

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
Monday 25th	Church	9.30 am	ST MARK, Evangelist David Amos RIP
Tuesday 26th	Church	9.30 am	ST GEORGE, M, PATRON OF ENGLAND Josef Von Wrede RIP
	Church	1.30 pm	FUNERAL MASS: Patrick Michael Irvine RIP
Wednesday 27th	Church	9.30 am	Feria John Dolamore RIP
Thursday 28th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Ints: Maria + Alan
Friday 29th	Church	9.30 am	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, V, D Florise Cauter RIP
Saturday 30th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Pat + Bridget Barrett RIP + Dec. Family
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) St Joseph the Worker: Day of Prayer for Human Work			
Saturday 30th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Iris Jay RIP
Sunday 1st May	Church	8.00 am	Elizabeth Fauser –Schellmatt RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Georgeline Eze RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Holy Souls
	Mile End	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP

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



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Divine Mercy Sunday

WEEK COMMENCING 24TH APRIL 2022

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on the Second Sunday after Easter, we ponder on the Mercy of God upon us. There is a story of a young French soldier who deserted Napoleon's army, but he was recaptured within hours. To serve as a deterrent to other soldiers, the repercussion for desertion was the death penalty. When the mother of the young soldier heard of her son's ordeal, she went to plead with Napoleon to spare her son's life. Napoleon listened to her plea but retorted, because of the seriousness of your son's offence, he certainly did not deserve mercy. The mother answered, *"I know that my son doesn't deserve mercy, it wouldn't be mercy if he deserved it"*. From this story, we understand the awesomeness of Divine Mercy. None of us deserves it, yet God in His love through the Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery of our risen Lord has bequeathed His Divine Mercy on us unmerited. God's mercy resonates in our readings: many signs and wonders were done at the hands of the apostles; the psalmist echoes the goodness and endlessness of God's love; we should not be afraid, Jesus is the first and the last (all we need). Essentially, Jesus gives us peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit together with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. What a reservoir of Divine Mercy we have in the Church! In the Sacrament of Reconciliation God dispenses His Divine Mercy on us when the priest pronounces judgement of mercy in the prayer of absolution. *Seminarian Moses Itene*

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



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 5:12-16; Revelation 1: 9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31) *Taking time out for our relationship.* On Easter Sunday night the risen Jesus greets the Apostles saying 'Peace be with you'. How can we find peace in such a hectic world? We are called to make time for our relationship with God, and make a diary entry for our personal relationship. Listening and dialogue build intimacy and peace – with each other and with God.

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)].

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 Mary Clare Archer, Sheila Mary Knight and Jessie Mkandawite 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. Mary's funeral Mass is on Wednesday 4th May at 2.00pm. Sheila's funeral Mass is on Thursday 19th May at 12.00 (noon). Jessie's funeral Mass be advised.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION: Many thanks to everyone for a beautiful celebration of Easter. Our thanks to those who helped in the Liturgy, those who prepared the Church and those who arranged the floral displays. Thanks for coming in such good numbers and being a real community of faith. Thank you everyone for your good wishes and generosity to your priests at Easter time.

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

CHURCH CHOIR: The next Choir Practice will take place on Saturday 21/05/22 at 12.30pm. Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members always welcome.**


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.

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.

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.



MARCH FOR LIFE UK: COFFEE MORNING on **Saturday 7th May 2-4pm** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Crafts, cakes & coffee to support the voiceless unborn and witness to the sanctity of Life. **All welcome.**

SVP:  **CUPPA CLUB:** will meet every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games and craft etc., will be available.

ST. JOHN PAYNES ART GROUP invite you all to an exhibition of their work in church hall on Monday 2nd May. Doors open at 11am, some of our work and cards will be on sale. Proceeds to Church funds. A light lunch will be served for you all to enjoy with us. We look forward to catching up with everyone.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Throughout the fifty days of Easter, we read from the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared faith talks on '[The Acts of the Apostles](#)' and '[Paul in Acts](#)', for your use through the Easter season. To access these free audio recordings please go to the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org and scroll down to 'Acts in Easter'. Thank you.

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 1.30pm, at St John Payne Catholic Church Hall, Blackthorn Avenue, Colchester CO4 3QD. Please email SJPRefugeeProject@gmail.com for more information.

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 WALSHINGHAM 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.bcy.net/events/whopenday/

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK: Holy Mass in Thanksgiving for 25 Years of the Pro-Life Work of the Good Counsel Network. Main Celebrant Fr Richard Whinder. Saturday 30th April at 12.00 (New Rite Mass) St James' Church (Spanish Place), 22 George St, London W1U 3QY. Followed by Refreshments in the Hall. All Welcome. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

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DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES: Copies are still available in Church Porch.

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

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: 25/04/22: **Team 2** / 02/05/22: **Team 3**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 24/04/22 (**Peggy & Anne**) / 01/05/22 (**Yolande + 1**)