

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (B) (CORPUS CHRISTI) HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Helen O'Neill RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	John Wrobel RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>			<b>St Charles Lwanga and Comps, Mm</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mr. K. V. Augustine RIP
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Marco
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Boniface, Bp, M</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Marco
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving (J.R-R)
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Penelope Banks RIP
			<b>TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b>
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Robert Bradshaw RIP
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Mrs. Victoria M. Odili RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Maria Latacz RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Baptism Godparents: A Godparent must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This means they have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. You only need one Godparent. It does not matter if they are male or female. There is no provision for more than two godparents.
- ❖ 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 after 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.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** [colchester@brcdt.org](mailto:colchester@brcdt.org)
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# 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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St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester



## THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (B)

### CORPUS CHRISTI

**WEEK COMMENCING 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2024**

Eastertide ends with the feast of Pentecost and we return to what is known as 'Ordinary Time', in other words we reflect on the life and ministry of Christ until it is time to begin Advent again. The Church gives us two feasts to mark the beginning of this second period of Ordinary Time, they are Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi. What they celebrate is central to our faith. Today it is Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. Surprisingly there seem to be not a few who claim to be Catholic while denying this fundamental belief, which is that during the Mass and through the power of the Holy Spirit (who came down upon Mary at the Incarnation) what begins as bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ, whole and entire under the appearance of bread and under the appearance of wine (something I learnt at primary school). This truth is necessary if the Mass is to be anything other than a merely pious recalling of something which happened and was complete in the past, rather than what the Mass truly is, the sacramental re-presentation of the one, saving sacrifice of Christ.

*Fr. Chris*

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: For migrants fleeing their homes.** We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

**PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE.** Lord, we ask for your divine intervention and peace to prevail in Ukraine, Palestine and in every land wounded by war. We pray for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We ask that you guide leaders and nations to work toward lasting peace and stability around the world. *Amen*



**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Exodus 24: 3-8 Hebrews 9: 11-15 Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26) **A promise of eternal life.** Today, the letter to the Hebrews speaks of a new covenant, a new promise of eternal life. We became a new covenant when we promised to be a married couple on our wedding day. We renew our married covenant each time we nourish and feed each other in our relationship with acts and words of tender kindness.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Valerie Thurston, Jimmy Clarin, Grace McCartney, Diana Irvn, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Jason Christopher McLean, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Maureen R. We also pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Wynne, who has recently passed away. The parish community offers Mary's family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Funeral Details to be advised in due course.

**DIOCESAN 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** After all Masses this weekend a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be taken for **the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund**. The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund is part of the Diocesan Charity, which helps and supports our retired and sick clergy.

**PARKING:** If parking in St Augustine Mews, we kindly ask you to respect our neighbours drives and **do not** block them or park on the pavements blocking their street access.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The next Procession is on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm** followed by mass in Polish + Rosary.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE COACH:** Thank you to all those who attended the Walsingham pilgrimage on Saturday – everyone had an enjoyable and memorable day. We were disappointed with the known 11 people who reserved seats and did not notify us that they would not be attending as they deprived those on the waiting list of seats on the coach. In future payment will be taken up front on all coach bookings!

**REPOSITORY:** First Holy Communion cards & booklets are now available for sale in the Church Porch along with a good selection of Rosaries and Mass intention cards.



**CUPPA CLUB:** We meet every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am in the Hall.  
**SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING** after 10.30am Mass in Cardinal Bourne Hall.

**GIFT AID BOX SETS:** There are still unclaimed box sets in the church porch to be collected.

**YOUTH MASS, THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024, BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL:** This may be a busy and stressful time for many of you, particularly those taking exams. The Cathedral and Parish Hall will be open for you to socialise, pray and celebrate Mass with us, or pop in for a break from revision, change of scenery or quiet personal prayer. Pizza from 6pm in the Parish Hall, Mass at 7:30pm in the Cathedral.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** is pleased to host their first Charity Tribute Night featuring ABBA Chique at the Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre in Rayleigh on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30 to 11pm.** Please spread the word among friends and family, join them at this special anniversary event and get ready to dance and sing along to your favourite ABBA hits! Tickets cost £20 plus a small booking fee and can be purchased via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abba-tribute-night-tickets-849314000037> Please keep your e-ticket to show on entry to the venue. All details can be found on the BCCS website: [www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/)

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS, 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK:** Celebrate 40 years of team at Walsingham House with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

**THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP** is now open for bookings! Children age 9 – 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from 27<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and this year there is space for just 100 children – book early! All details are [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk), including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IN AN ELECTION YEAR:** On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June Raymond Friel OBE, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, will lead a Study Day, reflecting on Catholic Social Teaching and what the Church says about democracy and voting. Talks will be at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Coffee will be available from 10.30 am and the talks begin at 11 am, and conclude by 2pm. This is an in-person event, also available online at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) If you intend to be present please email [gideapark@brcdt.org](mailto:gideapark@brcdt.org) Please bring a packed lunch. No booking necessary for online participation. Simply go to the website. Talks will be available on the website after the event.

**BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, 20<sup>TH</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024:** There are a handful of last minute places available if anyone in school year 10+ still wishes to join this pilgrimage with the BCYS. Full details on the pilgrimage and how to apply can be found at [www.bcys.net/events/sl24](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl24) or email [gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org](mailto:gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org)

**HUMAN LIBRARY:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 16.00-19.00. Essex Police, with Essex Faith Covenant, Essex Mind and Spirit and Healthwatch Essex, invite you to their Human Library event at St John Payne Catholic School, Chelmsford, CM1 4BS. Pop in any time between 16.00-19.00 to hear people's real-life stories including topics of, "Why I became a Catholic Priest", "Spirituality at the End of Life", "Women in Islam", Addiction, struggles with ADHD and much more. See link to register interest and receive more information or contact Hannah Kelly on [Hannah.kelly@essex.police.uk](mailto:Hannah.kelly@essex.police.uk). <https://forms.office.com/e/9FtyzbhVfH>

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTA FOR JUNE**

Fri 07/06/24: Team 5 / Thurs 13/06/24: Team 1 / Mon 17/06/24: Team 2 /  
Mon 24/06/24: Team 3

**New Church Cleaning Rota's are available in the Church Porch.**

**COFFEE MORNING ROTA FOR JUNE**

02/06/24: African Community / 16/06/24: The O'Sullivan's / 23/06/24: Peggy & Anne  
30/06/24: Yolande + 1