

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)**

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER: DAY OF PRAYER FOR HUMAN WORK

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Iris Jay RIP
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Elizabeth Fauser –Schellmatt RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Georgeline Eze RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Holy Souls
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>			<b>St Athanasius, Bp, D</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Donor's Intentions (N.K)
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>			<b>SS PHILIP and JAMES, App</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Marisa Baby
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Bill Silk RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	<b>FUNERAL MASS:</b> Mary Clare Archer RIP
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEF
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St John Payne, Pr, M</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Deceased Family Members (AK)
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Margaret + Ron Griffin
			<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)</b> DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Eugenia Dimech RIP + John Dimech
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Mrs. Beryl Delaney RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Majella Sheridan RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Ints: Moses
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Patricia Barrell RIP

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester

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St Joseph the Worker: Day of Prayer for Human Work

WEEK COMMENCING 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2022

In today's passage from Acts we read that the apostles were, 'glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name'. Most people don't like being humiliated, why were the apostles glad? Briefly, our experience of humiliation is generally the result of bullying in which the bully aims to belittle the victim. This frequently involves scornful comments about the victim's attributes e.g. appearance. Clearly this is wrong. In the case of the apostles, they were humiliated for their faith and who they were as children of God. This seems to be a different 'mode of attack' which they can resist because they are utterly confident in God's love for them and not concerned about their own, worldly, status. St. Paul in Romans, ch.8, has some very pertinent words including, 'nothing can separate us from the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus'. Finally, if we are mistreated for being Catholic then we ought to rejoice that we have been identified as one.

Fr. Chris

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Marriage Preparation: Please be aware that 6 months' notice of intention for Marriage is required especially if marrying outside the Parish. Couples who are planning to get married should contact us **at least 6 months** in advance. Thank you.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) and 5.00pm Mass (Monkwick).
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church entrance, please complete envelope & drop through presbytery door. A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass. The Mass Intention will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook or collection from Church).
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, Please contact the Presbytery.



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

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
DAILY Mon-Fri	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY for *faith-filled young people*.**

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19). **Things change, miracles happen.** Today's Scripture speaks into the heart of our marriage relationship. When Jesus comes into Peter's life and work, just as He comes into ours, things change, 'miracles' happen: He invites, serves and asks profound questions: "*do you love me?*". He challenges: "*feed... look after...*". Peter found forgiveness and a commissioning; so can we when responding to His call: "*follow me*".

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER:** In 1955, Pope Pius XII dedicated May 1<sup>st</sup> to St. Joseph the Worker; this feast promotes and defends the dignity of human work under the patronage of St. Joseph.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We pray for all persons who are ill or have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Barrell who has recently passed away. The parish community offers her respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Patricia's funeral details to be advised.

**NEXT DIOCESAN 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION:** There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection taken for Promotion of Vocations on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We are looking for volunteers to assist with the sessions, if you would like to find out more, please contact Kelly via email - [kelmarie1979@gmail.com](mailto:kelmariel1979@gmail.com)

**CHURCH CHOIR:** The next Choir Practice will take place on **Saturday 21/05/22 at 12.30pm**. Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members always welcome.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, Priory Street Masses:** As more of us are returning to our normal patterns and more people are returning to Sunday Mass, if you feel you are able to return to assisting as Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at Sunday Mass please give your name and contact details to Cathy O'Connor 01206 735623 or email [cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org) so your name can be included in the Rota. Thank you.

**UKRAINE APPEAL:** If you would still like to donate to this appeal donations envelopes can be dropped thru Presbytery door; please mark front of envelope with "Ukrainian Appeal" all donations will be sent to Caritas. Thank you.

We pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

**GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS:** Please can you collect your new box sets from the church porch. Box sets are laid out in alphabetical order. Thank you.

**SVP:  CUPPA CLUB:** will meet every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games and craft etc., will be available.



**MARCH FOR LIFE UK: COFFEE MORNING** on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2-4pm** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Crafts, cakes & coffee to support the voiceless unborn and witness to the sanctity of Life. **All welcome.**

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022:** Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Year of the Family '*Hearing and Doing the Word of God*'. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. Bring your own packed lunch. **If you would like to join us on this Pilgrimage, please add your name + details to the coach booking form in Church Porch. Coach seats are £15.00 per person and the coach will be departing from East Hill (near corner of Priory Street) at 8am.**

**ST. JOHN PAYNES ART GROUP** invite you all to an exhibition of their work in church hall on Bank Holiday **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. Doors open at **11am**, some of our work and cards will be on sale. Proceeds to Church funds. A light lunch will be served for you all to enjoy with us. We look forward to catching up with everyone.

**THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES:** Throughout the fifty days of Easter, we read from the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Gaffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared faith talks on '[The Acts of the Apostles](#)' and '[Paul in Acts](#)', for your use through the Easter season. To access these free audio recordings please go to the home page of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and scroll down to 'Acts in Easter'. Thank you.

**REFUGEE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP:** A volunteer group is being set up here at St John Payne, in conjunction with the Diocese of Brentwood and Caritas Brentwood, to raise funds and provide practical support for a refugee family, to be housed in Colchester. Anyone interested in becoming involved or finding out more is warmly invited to attend a meeting, chaired by Fr Dominic Howarth, on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 1.30pm**, at St John Payne Catholic Church Hall, Blackthorn Avenue, Colchester CO4 3QD. Please email [SJPRefugeeProject@gmail.com](mailto:SJPRefugeeProject@gmail.com) for more information.

**CARITAS BRENTWOOD: Helping those in the Ukraine, and Ukrainian Refugees.** Caritas Brentwood are regularly updating information on their website, covering donations, prayer, and welcoming those who are fleeing the Ukraine. You will find everything at: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine/>

**BE PART OF THE WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23:** If you will be 18+ in Sept, and are looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, deepening team working and practical skills in a context of youth leadership, and developing your faith, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be perfect for you. For more info, [www.bcy.net/events/whopenday/](http://www.bcy.net/events/whopenday/)

**FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND, 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2022.** £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**MISSIO MAGAZINES FOR SPRING 2022** are available free in the church porch

- ♦ **Cardinal Bourne Hall Bookings:** [colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org)
- ♦ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Monday 02/05/22: **Team 3** / Monday 09/05/22: **Team 4**  
**CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA:** 01/05/22 (**Yolande + 1**) / 08/05/22 (**SVP**)