

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD ^(A)

Sunday 12th	<i>Church</i>	Margaret Murray Parishioners Clarke Family
Monday 13th		MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
	<i>Church</i>	Patrick Quinlivan RIP
Tuesday 14th		TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
	<i>Church</i>	Clyde Jardim RIP
Wednesday 15th		WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
	<i>Church</i>	Ints. Slawek & Family
Thursday 16th		THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
	<i>Church</i>	Terry Hilton RIP
Friday 17th		FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
	<i>Church</i>	Ints. Miss Wilga Marie Lyons
Saturday 18th		SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
	<i>Church</i>	George Downes RIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ^(A)

Sunday 19th	<i>Church</i>	Paul and Betty Bolton RIP Tom Rattigan RIP Parishioners
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LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES: The following link is to a website that has live streaming of church services in the UK <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

BRENTWOOD PASTORAL DEAF SERVICE: The only signed Mass streamed online is from the Diocese of Westminster: <https://www.churchservices.tv/pottersbar> or from the Church's own website look for the Live Streaming link near the end of the page <https://olasv.org.uk/>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	(confession):	By appointment – please contact us
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:		At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE:		Contact the parish office

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: Freedom from Addiction. We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Please pray for any parishioners who are suffering from the virus or self-isolating.

COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL: If you would like to arrange for a priest to visit a Catholic relative in hospital, please contact the presbytery direct on (01206) 866317, subject to hospital restrictions due to virus.

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WEEK COMMENCING: 12TH APRIL 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE -

A phrase many people may be using in these days is, How can I spend my time? At the Easter Vigil the Paschal candle, representing Christ the light of the world, is marked up and one phrase spoken by the priest is, All time belongs to Him. A timely reminder that it is in God's world that we live. It doesn't mean we have to be on our knees praying 24/7, though time for formal prayer is of course still needed; it's more a matter of doing all things in Christ. So whatever you are doing to 'pass the time', I would propose that it is done 'within the will of God' so that all time does indeed belong to Christ and thereby becomes a moment of grace and growth. In effect, these challenging days can become more clearly a kind of retreat, a pilgrimage (even without leaving home!). We're very conscious of parishioners when we are celebrating the liturgies of Easter, praying for you. The Bishop's letter is encouraging, please read it. Easter is the celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death, may you be blessed this year in particular.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	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 global spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a fast-evolving situation. The Bishops have now closed our churches to the public until further notice.

Fr. Nixon/ I will continue to offer Mass each day at 8.15_{am} (Monday – Saturday) and 10.00_{am} on Sunday, with the intentions published in the newsletter, and daily exposition from 7_{pm}-8_{pm}.

On a practical note, Mass intentions can be posted through the letter box of 51, Priory Street and will be published in the newsletter which will be available on the parish website.

For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact our parish office. We can still visit for the Sacrament of the Sick, with suitable precautions.

Also, the parish continues to incur expenses. Several parishioners have made their weekly offering, sometimes in an envelope hand-delivered, others have posted cheques. Thank you. Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year will be delivered to your home. Parishioners may wish to set up a standing order, our parish office can help.

The collection on Good Friday, for the Holy Places, is transferred to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, September 14th.

Please see our website for details of the Indulgence available to parishioners for joining in prayerfully while we are celebrating in church.

There is also a new Proper Mass for use in the time of a pandemic which will be celebrated soon after Easter (it cannot be used in Holy week or the Easter Octave).

Bishop Alan has sent a pastoral letter for Easter, it can be accessed on our parish website. He is celebrating the Triduum and Easter services at the Cathedral, the link is <https://cathedralbrentwood.org/>

The Catholic Bishops' website has some good links, <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

Fr. Adrian Graffy, PP at Gidea Park, is a world-renowned biblical scholar. He has posted various talks on <https://www.whatgoodnews.org/faith-talks> the latest two being specific for Easter (Binding of Isaac and Easter Genesis).

Please remember to keep an eye on our parish website.

A blessed Easter to you all. Christ is Risen indeed

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *The Lord will lead us back together.* Ezekiel's words apply to us when we are going through tough times in our relationship, when intimacy, physical or otherwise, seems impossible. At such times, Jesus weeps for us as He did for Lazarus. He will bring us back together if we ask Him and are willing to be vulnerable enough to explore together the changes we need to make

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

Divine Mercy Novena – this began on 10.4.2020 and can be said privately for 9 days until the 18th. As the church will still be closed on Divine Mercy Sunday itself, parishioners will need to say the Divine Mercy prayers at 3pm as usual on that Sunday, in unity with all those round the world who will be saying the prayers and on behalf of the whole church. God bless.

SVP: In these difficult times, we are here to help. If you, or anyone you know, needs help with e.g. Shopping please contact us: Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com.

SELF-ISOLATING: 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.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS: UK Catholic Diocesan newspapers are on one website (www.ChurchPaper.co.uk) so parishioners can stay in contact with their Church and their community.

❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com
❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: cb.hall@btinternet.com
or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only*] – please leave a message with name + contact number
