OF THE PARISH OR MOVING WITHIN THE PARISH?: Please let the Parish Office know. **Newly arrived?** Please complete a registration form to be found in the church porch [in Priory Street on the left hand side table]. Pop form back through the Presbytery Letter Box.

PARISH WEBSITE: For inclusions: admin@stjhamesthelessandsthelen.org

PARISH NEWSLETTER: For items: colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org in by a Wednesday morning at the latest for the following weekend please.

CHURCH CLEANING: SATURDAY, April 14th – Team 6.

LITURGY FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD[B]

April 8th 2012

Saturday April 7th	8:00 pm	Mrs Nan Redmond RIP
	8:00 pm	POLISH VIGIL MASS
Sunday April 8th	8:00 am	Richard Brown RIP [JHA]
	10:30 am	Agnes Chee RIP
	1:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Lucy Walker RIP [WH]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Richard Brown RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Mary and Gordon Scanlan RIP

Monday 9th MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

NB Church 10:00 am Cecily Sim RIP

Patrick Quinlivan RIP

Tuesday 10th TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Church 9:15 am Delia Connolly RIP

Wednesday 11th WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

NB Church 9:15 am John White RIP

Thursday 12th THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Church 10:30 am REQUIEM- JERZY ZWIERZCHOWSKI RIP

NB Church 12:15 pm Ken Herbert RIP

Friday 13th FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Church 9:15 am Fr John McCoy RIP [Westminster]

Saturday 14th SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Church 9:15 am Intentions: Joan Boyden

LITURGY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER [B]

April 15th 2012 [Divine Mercy Sunday]

Saturday 14th April 2012	6:15 pm	Intentions: Mary Glover
Sunday 15th April 2012	8:00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	10:30am	Whitney/Carlyon Families
	3:00 pm	DIVINE MERCY & POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Bridie Kelly RIP [SVP]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Maura Dorning RIP [M&AB]
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Jim England RIP [A]
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE At least six months notice is required

SCHOOLS St Thomas More Head: Bridget Harris [865722]

St Benedict's Head: Mrs J Santinelli [549222]

www.marriagecare.org.uk or 0800 389 3801.

www.brentwoodvocations.org

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