

# Churches of The Holy Name, Our Lady Immaculate & St Augustine of Canterbury

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## Sunday 5th April 2026 EASTER SUNDAY (A)

Date	Time	Service *	Intention
Saturday 4th April <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	8:00pm	Vigil Mass; HN	Mike Hiom (RIP)
	8:00pm	Vigil Mass; OLI	Intentions of Patrick and Mary Waters
	8:00pm	Vigil Mass; SA	George McNamara (RIP)
	11:00pm	Romanian Vigil Mass; OLI	Celebrant's Intentions
Sunday 5th <b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>	8:00am	Latin Mass; HN	John Smith (RIP)
	9:00am	Mass; OLI	Jim Hoban (Anniversary)
	9:00am	Mass; SA	Anthony Smith (RIP)
	10:45am	Mass; HN	Gemma Iliffe (RIP)
	12Noon	Mass; OLI	Deceased members of the Dawson & Quinlan families
	2:00pm	Romanian Mass; OLI	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 6th <b>Easter Monday</b>	9:30am	Mass; OLI	Intentions of Patrycja and Darius Zieba
	11:00a	Romanian Mass; OLI	Celebrant's Intentions
	7:30pm	Mass; HN	Ann Arain (RIP)
Tuesday 7th <b>Easter Tuesday</b>	12:30pm	Mass; OLI	Anthony Gracian DeCruz (RIP)
Wednesday 8th <b>Easter Wednesday</b>	9:30am	Mass; OLI	Arthur Henney (RIP)
Thursday 9th <b>Easter Thursday</b>	9:30am	Mass; HN	Brenda Machin (RIP)
	11:00am	Mass; SA	Jane McEvoy (RIP)
Friday 10th <b>Easter Friday</b>	7:30am	Mass; OLI	Very Rev. Canon J Whitfield
	9:30am	Mass; SA	Intentions of John Harvey
Saturday 11th <b>Easter Saturday</b>	10:30am	Mass; OLI	Francis D'Souza (Anniversary)
	12Noon	Mass; SA	Intentions of John Harvey
	6:00pm	Mass; HN	Manuel D'Souza (RIP)
Sunday 12th <b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> <b>2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8:00am	Latin Mass; HN	Sandra Rossell (RIP)
	9:00am	Mass; OLI	For all Parishioners
	9:00am	Mass; SA	Benjamin Williams (RIP)
	10:45am	Mass; HN	Miss Yvonne Marshland (RIP)
	12Noon	Mass; OLI	Intentions of Heloisa Lowe
	2:00pm	Romanian Mass; OLI	Celebrant's Intentions
	5:30pm	Mass; NH	Celebrant's Intentions
7:00pm	Mass; OLI	Intentions of Fr Bartolomeu	

\*HN Holy Name Church, OLI Our Lady Immaculate Church, SA St Augustine of Canterbury Church, NH New Hall School Chapel



### CLERGY

#### Parish Priest

Fr Bartolomeu Blaj

#### Assistant Priests

Fr Michael Barwick &

Fr Paul Boagey

#### Deacon

Rev. Kevin Lyons

#### PARISH OFFICE

Open 9-1pm  
Weekdays

The Presbytery  
145 New London Rd  
Rochester House  
Chelmsford  
CM2 0QT

#### OUR CHURCHES

**The Holy Name**  
163 Lucas Avenue  
CM2 9JR

**Our Lady Immaculate**  
122 New London Rd  
CM2 0RG

**St Augustine of Canterbury**  
Beardsley Drive  
CM1 6GQ

#### OUR SCHOOLS

Our Lady  
Immaculate Catholic  
Primary School

The Bishops' C of E  
& R C Primary  
School

St John Payne  
Catholic School

New Hall School  
The Avenue  
CM3 3HS

Brentwood R.C.  
Diocesan Trust Reg.  
Charity No : 234092

Deadline for items for  
inclusion in the parish  
newsletter 9am Thursday

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturdays:

9:30am to 10:30am at Our Lady Immaculate.

11:30am to 12Noon at St Augustine Church.

5:15pm to 5:45pm at Holy Name.

Mondays:

7:00pm-7:30pm at Holy Name.

#### SVP Furniture Project:

For furniture project donations or assistance, call the furniture bank directly on 0330 0436474.

#### Live-streamed Masses

#### From Our Lady Immaculate Church

<https://tinyurl.com/OLICHelmsford>

#### From The Holy Name Church

<https://tinyurl.com/theholyname>

#### Baptism, Marriage and becoming a Catholic enquiries:

Please contact the Parish Office.

**For Hospital or Sick Visits:** To be added to sick list for prayer, please contact the Parish Office. Please contact the Parish Office if you or a family member are sick or housebound, so a Priest or the Legion of Mary can visit you.

### **EASTER MESSAGE:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christ is risen! Alleluia! With hearts full of joy, we celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the triumph of life over death, light over darkness, and hope over despair. Easter is not simply a day, but a season of grace. A time when the Church rejoices in the victory won for us through Christ.

