

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday 15th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Lola Bolg-Guza + Joe Ripard RIP
Sunday 16th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Anniversary: Gianni Emoli RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Holy Souls + Stanislawa + Joseph Wackett RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Mgr. Peter Wilson RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention

Monday 17th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Miss Wilma Marie Lyons

Tuesday 18th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	John Cyril Treby RIP

Wednesday 19th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	*	No Mass

Thursday 20th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Salvatore Morreale RIP

Friday 21st			St Anselm of Canterbury, Bp, D
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield

Saturday 22nd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	John Crawford RIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Saturday 22nd	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Rosalie Sutcliffe RIP
Sunday 23rd	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: Mary Lohan
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Fr Henry Young RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention (BA)

* PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Marriage Preparation: Please be aware that 6 months' notice of intention for Marriage is required especially if marrying outside the Parish. Couples who are planning to get married should contact us **at least 6 months** in advance. Thank you.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00pm Mass (Monkwick).
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church entrance, please complete envelope & drop through presbytery door. A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass. The Mass Intention will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook or collection from Church).

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com



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Week Commencing 16th April 2023

Dear parishioners, friends, brothers and sisters in Christ. We hope you have enjoyed the Easter break and spending time with your friends, family and loved ones. We would like to thank you all for your prayers, Easter cards, gifts, donations, good words and smiles. Thank you to those who have worked so hard, front of house or behind the scenes, for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. It is greatly appreciated and words cannot express our gratitude and thanksgiving for everything you do for our Parish.

On this Sunday after Easter also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, the message is simple, God loves us – all of us. Moreover, He wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. God Bless.

Fr. Chris & Fr. Paschal

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: (Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31) ***Togetherness.*** Our 'togetherness' in what we do and say is a 'sign' of our love and a source of joy for us. Sometimes, like Thomas, we can be stubborn, with an attitude of 'I'll believe it when I see it' creating a sense of separation and distance. But together we have the power to stop, reflect, be forgiven, and begin again.

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 souls of Patrick Griffiths, John Crawford, Anne O'Neil Duffy who have all recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Funeral details to be advised.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER is celebrated throughout the Universal Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. This Feast was instituted by St Pope John Paul II in 2000. The Feast is a recognition of the greatness of God's Mercy as told to the world by Our Lord through a young Polish nun, Saint Faustina Kowalska (1905 –1938)].

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.

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

DIOCESE VACANCIES: There are a range of vacancies for staff in our parish schools across the diocese. Please find further information by following this link <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

MESSAGE FROM FLOWER TEAM AT ST JOSEPHS (MILE END): *Thank you for your generous contributions towards Church flowers. The monies collected will be used for flowers throughout the coming year".*

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: Please can you collect your new box sets from the church porch. Box sets are laid out in alphabetical order. Thank you.



SVP CUPPA CLUB: We meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in the Hall. This is an opportunity to relax and catch up with others from the local community. Why not Pop in or stay for the whole session and enjoy a warm space with a cuppa, biscuits, a chat, companionship, newspapers, puzzles, games & crafts, etc., all available. We are always pleased to see a new face and offer a warm welcome to newcomers!

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.

JOSIE'S KITCHEN: If you have any unwanted trainers in good condition, please consider donating these to Josie for her homeless "*boys and girls.*" **Men's Sizes: 9 to 11; Women's Sizes 5 to 7. Please drop these into Presbytery and we will ensure that they are passed on to those who need them.**

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: On Tuesday 2nd May at 6pm we are delighted that the Westminster Cathedral Choristers are coming to Brentwood Cathedral to sing. This will take the form of a Mass and a brief Recital, together lasting no more than an hour and a half. We are extremely fortunate and grateful that the Choristers are able to come here and it will be a unique occasion. As you know, they are known worldwide.

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.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND: If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your spouse, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 21st to 23rd April 2023 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

PRIMARY SCHOOL LINK ADVISER : The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Primary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however, consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time or secondment opportunity. The Primary Link Adviser will report to the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director. Further details and an application form can be obtained here: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/primary-link-adviser-vacancy/> The closing date for applications is midday on **Friday 28th April 2023**. Interviews will be held on **Tuesday 2nd May 2023**.

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 17/04/23: **Team 4** / Thursday 27/04/23: **Team 1**
CBH COFFEE MORNING: 16/04/23: **SVP** / 23/04/23: **Matthew + Mariamma**