

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (c)

<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 pm	William Joseph Singleton RIP Solemn Vigil of Easter
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Mike Hanley RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	12.30 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	George Downes RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Laurenser Adenike Otulano RIP
	Mile End	9.30 am	Private Intention
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Monday within the Octave of Easter</b>		
	Church	10.00 am	Patrick Quinlivan RIP
	Church	12.00 pm	Polish Mass
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</b>		
	Church	9.30 am	Martin Dines RIP
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</b>		
	Church	9.30 am	Sidney Finch Castell + Rose Jane Castell
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</b>		
	Church	9.30 am	Ernest Ricketts, Ernest Jnr, Charles Pirie RIP
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday within the Octave of Easter</b>		
	Church	9.30 am	Rev Fr Kurian Valiamangalam RIP
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</b>		
	Church	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (c) DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>			
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Monkwick	5.00 pm	John Dolamore RIP
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Ints: Maria Wilczak
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Jerzy Dziadek RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Private Intention

## MASS ON EASTER MONDAY IS AT 10.00am AND NOT 9.30am POLISH MASS ON EASTER MONDAY IS AT 12.00pm AND NOT 2.00pm

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Baptism Godparents: A Godparent must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This means they have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. You only need one Godparent.
- ❖ Marriage Preparation: Please be aware that 6 months' notice of intention for Marriage is required especially if marrying outside the Parish. Thank you.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) to 10.30am; after 5.00pm Mass at Monkwick; And by appointment.
- ❖ Church Loop System: Please note that the Church loop system serves all the seats in the centre Nave but not the aisles or the chancel.
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch; Suggested Stipend £10 a mass.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** [colchester@brcdt.org](mailto:colchester@brcdt.org)
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# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



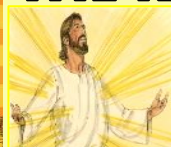
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St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester

## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (c)



(Easter Sunday)

Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025

People often wonder at the world about us and also themselves as human beings. We find this sense of wonder throughout the Bible, beautifully expressed in some of the Psalms for instance. This wonder is good but today we celebrate something even more wonderful. The Resurrection takes wonder to another level. God became man that man might become God. Instead of a wonder which is restricted to this universe and our present mode of existence, and which therefore eventually ends in death, we look forward to a new kind of existence. It is true that this new way of living begins in this world and through prayer and the sacraments we can have glimpses of the future. In order to live the new life fully we have to move through death, following Jesus who has become the Way for us. This also puts a different perspective on our time here, and all that wonder, giving the latter a richer meaning. The key-note of Easter is Joy, running through everything, every day; even if, as there will be, there are times of sadness at the incompleteness of the present. A joyful Easter to you all.

Fr Chris

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

<b>DAILY (Mon-Fri)</b>	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<b>at 8.45 am</b>
<b>DAILY</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>at 9.15 am</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 8.00 pm</b>
<b>LEGION OF MARY</b>	Fridays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 7.30 pm</b>



2025 Year of Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope: Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee. A Jubilee happens every 25 years and is a special opportunity for coming closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Church grants special graces called Plenary Indulgences during the Jubilee Year. These graces can be for your own soul or the Holy Souls in purgatory. **Our Lady of Light Church, Clacton on Sea**, has been designated as a Sacred Place of Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year. Full details of all services are available at: <https://ourladyoflight.uk/>

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:** *For the use of the new technologies.* Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



**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, J Brian Critchley, Edwina Pastor, Jimmy Clarin, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Margaret Hawkins, Valerie Thurston, Grace McCartney, Diana Irvén, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Peter Wyatt, Hilda Morah, Jason Christopher McLean, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto. We also pray for all people who are ill or are in need.

† **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Anthony (Tony) Weekes and Christopher Lavell who have both recently passed away. The parish community offers Tony's and Christopher's family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Funeral details to be advised.

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



**THANK YOU:** Thanks to all our volunteers who have contributed generously with the preparation of the church and grounds for Easter and throughout the year. This includes newcomers, readers, altar servers, extraordinary ministers, organists, choir, counters, cleaners, floral teams, altar linen, garden maintenance and everyone who has helped. May the peace of Christ be with you and your families, and may you experience the joy of His resurrection in your lives. Wishing you All a blessed and happy Easter!

**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM STATUE:** If you would like to host the statue at your home and pray the Rosary for a week. please contact Gemma – Tel: 01206 844751 or email [olwstatue2024@gmail.com](mailto:olwstatue2024@gmail.com)



**REPOSITORY:** There is a good selection of cards, rosaries, holy water bottles for sale.

**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

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE:** Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 3.00pm**, followed by a reception in the hall. If you are recently married or preparing for marriage or celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, please let Fr Chris know that you would like to attend this event.

**KNIGHTS OF ST JOSEPH:** The Knights of St Joseph are a new, modern, and locally based Catholic Fraternal order who will serve as a vital support system within our Parish, undertaking various charitable activities and community services. If you would like to join or find out more information, please see the poster in Church Porch.

**WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP:** The next screening will be on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** commencing at 12.00pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall. All are welcome.

**CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:** Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal by donating online at [cafod.org.uk/myanmar](https://cafod.org.uk/myanmar) or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS:** The Dioceses & Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark + Westminster invite you to a celebration of the annual Mass for Migrants on **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 2pm** at Westminster Cathedral. The Mass will celebrate the contributions made to the faith, life and work in the UK by all those from other countries who make a home here. Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, MAfr OBE, will be both celebrant and preacher. For info visit: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/migrants-mass-2025/>.

**EASTER VIGIL READINGS:** The Readings are a high point in the celebration of the Easter Vigil. In order to assist priests and people in managing these readings, Fr Adrian Graffy has prepared commentaries on each of them. Go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](https://www.whatgoodnews.org) Click on Scripture Readings and follow the links.

**BAPTISMS:** A Godparent must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This means they have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. You only need one Godparent. It does not matter if they are male or female. If you choose two Godparents, traditionally a male and female that meet the requirements for Godparents. There is no provision for more than two godparents.

**CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK (CSAN)** has recently launched a lived experience survey to better understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap on Catholic families in England and Wales and to explore how parishes are supporting families in need. You can find the survey here: <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey/>



- **CUPPA CLUB:** We meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in the Hall.
- **SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING** after 10.30am Mass in Cardinal Bourne Hall.

**We wish each parishioner a very happy and blessed Easter and we extend a warm welcome to any visitors who are with us today. May the blessings of God be with you and your loved ones always.**

**Happy Easter**

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Thursday 24/04/25: **Team 1** / Monday 28/04/25: **Team 2**  
**COFFEE MORNING ROTA:** 20/04/25: Yolande + 1 / 27/04/25: SVP