Having walked together through the solemn days of Holy Week, we now stand in the radiant light of the empty tomb. The suffering of the Cross has given way to the joy of the Resurrection. This is the foundation of our faith: that Jesus, who died for our sins, has risen to new life, opening for us the path to eternal life.

The Resurrection is a call to renewal. It invites each of us to rise with Christ. For us to leave behind what weighs us down, to turn away from sin, and to embrace the new life

He offers. Just as the stone was rolled away from the tomb, so too are we called to let God remove the obstacles that keep us from fully living in His love.

Easter reminds us that no darkness is too great for God's light, no sorrow too deep for His consolation. In our daily lives here in Chelmsford and beyond, we are called to be witnesses of this hope to carry the joy of the Resurrection into our homes, our workplaces, and our communities. A kind word, a generous act, a forgiving heart these become signs that Christ is truly alive among us.

As we celebrate this Holy season, let us not forget that the Risen Lord walks with us always. He meets us in the Eucharist, strengthens us in prayer, and calls us to trust in His promises.

Christ is risen, and this truth transforms everything. May we live as people renewed by His Resurrection, carrying His light into the world.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter. May the peace and light of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and remain with you always.

Alleluia!

Yours in Christ, A blessed Easter to all.

Fr Bartolomeu Blaj

**LOURDES WITH OUR DIOCESE:** Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes this summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Bookings open at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>

**LIBRARY BIBLES / CTS BOOKLETS:** We are happy to see that parish is making use of the books in the library! Please do remember to return library books and CTS booklets when you are finished with them so that others can read them. Many thanks!

#### **DEVOTIONS IN OUR LADY IMMACULATE CHURCH:**

On Fridays at 2:40pm each week parishioners lead the Divine Mercy devotions. All are warmly invited to join them in prayer.

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT:** From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again - Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443

**MARRIAGE CARE RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR:** Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and we are currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer with us. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families. To find out more please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

**THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** The SVP provides practical help to those in need. If you or someone you know could use support, call us on 07936 579230, or contact the Parish Office.

**THE LEGION OF MARY:** Meet every Tuesday at 10am in OLI Parish Hall. If you would like to pray and put your faith in action, then why not come along and give us a try and help us spread the faith through local ministry and community outreach. All warmly welcome.

**MESSAGE FROM FR BARTO - EASTER COLLECTION :** The Christmas and Easter collections form a significant part of the personal income of the priests in our parish, and Frs Michael, Paul and I are very grateful for your generosity. As many parishioners now give by standing order, it would be helpful for audit purposes if you could let the parish office know whether you wish two weeks of your annual standing order to be counted as your Christmas and Easter offerings. A brief email or note to the office ([office@chelmsfordcatholic.co.uk](mailto:office@chelmsfordcatholic.co.uk)) would be sufficient. If you prefer, you may also make a separate one-off contribution by BACS marked "Easter" (including your Gift Aid number if applicable), use a marked envelope, or give in the collection at the Christmas Masses. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**ST PETER'S PARISH DAGENHAM (RM9 6UR),** is holding Divine Mercy Devotion on Divine Mercy Sunday on 12th April 2026 starting with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration at 2.00pm, continuing with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00pm, and finishing with refreshments in the Liturgy Room. Confessions available from 2.15pm. All are welcome.

**ROSARY AND ADORATION** takes place at 9:50am before the 10:30am Mass on Saturdays. The First Saturday Devotions - Adoration, Rosary and Fatima prayers are prayed at 9:50am before the 10:30am Mass on the First Saturdays of the month.

**ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP, SUMMER 2026:** Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 - 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. 25th July - 1st August or 1st - 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, AquaPark visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>. Places are likely to go quickly - early applications are encouraged.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND ALL FAMILIES WHO MOURN.**

Jane MCEVOY (RIP) Requiem Mass on Friday 24th April at 11.00am in Church of St Augustine of Canterbury.

Nigel MAGUIRE (RIP) Requiem Mass to be confirmed in Our Lady Immaculate Church

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES, (AND ALL WHO ARE SICK.)**

Susan Ager, Helen Bastian, Annie Blake, Maureen Byrne, Marie Callahan, S.Casimir OSM, Valerie Cummins, Doreen Cornish, Antonia Dias, Victoria Docherty, Peter Dodson, Madeleine East, Troy Erickson, Marta Fevola, Mary Fletcher, Teresa Foster, Moreen Healy, Michael Hoare, Shelia Hughes, John Grainger, Robert Godfrey, Peter Hamilton, Connor Hickey, Cathy Ingram, Gary Iliffe, Maureen Leatherdale, Stuart Lucas, Anne Lowden, Kevin Lyons, Jim Machin, Maura Magee, Shelia Mayo, Kevin McBrearty, Donny McColl, Henry McKeon, Monica McShane, Anne Newland, Ann McDonald, Margaret O'Sullivan, Christine Staines, Maureen Sullivan, Patrick Waters, Anja Welsh-Smyth, Paddy Westrip, Gayle Williams.