

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Saturday 4th	6.15 pm	Elsie Souter RIP
Sunday 5th	8:00 am	David Anthony Hill RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Bridie Foley RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Private Intentions
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	William Fernandes RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Verginia Dimech RIP
Monday 6th		ST JOHN PAYNE, Pr, M
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mathew Foley RIP
Tuesday 7th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	M. Wiggins + Fam
Wednesday 8th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	Mr & Mrs Mathew RIP
Thursday 9th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	REQUIEM MASS: JOAN STONE RIP
Friday 10th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Elaine Calderon RIP
Saturday 11th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Saturday 11th	6.15 pm	Gergely SAS, Davina, John + Fam
Sunday 12th	8:00 am	Private Intention
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5.00 pm	Holy Hour
	6:30 pm	Private Intention
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Maria Sagnella RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Winifred Knights RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession): Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE: www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org under Events where a list of course dates is available

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. We can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit patients so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

**ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER****WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK
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What's so special about the number 153? Why, in describing the great number of fish which the Apostles in today's Gospel caught, did the writer think to provide the exact number? St Jerome, one of the early Church fathers, noted that it was believed there were 153 different types of fish in the Sea of Galilee and so this is one for each type of fish caught. We can see in this a symbol of the universal mission Christ gave to the Apostles. Today's Gospel is mirrored by an earlier account at the beginning of Jesus' ministry when he called the fishermen Peter and Andrew. He promised that they would become fishers of men. The same Christ, now risen from the dead, commands them to take the Gospel to the entire world. We can do the same as we strive to live out our faith with joy and integrity in this Easter season.

Deacon Gary

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00am Mass
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY: *The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity*

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *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*".

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Peter Ledgley, Hilda Morah

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Joyce Whittle who has recently passed away. May she rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of Joyce's bereaved family and friends. Funeral details are to be advised.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Each year between May and October we have the Polish /English processions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. The **13th May** falls on a Monday so the Procession will take place at 6.30pm followed by Mass.

MESSAGE FROM SVP: The SVP would like to thank everyone for the money received from the Maundy collection. Our first Race Night was a great success and all the money raised will be used to help the poor and needy in our parish along with our twinned conferences in India. Photos of the evening are on our website www.stamesstheodoresandsthen.org under Events, SVP Race Night.

CONFIRMATION GROUP MEETING: Please be advised that ALL parents of children making their confirmation must attend the meeting **today at 1.35pm** which will be held in the Crypt (entrance to the Crypt will be via the side gate to courtyard garden). Parents will be in attendance for approximately 10 minutes.

NEW MINISTERS REQUIRED: We are keen to recruit new people for the following Ministries, if you are interested in joining, please contact the relevant person: -
> **MINISTRY OF WELCOME:** Paul Horwood (m) 07895177574 /email: paulhorwood@hotmail.com
> **READERS:** Elspeth Johnson (01206) 618846 /email: elspethjohnson.ej1@gmail.com

MILE END NEWS: Coffee Morning **today** after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

MONKWICK NEWS: Our 1st coffee morning of the season & a yummy cake sale will be hosted by Mary & Chris M on **Saturday 11th May from 10am til 12 Noon** at St Theodores, Prince Philip Road, Monkwick, CO2 8PA. We look forward to seeing you there. Everyone is most welcome.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on Wednesday, **8th May**, with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening "*Wildflower*". All Welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

DEACON GARY DENCH: The Ordination to the Priesthood of Gary Dench by Bishop Alan will take place on **Saturday 22nd June 2019 at 11.30am** in Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Collier Row, RM5 2AP. A coach is being arranged to take parishioners who would like to attend with seats costing approx. £10-£15pp and will depart at 9.20am. **If you have not already done so, please add your name to the list in porch.** Everyone is welcome to attend this special day.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21- 26 July, under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams. **There are still places available.** Booking forms at the back of church, contact Cathy O'Connor: cathy_oconnor83@hotmail.com or Tangney Tours:01732 886666.

(KSC) KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA - Events schedule: -

1: 2019 SPONSORED WALK FOR BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Childrens' Society): The annual KSC Sponsored walk is taking place on the **18th of May**. Please speak to any member or contact Gary Hull on (01206) 530863 for more info.

2: KSC CENTENARY BBQ AND DANCE: You are all warmly invited to join the KSC, Council 270, for their centenary celebration at Mile End on **29th June at 7:00pm**. Tickets are £15pp or £40 for a family ticket. There will be a cash bar, music and food. Tickets are on sale now, just speak to any member or call George Johnson on 07476781885.

3: KSC Annual Pilgrimage to Aylesford. Join us in our centenary year on the pilgrimage to Aylesford on **16th June**. For more info, contact Gary Hull on (01206)530863

4: KSC Spring Action Project 2019 – Fonebank in association with Oxfam. Do you have an old mobile phone lying around? A handset that has been replaced by a newer model? Well we are collecting any and all old mobile phones to donate them to Fonebank and Oxfam. Please bring them to mass with you and leave them in our boxes in the porch.

VOCATIONS: The next "**Enquirers' Evening**" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 7th May** at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. Deacon Gary Dench, who is soon to be ordained to the priesthood will join us and give us some input. Please contact Fr Mark Swires : vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information.

ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION: The Painters from St John Payne Catholic Church, Greenstead invite you to their Annual Exhibition of works on **Monday 6th May**. So many beautiful pictures for you to enjoy and perhaps buy, together with cards and prints. Doors open at 10.30am for coffee and later for drinks and nibbles. Everyone is welcome.

FAITH EVENING ON THE LITURGICAL YEAR: On **Wednesday 12th June at 7pm** at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Fr David Manson will lead an evening on the Liturgical Year, exploring the main seasons of the Church's year and explaining how the feasts of the Church are celebrated. Admission is free but please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments will be provided.

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: There are still unclaimed boxsets in church porch, if you have not collected yours, please can you do so. Box sets are laid out in alphabetical order. Thank you.

❖ **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 contact number].

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 6th April: **Team 2**