

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (C)

Saturday 16th	Church	8.00 pm	Ronnie Plumb RIP	Solemn Vigil of Easter
Sunday 17th	Church	8.00 am	Ints: Margaret + Tom McElroy	
	Church	10.30 am	Donors Intentions (MJH)	
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass	
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention	
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners	
	Mile End	9.15 am	Patrick Michael Irvine RIP	
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Ints: Miss Wilga Marie Lyons	
Monday 18th	MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER			
	Church	9.30 am	Patrick Quinlivan RIP	
	Monkwick	11.00 am	Syro-Malabar Mass	
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass	
Tuesday 19th	TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER			
	Church	9.30 am	Ronald Payot RIP	
Wednesday 20th	WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER			
	Church	9.30 am	Salvatore Morreale RIP	
Thursday 21st	THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER			
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Fr Nickson	
Friday 22nd	FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER			
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas	
Saturday 23rd	SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER			
	Church	9.30 am	Sidney Finch Castell + Rose Jane Castell	
	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) Divine Mercy Sunday			
Saturday 23rd	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Celestine Tighe RIP	
Sunday 24th	Church	8.00 am	David Amos RIP	
	Church	10.30 am	Ronnie Plumb RIP	
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass	
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners	
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention	
	Mile End	9.30 am	Holy Souls	

Please note the Mass Time Changes from 23/24th April on next page.

- ❖ 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 at 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).
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, Please contact the Presbytery.



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ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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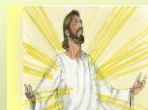
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WEEK COMMENCING 17TH APRIL 2022

We have journeyed through Holy Week; Good Friday was a day of mourning, Holy Saturday a time of waiting and now the joy of the Resurrection. We might stop for a moment and ask ourselves how the first Holy Week would have been experienced, and in particular the evening of Good Friday. The disciples didn't know what was going to happen, unlike us. We can imagine their shock and distress; yet again it seemed that evil had overcome good, the political and religious leaders doing what so often happened, brutally maintaining their positions. The joy of the Resurrection would have struck the disciples powerfully. Since then there have been, and continue to be, many similar 'Good Friday' situations, hopes dashed, perhaps a sense of helplessness. The Resurrection is God's answer to all those moments of evil apparently overcoming goodness. Christ's victory is assured, he is risen, and we can be certain that evil will not be the final answer. As the first disciples were amazed at God's definitive answer to the cross, we won't necessarily be clear how that victory is manifested in our days, nevertheless he is risen. Finally, that victory is ours individually too, we are promised the end of our sin and death. Alleluia.

Fr Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

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

MASS TIME CHANGES FROM 23rd /24th APRIL 2022

Please note that Mass times will be changing as follows: -

- **Priory Street:** There will be no longer be a Saturday 6.15^{pm} Mass at Priory Street from 23rd onwards, also no Confessions at 5.30-6.00^{pm} each week (*There will still be Confessions after the 9.30am Mass each Saturday*).
- **Monkwick:** There no longer be a Sunday 10.15^{am} Mass at Monkwick instead, there will be a 5.00^{pm} Mass on Saturday 23rd and each Saturday thereafter followed by Confession.
- **Mile End:** From Sunday 24th the Sunday 9.15^{am} Mass will start at 9.30am each week.



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: *Health Care Workers*

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9) ***Giving each other new life.*** Today's theme is new life. It reminds us of our promise to be a source of life to each other every day in tenderness, understanding, encouragement and praise, yet also by forgiving our spouse particularly when he/she is vulnerable and full of self-doubt. Today is a good day to thank God for all the life we have received.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We pray for all persons who are ill or have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patrick Michael Irvine and Mary Clare Archer who have both 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. Patrick's funeral Mass will be on 26th April at 1.30pm and Mary's funeral details are to be advised.

EASTER COLLECTION: The Offertory Collection at all the Easter Masses this 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are looking for volunteers to assist with the sessions, if you would like to find out more, please contact Kelly via email - kelfmarie1979@gmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, Priory Street Masses: As more of us are returning to our normal patterns and more people are returning to Sunday Mass, if you feel you are able to return to assisting as Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at Sunday Mass please give your name and contact details to Cathy O'Connor 01206 735623 or email cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org so your name can be included in the Rota. Thank you.



TO ALL OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS: There are too many to name individually, but all our incredible volunteers have been remarkable during this Easter Season and throughout the year. Our Church Stewards, Cleaners, Ministers of Communion, Readers, Altar Servers, Floral Teams, Eucharistic Ministers, Gardening Team, Holy Communion & Confirmation teams and everyone who helps with our Mass Centre Maintenance. Thank you for being so selfless, even though you're not in the spotlight, you are the backbone of our Parish. **GOD BLESS YOU ALL.**

CHURCH CHOIR: The next Choir Practice will take place on Saturday 23/04/22 at 12.30^{pm}. Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members always welcome.**

REFUGEE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP: A volunteer group is being set up here at St John Payne, in conjunction with the Diocese of Brentwood and Caritas Brentwood, to raise funds and provide practical support for a refugee family, to be housed in Colchester. Anyone interested in becoming involved or finding out more is warmly invited to attend a meeting, chaired by Fr Dominic Howarth, on Saturday 7th May 2022 at 1.30^{pm}, at St John Payne Catholic Church Hall, Blackthorn Avenue, Colchester CO4 3QD. Please email SJPRefugeeProject@gmail.com for more information.

UKRAINE APPEAL: If you would still like to donate to this appeal donations envelopes can be dropped thru Presbytery door; please mark front of envelope with "Ukrainian Appeal" all donations will be sent to Caritas. Thank you.

We pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

COLCHESTER CATENIANS INVITE YOU TO THEIR CEILIDH / BARN DANCE & CURRY SUPPER EVENING: On Saturday 30th April 7.30^{pm} til late at PlayGolf Colchester. This will be a great fun evening with dancing to the Caledonian Reelers live band. Tickets are £25 per head and this includes a Curry & Buffet Meal available. To book tickets email Colchester.catenians@gmail.com

CARITAS BRENTWOOD: *Helping those in the Ukraine, and Ukrainian Refugees.* Caritas Brentwood are regularly updating information on their website, covering donations, prayer, and welcoming those who are fleeing the Ukraine. You will find everything at: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine/>

BE PART OF THE WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23: If you will be 18+ in Sept, and are looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, deepening team working and practical skills in a context of youth leadership, and developing your faith, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be perfect for you. For more info, www.bccys.net/events/whopenday/

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.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESE SCHOOL/ADMIN VACANCIES: details are available from <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

MISSIO MAGAZINES FOR SPRING 2022 are available free in the church porch, please take a copy. If you have a full Red Missio Box please drop this into the Presbytery.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Thursday 21/04/22: **Team 1** / 25/04/22: **Team 2**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 17/04/22 (**KSC**) / 24/04/22 (**Peggy & Anne**)



HAVE A BLESSED EASTER