

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)

Saturday 4th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Robert Bradshaw RIP
Sunday 5th	Church	8.00 am	Ints: Mary Carey
Confirmation Mass	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Joy & Bernard Richardson RIP
	Mile End	9.30 am	Vivian Clancy RIP
Monday 6th			Mary, Mother of the Church
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Marisa Baby
Tuesday 7th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Florence Walsh RIP
Wednesday 8th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Marisa Baby
Thursday 9th			OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Marisa Baby
Friday 10th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Mini Mathew
Saturday 11th			St Barnabas, Ap
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Paul Thurgood
			THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)
Saturday 11th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 12th	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Dec. Rels. Betts Family
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
First Holy Communion Mass	Church	3.30 pm	First Holy Communion Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Anna Gawlik RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP

- ❖ 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 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. 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).
- ❖ 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).



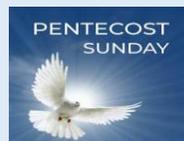
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WEEK COMMENCING 5TH JUNE 2022

First rule of car anti-theft tracker: make sure it is on! This was the title of a recent Telegraph article reporting on how people have lost out on thousands of pounds of insurance all because their anti-theft trackers had not been turned on. Something so simple yet so costly, to have gone through all the effort of buying and fitting a tracker it seems ridiculous not to have turned it on. However, as we celebrate the Birthday of the Church and the powerful gift and outpouring of the Holy Spirit I wonder if a connection could be made with our faith and the anti-theft tracker. We may have gone through all the effort of organising a Baptism, putting our children in to Catholic schools, Holy Communion, Confirmation and Marriage, the spiritual "tracker" may well be in place but has it been turned on and kept on? Jesus' words in today's Gospel suggest that the sign par-excellence that the tracker (our faith) is up and running ready and working is obedience the fruit of real love. "Whoever loves me will keep my word" Real love is not warm feelings, emotions or nice sentiments but the fire that changes what it touches in to itself bringing about obedience. As the Sunday obligation returns the litmus test of our love is not our feelings but our obedience. Happy Birthday Fr. Chris on behalf of the Parish, thank you for your faithful witness of obedient love all these many years. Oh yes and God Save the Queen!

Fr. Paschal

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY (Mon-Fri)	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
ADORATION & PRAYER	Thursdays	at 7.00 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE for Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Acts 2:1-11; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26) The Holy Spirit is always there to help us. On our wedding day we were full of life and joy and visibly reflected the presence of the Holy Spirit in us. But He has also been present at other times in our lives: difficult times such as rejection by others, financial difficulties, mental and physical illness. By asking for His strength, He has kept us strong and close.

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.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken for *the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund* on Sunday 12th June. The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund is part of the Diocesan Charity, which helps and supports our retired and sick clergy.

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

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE: The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is being celebrated in 2022 in the Commonwealth to mark the 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne on 6 February 1952. Please pray for the Queen:

Sovereign Lord, you are God above all nations, rulers and leaders, and so we thank you for the faithful service of Elizabeth, our Queen, in this her platinum jubilee year.

2022 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): RCIA is the process developed by the Catholic Church for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, teachings and practices with a view to becoming Catholics, or for those who have a background in the Catholic Faith but who have not yet been confirmed, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. **An Initial meeting will be held on Monday 11th July at 7pm in the Church.** Thank You

CONFIRMATION: Our sincere congratulations to our young people who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation today. We also extend our gratitude to our Confirmation Team who helped to prepare these young people.

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:kelmariel979@gmail.com)

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 & crafts, etc., will be available.

RED MISSIO BOXES: Please remember to collect your emptied "Red Boxes" from the Presbytery. Thank you.



PARISH COMMUNITY FETE: TODAY FROM 12PM-4PM. This will be held at St Thomas More's School field and will be a day of great fun for all the family! There will be 'light bites', BBQ, Stalls, Bouncy Castle, Live Entertainment, dancing, Raffle and lots more! As a parish we can come together to celebrate, the Queens Platinum Jubilee; Fr Chris 70th Birthday; Fr Philips Silver Anniversary of Ordination and relay our thanks for his long serving ministry in our Parish; as well as being joined by the confirmed children on their special day. Free entry, food and drink (except BBQ, Candyfloss + Ice Cream).

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ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL - CLEANER REQUIRED: We are looking for someone for 2 hours per day - Monday – Friday 3.30pm-5.30pm. Term time only @ £9.62 per hour, starting as soon as possible. If you are interested, or know someone who might like to join our friendly team please contact the school for more details on 01206 865722 after 6th June.

YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN – A STUDY DAY FROM GIDEA PARK: On Saturday 18th June from 11am Fr Gerard Bradley will lead a study day entitled 'Your sins are forgiven: exploring the sacrament of pardon and peace'. To follow this free live streamed event please go to www.whatgoodnews.org Our speaker, Fr Gerard Bradley, is a parish priest in the archdiocese of Southwark and taught Liturgy and Spirituality at St John's Seminary, Womersley. Two sessions will be followed by the opportunity for questions. The event will end by 1pm. Recording of the study day will be made available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org

VOCATIONS: The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 7th June** at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Mgr John Armitage. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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/>

THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA need you! We are looking for Catholic men, aged 16 + over, to join us in our good works of Charity through the spirit of Unity and Fraternity. We aim to support and help as many parishes as possible as well as the good causes that we have continued to help throughout the recent pandemic, but can only do so with Volunteers. For more info: George Johnson on 07476781885 or rd-region6@ksc.org.uk

WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23: GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY STARTING SEPTEMBER 2022, FOR THOSE IN CURRENT YEAR 13, UP TO AGE 22. Details on www.bcys.net or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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.

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

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 06/06/22: **Team 4** / Thursday 16/06/22: **Team 1**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 05/06/22 (**KSC**) / 12/06/22 (**Peggy & Anne**)



WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE TODAY. FOR PEACE AND THE LAYING DOWN OF WEAPONS.

