

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday 10th	Church	6.15 pm	Poppy & Daisy
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
Live Streamed	Monkwick	10.15 am	Parishioners

Monday 12th FERIA

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Des Fuller RIP
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Tuesday 13th FERIA

	Church	10.00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth and Angelo Lucas
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Wednesday 14th FERIA

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Deceased Relatives of the Farrell Family
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Thursday 15th FERIA

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Teresa Sales RIP
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Private Service	Church	11.30 am	FUNERAL MASS: Mary Cocks RIP
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Friday 16th FERIA

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Terry Hilton RIP
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Saturday 17th FERIA

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Ints: Barnes Family
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Saturday 17th	Church	6.15 pm	Ints: Catherine
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Sunday 18th	Live Streamed Church	8.00 am	Margaret Murray
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	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
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	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
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	Church	6.30 pm	Clarke Family
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	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
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	Monkwick	10.15 am	Olive Hewitt RIP
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FACE MASKS. It is now a legal requirement that facemasks or coverings are worn when entering all places of worship (unless you are medically exempt or under 11yrs)

- ❖ 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, please see Schedule for Sunday Live Stream Mass Time)

 [St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester](#)

 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!

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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Divine Mercy Sunday

Week Commencing 11th APRIL 2021

A psychologist once asked an audience, "If I squeeze this orange what comes out of it?" Without hesitation, someone cried back Orange juice! He then asked well why is that? To which someone else replied because that's what is inside of an orange. To which he said that is correct you do not squeeze an orange and get apple juice. You get orange juice because that's what's inside, you could say the orange juice is its essence. He then asked the question that we could all ask ourselves what comes out of us when someone squeezes us? When someone is mean? Disappoints us etc.? Today on Divine Mercy Sunday, we remember that God is Mercy. Pope Francis Said Mercy is God's second name. When his body was stripped and beaten, when his heart was pierced, what came out? blood and water yes, the very fount of Mercy. Why because that is what he has inside and that is who he is. That Mercy is being poured out now through Christ's resurrected presence in the church, in a special way through the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confession. If when we reflect on what comes out when we are squeezed is not kindness, love compassion and mercy then let us run like children to the fount of mercy to be cleansed afresh this Easter and become what we receive!

Fr. Paschal

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer at 9.45 _{am}	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 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31) ***Doubt no longer.*** Sometimes we are asked to trust our spouse implicitly despite the doubts that plague us. Can we believe them when something really important depends on it? Thomas needed proof of Jesus' wounds before believing. Jesus said: "*Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe [and]...Doubt no longer but believe.*" It's important to believe and to decide to trust.

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, Jan H, 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 Janice Valerie Patricia Tracy who has recently passed away. May she rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Janice's funeral details 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 18th April [Mersea Booking Form](#)

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.

BISHOP ALAN: 'Better times lie ahead' The Rt Rev Alan Williams sm, Bishop of Brentwood has recorded an Easter message, broadcast on BBC Essex on Easter Sunday. In it, he expresses his hope that, as spring and summer arrive, we may experience something of the hope and new life that Easter brings. Listen again here: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/bishop-alan-better-times-lie-ahead/>

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.

CALAIS LIGHT: Calais Light's first online Zoom event features Celebrity Refugee author, Dina Nayeri, reading live from her award-winning book: The Ungrateful Refugee - What Immigrants Never Tell You. Dina escaped to the US from Iran at 8yrs old with her Mum, & won a Masters from Harvard. Register now for 22 April at 6.30 for exclusive reading & Q&A at: <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/calais-light> and find more info on the website: <https://www.calaislight.com/>

READING THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: One of the features of the Easter season is our daily reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared two audio talks on this interesting book. They can be accessed at any time free of charge by simply going to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org It is hoped they will be a useful accompaniment to our daily reading from Acts.

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:- [School Vacancies - Brentwood Diocese \(dioceseofbrentwood.net\)](#)

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, GIDEA PARK: A Parish Administrator is required to provide support to our Parish Office. The successful applicant will ideally be a Secretary or Administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. S/he must be a good team player with excellent communication and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel. Closing date: Mon 28 April @ 12^{noon}. For full details <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

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. Joseph, Mile End: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-c>
 - 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