

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Racial Justice Day)

Saturday 8th	Church	6.15 pm	Noreen Downes RIP
Sunday 9th	Church	8:00 am	Deceased Relatives of Betts Family
	Church	10:30 am	Unar & Finbarr Nagle + Fam
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	5.00 pm	Holy Hour
	Church	6:30 pm	Private Intention
West Mersea		8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End		9:15 am	Anne Hall RIP
Monkwick		10:15 am	Anniversary: Peter McCartney RIP

Monday 10th	St Scholastica, V		
	Church	9.30 am	Ms Bridget Frawley

Tuesday 11th	OUR LADY OF LOURDES (World Day for the Sick)		
	Church	9.30 am	Felicitas A Clarin RIP

Wednesday 12th	Feria		
	Church	12.15 pm	Private Intention

Thursday 13th	Feria		
	Church	9.30 am	Intentions: Catherine Wood

Friday 14th	SS CYRIL, Monk & Methodius, Bp		
	Church	9.30 am	Esther and Edward Crowe RIP

Saturday 15th	Feria		
	Church	9.30 am	Margaret Barker RIP

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 15th	Church	6.15 pm	Mrs Oksana Zakhleniuk [Anniversary]
Sunday 16th	Church	8:00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10:30 am	Mrs Hannah Gobol RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea		8:30 am
Mile End		9:15 am	Anne Hall RIP
Monkwick		10:15 am	Private Intention

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 are 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 the patient 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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Today's Gospel is no doubt very familiar, Jesus using what are now well-known images to describe his disciples. Nevertheless, what he says can still surprise us. What I mean is this. Jesus is the light of the world, the light that enlightens all people; he is light from light. Yet Jesus tells his disciples that they are the light of the world. How can this be? The Church truly is the Body of Christ, he is the vine and we are the branches. So, anyone who is living a life of grace really does share in the life of Christ and therefore can be called the light of the world. The last few phrases of the Gospel remind us, however, that though we may be light and so do good deeds, the grace for this is Christ's, we cannot claim them simply as our own. That said, the fact someone does Christ's work will result in their blessing, they will be reckoned as sheep not goats.

Fr Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: *Listen to the Migrants' Cries*

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Unity is the key.* When we married, a new flame was lit in our Church, signified by the lighting of a new candle as we made our vows and became "Little Church" together. Now, as we think of our life up to now, we can see how our love has been reflected on to our children, our family and our Church community.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah. Valerie Thurston, Joan Jeal

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: After all masses this weekend there will be a 2nd collection for the Lourdes Sick & Helpers Fund. The proceeds of this collection are used to fund Doctors and Nurses on the pilgrimage, as well as to provide assistance for individuals who are facing financial hardship, especially those who have medical needs.

READERS: Pope Francis has 'dedicated' this year to the Word, asking all Catholics to spend more time reading and reflecting on the Scriptures. It seems fitting therefore for us as a parish to be more attentive to the reading of Scripture during Mass, and also renew and refresh those who do proclaim the Word in Mass. In the first instance, I would like to invite parishioners to give me the names (of others or themselves) who would like to be considered as readers in our parish.

LANDINGS: Calling all active Catholics, if you would like to be involved with the Landings program that will be coming soon to this Parish. **Please see poster in church porch for details.**

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on **Wednesday 19th February** with a **start time of 1.15^{pm}** screening "*Summer Snow*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard in porch for future films and screening dates.

The **SVP Cuppa Club** is running every Thursday morning from 10^{am} to 12^{noon} in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games and craft. If you know anyone who would like to come but needs a lift, please get in touch, using the contact details below.

'WALK WITH ME' Booklets (LENT EDITION): Now available in church porch at £1 a copy.

PALM CROSSES: We should be grateful if people could bring their old palm crosses back to us. A basket is situated in the Church Porch for collection of these. Thank you.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: There will be a St Patrick's Event on the evening of Saturday, 21st March. More details to follow.

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM takes place on **Saturday 23rd May 2020.** For transport details contact Theresa Higgins on 07881370626.

VACANCY: *Lay Chaplain required at St Benedict College.* For further details about the role, please contact Mrs Jo Santinelli, Principal on 01206 549222 & for further info about the college, please go to www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk.

VACANCY: *Headteacher – St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch* required from September 2020. Closing Date: 21 February 2020; Shortlisting: 24 February 2020; Interview Date: 6 March 2020. Contact Mrs Mary McLeavy at the school for more information/ and if you wish to arrange a visit. Tel: 01708 448430; admin@stcmps.co.uk

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE DAY OF PRAYER: Come and join us at St. Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch, for a day of prayer on Saturday 22nd February 2020 10^{am}-4^{pm}. Rosary, Adoration and a talk given by Fr Svetozar, Franciscan Priest from Medugorje. Bring a packed lunch. Everyone welcome!

LENT EVENTS ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: The Year of the God who Speaks continues with a Lenten focus on the Gospel of John, which figures prominently in this year's liturgies. On Saturday 29th February Fr Victor Darlington, professor at St John's Seminary, Womersley, will lead a study day on 'John among the Gospels' from 10.30am-3 pm at Christ the High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH.. Also at Gidea Park at 7pm on the 11th, 18th, 25th March, Fr Adrian Graffy will speak about 'The Great Johannine Gospels' - the Samaritan Woman, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus, which will be proclaimed on the subsequent Sundays, 3rd, 4th and 5th of Lent. These evenings will include a reading of the relevant gospel in parts. To book your place for any of these events email GPstudydays@gmail.com or call 01708 449914. For further information and video of past events go to www.whatgoodnews.org *Fliers x 2 to be printed off.*

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MYLAND; *MakeLunchMyland –Filling the Holiday Hunger Gap.* This project supports local families by providing free, hot and healthy meals and fun activities during the school holidays. More details from Rev.Lynsey; 07887 793610 or lynseyheslegrave@aol.com. . A service of celebration with guest speaker to be held on Sunday 1st March, 6:30pm at the Well Methodist Church, Nayland Road, CO4 5RT.

LENTEN REFLECTION AND REVISION RETREAT: Walsingham House at Abbotswick, **27th-29th March.** In school year 11-13? Struggling to find a quiet space to study for GCSEs, BTEC or A-levels? The weekend retreat will include reflective prayer, generous time for personal study, and relaxed social time, and will conclude with Mass. 8pm Friday 27th – 3pm Sunday 29th. Meals included. Cost £35.

RETOUVAILLE: Is a program to help couples through difficult times in their marriage. There is no therapy or group work. For confidential information or to register for a residential weekend on 28th Feb – 1st March: call 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443; email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com ; visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk "*Retrouvaille is a French word meaning to find each other again; to find oneself again; to find one's way again*".

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND: A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 3rd to 5th April 2020 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES There are some copies still available in the church porch. Priced at £2.80 per copy (money to go in "*Repository*" Box in church porch).

❖ **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 name + contact number]

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 10th February: **Team 3**