

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B)

Saturday 3rd	Church	8.00 pm	Parishioners / Ints: Barnes Family Easter Vigil
Sunday 4th	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	9.15 am	Ints: Jimmy Daly
	Church	10.30 am	James, Mary & John Galvin RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intentions
Live Streamed	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intentions
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Celestine Tighe RIP

Monday 5th **Monday within the Octave of Easter**

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Patrick Quinlivan RIP
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Tuesday 6th **Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

	Church	10.00 am	Ints: Anna & Paul Horwood
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Wednesday 7th **Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth and Angelo Lucas
Private Service		12.45 pm	FUNERAL SERVICE: Concetta Zammit RIP

Thursday 8th **Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Canon John Bloomfield
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Friday 9th **Friday within the Octave of Easter**

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Bridget Lloyd
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Saturday 10th **Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Mrs. Terri Beales RIP
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Saturday 10th	Church	6.15 pm	Poppy & Daisy
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Sunday 11th	Church	8.00 am	Barrie Pride RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Private intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Catherine Burke RIP

	West Mersea	8.30 am	Olive Hewitt RIP
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Live Streamed	Monkwick	10.15 am	Parishioners
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- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 10am Mass and 5.30pm-6.00pm
- ❖ Mass Intentions. These can be posted through the presbytery letterbox and they will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook).
- ❖ If you are self-isolating and would like to speak to a priest or have any worries, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317 and we will try to help you.

LIVE STREAM: DAILY MASSES AND A SUNDAY MASS

(Weekdays 10am (Except Tues), please see Schedule for Sunday Live Stream Mass Time)

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 Please check out our Facebook page for Live Stream Masses and all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy photos/videos. Please remember to [like](#) & [follow](#) our page!



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THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B)
 Week Commencing 4th April 2021



A blessed Easter and Easter season to you all, the necessary solemnity of Lent is behind us and we can celebrate the triumph of Jesus, conquering sin and death for us. The two seasons are needed, since we are still on our journey through this world. Lent reminds us of the challenges of our present, while Easter provides us with refreshment and encouragement, the promise of what is to come. A thought also about the liturgy. Vatican II gave us a major renewal of the liturgy, especially the Mass, something long overdue. The Council emphasised the importance of Sunday, every Sunday; yes, it is right that we celebrate Easter Sunday with great joy, but every Sunday celebrates Easter such that we are called to be continually aware that we are an, 'Easter People'. Some of you may remember that phrase. The document, 'Easter People' was the fruit of the National Pastoral Congress held in this country in 1980. As Pope St. John Paul II said, '...we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery – the Mystery of his Death and Resurrection. We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song. We are not looking for a shallow joy but rather a joy that comes from faith, that grows through unselfish love, that respects the fundamental duty of love of neighbour, without which it would be unbecoming to speak of joy. We realise that joy is demanding; it demands unselfishness, it demands a readiness to say with Mary: 'Be it done unto me according to thy word' ' Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer at 9.45am	All Temporarily suspended
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 _{pm})	



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9) **A sign of new life.**

Today we celebrate the resurrection and new life in the Lord. In our marriage we too rise to new life when we put each other first in all we do and say. Let us live openly, honestly and truthfully so that we become a 'sign' to our families that Jesus is alive in our married love.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Despite all the restrictions, let us be thankful that we can once again gather together, despite social distancing, as God's people. Please note the following norms which remain in place in order to promote a COVID 19 safe environment:-

- Churches will open 15 minutes before start of Mass
- Facemasks must be worn when entering all places of worship (unless medically exempt)
- Entrance to Church will be via the main door, exit by the side door
- Hand sanitiser is available at entrance and exit, though you may bring your own
- It will be essential that people sit where they are asked and do not move from there
- The use of face covering/mask in Church is now mandatory (please don't forget yours when attending Church) and that you wear it so that it covers both your mouth and nose.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times within Church.
- An Offertory Collection box will be situated at entrance and exit; the donation station is also useable
- No touching of Statues or Images in Church
- Toilets will be closed except for genuine emergencies.
- We are still required to have Church Stewards in attendance at each Mass and the Church will be cleaned after each Service in readiness for the next Mass to be held.
- No mingling with other people you do not live with after Mass outside the Church.

THE PARISH STEWARDS ARE HERE TO HELP AND DIRECT YOU TO YOUR SEAT(S), PLEASE BE POLITE TO THEM AS THEY CAN ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND DIOCESAN REGULATIONS.

Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who has reason to believe that they have been in contact with someone who has, should not attend church or volunteer in any capacity until they have received medical advice that it is safe to do so.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially John Dolamore, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Valerie Thurston, Joan Jeal, Jimmy Clarin. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosie Burnside-Fitch and Olive Hewitt who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Funeral details are to be advised.

MERSEA NEWS: Please use the following links for reserving seats at Mass (right click booking form and open hyperlink) alternatively, links for booking forms are on website under mass times. Sunday 11th April [Mersea Booking Form](#) Sunday 18th April [Mersea Booking Form](#)

EASTER OFFERING: The Offertory Collection at all the Easter Masses 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.

TO ALL OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS: There are too many to name individually, but all our incredible volunteers have been remarkable throughout the years and *especially* during this Pandemic, without you, we would not have been able to remain open for Services. Our Church Stewards, Cleaners, Ministers of Communion, Readers, Altar Servers, Floral Teams, Eucharistic Ministers, Gardening Team, everyone who helps with our Mass Centre Maintenance, your selfless contributions are the best and greatest assets of our Parish. GOD BLESS AND THANK YOU ALL.



SVP – HELP FOR FAMILIES AT EASTER: Active Essex is offering a range of clubs for children over Easter. They are completely free for young people who are eligible for free school meals or working families who need additional support. Fun activities include sports and arts and craft. For more information see: www.activeessex.org/activeeasterbooking Or find details on our Facebook page (SVP Colchester)

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The new sets of envelopes are now available for collection from the Church Porch. Box sets are laid out in alphabetical order. Thank you.

ALL BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL VACANCIES (for which the Education Services Department are aware) are posted on the Diocesan website. To view current vacancies with further information please use this link:- <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

LADY D'ARCY WITH FYNCHES AND BERRYFIELD COTTAGES ALMSHOUSES: Applications are still invited for a vacancy at Berryfield Cottages, Colchester. Application forms are available from the Clerk to the Charity, Michael Siggs, PO Box 993, Colchester, CO3 3TQ Or Tel: 01206 765138 Email: michael.siggs@btconnect.com Closing date for applications is 16th April 2021 (Please see last weeks Newsletter for application criteria).

PARISH FINANCES: If you wish to make an offering/donation this can be done in various ways:

- By dropping envelope through Presbytery door (please write on envelope Mass Offering or Parish Maintenance) or in the Donation Basket situated at Church entrance & Exit
- Diocesan Online Donation platform (where donations can also be gift aided):-
St. James the Less & St. Helen <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>
St. Cedd & St. Gregory: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>
St. Theodore of Canterbury: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you



HAVE A BLESSED EASTER