

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD [B]

Saturday, March, 31st	8:00 pm	The Easter Vigil
		Holy Souls RIP
Sunday, April 1st	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Intentions: Maureen & Peter Ahern & Family
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Private Intention
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Marc De Lobel RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Dave McLoughlin RIP

Monday, April 2nd		MONDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER
N.B.	<i>Church</i>	10.00 am Patrick Quinlivan RIP
		2.00 pm Polish Mass

Tuesday, 3rd		TUESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER
	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Wednesday, 4th		WEDNESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Noel L'Esperance RIP

Thursday, 5th		THURSDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER
	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Canon John Bloomfield RIP

Friday, 6th		FRIDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER
	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Kathy McPoland RIP

Saturday, 7th		SATURDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER
	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Holy Souls
		6.15 pm Jim O'Hare RIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) [B]

Sunday, 8th	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Intentions: Josephine & Ray Canty & Family
	2:00 pm	Polish/English Mass
	5.00 pm	Holy Hour
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Private Intention
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Michael Hawken RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45 - 10:30am; 5:30 - 6.00pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months' notice is required

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Easter Sunday is the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, or, we might say, the celebration of Sundays. Every Sunday is the Lord's Day, rejoicing in the Resurrection, something which we can easily forget. Easter is marked by forty days of preparation during which self-denial is prominent, a reminder of this vale of tears through which we are journeying; it is followed by fifty days of celebration, a week of weeks, looking forward to its completion in heaven. In these fifty days we will be presented with various accounts of Jesus' appearances after his Resurrection, they are helpful pointers to an understanding of what Resurrection means, though we cannot have a clear idea of this while still on earth. What we can say is that those found worthy of a place in the Resurrection will be transformed, experiencing what it means to be human and alive in a radically new way. A place in the Resurrection is not guaranteed of course, it depends on God's grace and the extent of our willingness to truly know, love and serve God in this world by surrendering to that grace.

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy and Rosary - <i>following</i>	8.00am	Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8:00pm	
DAILY:	Morning Prayer	8:30am	
Rosary/Divine Mercy		8:50am	
SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5-6pm	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Tony Allen, John Ashdown-Hill, Pat Banks, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jason McLean, Bernadette McLean, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Elizabeth Pace, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Alice White, Patricia Wiltshire.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of Percy Abrahams who has recently passed away. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family. Funeral details to be advised.

EASTER OFFERING: The offertory at all the Easter Day Masses is, by tradition, the Parishioner's personal gift to the Clergy. In this parish – Fr Chris & Fr Alex are the beneficiaries, since this collection forms the main part of their personal annual income. Thank you

ROSARY ON THE COAST: For faith, life and peace in the British Isles. 40 Days of spiritual preparation which started last Monday, the feast of St Joseph and finishes on 29th April. Visit www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk for more information.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick – come and see! The refurbished House is now open, and we love receiving visitors to enjoy the grounds and chapel. You will find pictures and information at www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick. The date of the “official opening” is Saturday September 1st, when you are very welcome to Midday Mass with Bishop Alan, and then to stay for the afternoon, enjoying the beautiful grounds. Do save the date!

Walsingham House at Abbotswick – support our fundraising. Over £320,000 has been raised, including £90,000 from parish collections and parishioners' donations. **Thank you.** There is £200,000 left to raise – if 500 people each donated £400, our refurbishment debt would be cleared. Could you do that? **Every penny is being invested in our young people, and in Abbotswick as a house open to all.** Contact Frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org, call 01277 373959, post cheques to Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH, or look at www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations to make an online donation.

New Hall School requires a Teacher of Economics from September 2018 or January 2019: Offering a Competitive salary, excellent benefits & CPD. For further details & an application form please visit: www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities. Alternatively, please contact the HR Department on 01245 467 588 Applications are invited at your earliest convenience Closing Date: Midday, Friday 20 April 2018 Interview Date: Wednesday 25 April 2018.

COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL MASS: Will take place on Friday, April 6th, at 12 noon in the Chapel.[First Floor, Main block]. All are most welcome.

GIFT AID BOXES FOR THE NEW TAX YEAR: Are now available in the church porch, *in surname order*.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 8TH APRIL: Mass here at 2pm. The Novena in preparation for the Feast starts on 30th March. Prayer Leaflets will be available at the back of church. A Plenary Indulgence is now available. Confessions in both Polish and English.

The Catholic Education Service is currently recruiting for an Assistant Director (Education) to lead our work on Religious Education, Inspections, Leadership, Governance and wider education policy. This is an important role in the ongoing work of the CES to safeguard and support Catholic education for the future. I would be grateful if you could include this short text in your parish newsletter. *Do you support the Church's provision of high quality education for children across the country? Are you interested in supporting dioceses, teachers, schools and colleges to achieve this mission? If so, the Catholic Education Service is seeking to appoint an Assistant Director (Education) to lead our work on Religious Education, Inspections, Leadership, Governance and wider education policy. Full details on the role and how to apply can be found on the Catholic Education Service website: www.catholiceducation.org.uk*

Dates for your diary: -

Mass for Migrants: Monday 7th May (Bank Holiday Monday), 11.00am, Southwark Cathedral. For decades the Church has welcomed people from many shores, and this Mass celebrates the international diversity of our congregations. Celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark, with our own Bishop Alan. This Mass is full of joy. All are welcome. More details on the poster at the back of the church.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 28th May 2018. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a registration fee of £30 and a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. If you have your own place in the race, we would love to have you on our team; we won't set a sponsorship target, but any funds you can raise for us would be hugely appreciated. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413

Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham: They have recently had two residential pilgrimage groups cancel in June. The two dates are: 11th-15th June (38 beds) and 6th-9th June (50 beds). For an idea of costing, a group of between 30-50 staying for 4-nights, from the Colchester area, would be circa £300 per person. This is a full-package quote, which includes the return coach trips, accommodation, meals, and two trips to local attractions. For further info, or to discuss possible alternative dates, please don't hesitate to contact Samuel Lidgley or a member of the bookings team on 01328 820217 (select option 1).

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) : Telephone number .- **07493 439427.**

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb_hall@btinternet.com or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message].

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday 12th April 2018: Team 4.