

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)**

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

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

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>St Erconwald, Bp</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b> Olivia Barnes
	<i>Church</i>	<b>2.30 pm</b> St Thomas More School: Liturgy of the word
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6.30 pm</b> Our Lady of Fatima Procession followed by Mass in Polish/English

<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>ST MATTHIAS, Ap</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b> Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas

<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12.15 pm</b> Chief Christopher Utti RIP

<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b> Canon John Bloomfield

<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b> Pat Joe McGinley RIP

<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b> Holy Souls

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)**

<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Amando Louise Harris RIP
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Holy Souls
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Private Intention
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	First Holy Communion Mass
<i>Church</i>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Private Intention
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Thanksgiving
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Bridget + Michael Brady RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Ints: Tony Dixon (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)

**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](http://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 patients so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

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**CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER**

**WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK**  
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‘The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice’; this sounds simple and straightforward. In practice, we’re not always very good at listening. We might reflect on the case in which a person consistently is out of step with the rest of the congregation when making responses or saying prayers; can they be listening, or are they self-absorbed? (Leaving aside situations where people are hard-of-hearing). Or someone may claim to listen yet their actions reveal something different, they behave in a way at odds with what they are supposedly listening to. Our minds also have a habit of wandering off by themselves. There are also many voices literally clamouring for our attention, by various means, so we need to practice listening to the voice of the Lord, learning to distinguish it from the noise surrounding us. Entering into silence is the key, as the Lord can more easily speak to us then.

Fr. Chris

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**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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

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

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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.

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**MARRIAGE MATTERS: *We are a light to the world.*** Most people, when they get married, think their married life is a private affair but Jesus calls us to be a light to the world as a couple. Through our gentleness and tenderness, our readiness to forgive each other, people we meet can experience some qualities of God's love for them. Living in this way is the vocation of marriage.

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**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 souls of Joyce Whittle, Brian O'Neill & Mary O'Toole who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace and we also pray for the comfort of their bereaved families and friends. Joyce and Mary's funeral arrangements are to be advised. Brian's Requiem Mass will be held here on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The procession will take place on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm** followed by Mass in Polish/English.

**DIOCESAN 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. It is traditionally a day of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood. God calls each of us to serve him in some particular way so it is important for us to promote a culture of vocations within the church. Please also pray in particular for our diocese and our current seminarians as they journey towards priesthood. They are Adrian Lowe, Paschal Uche, Michael Barwick, Tony Grant, Alexander Johnson, Damien Wade, Matúš Meleg and Jonathan Burden. Our new seminarian is Moses Itene who will start at Allen Hall in September. At the moment there are ten young men in the priesthood enquirers' group. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES:** Our Children will celebrate their First Holy Communion here at 2pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May & Polish Children on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2pm. Confession for Polish children making their Holy Communion will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1-3pm.

**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

**STEWARDS OF GOSPEL DISTRICT MEETING:** This will be held in the Crypt on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

**REPOSITORY:** We currently have a good selection of First Holy Communion, Confirmation & Ordination Cards available for sale in the Church Porch or after the 10.30am Sunday Mass.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM (Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May):** Theresa Higgins is unable to take a minibus to this year's pilgrimage. If anyone is going by car and has spare seats can they contact me: [theresahiggins6@gmail.com](mailto:theresahiggins6@gmail.com) so that I can put people in touch. Thank you .

**MESSAGE FROM COLCHESTER MOSQUE & COLCHESTER ISLAMIC COMMUNITY CENTRE:** *"The Colchester Muslim Community mourns the lives lost in Sri Lanka. We stand in solidarity and compassion with both Sri Lankan and Christian Communities and send our Heartfelt condolences."*

**DEACON GARY DENCH:** The Ordination to the Priesthood of Gary Dench by Bishop Alan will take place on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:cathy_oconnor83@hotmail.com) or Tangney Tours:01732 886666.

**MERSEA NEWS:** The next Coffee Morning will be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am til 12.30pm** at the home of Mar Richardson, 55 Rectory Road, Rowhedge. All are most welcome

**WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP:** The next Film showing is on Wednesday, **22<sup>nd</sup> May, with a start time of 1.15pm** screening [1] *"St Augustine"* & [2] *"Fatima, The ultimate Mystery"*. All Welcome

**THE DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SERVICE TEAM** are organising a Day of Renewal themed *'The Love of Jesus'* which will be held on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019** at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford from 10am until 4pm. Our speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3pm. Tea & Coffee provided but please bring a packed lunch..

**(BCCS) BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** has several charity places remaining for the London to Brighton Bike Ride on **15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. Riders are asked to pay a registration fee of £55 and make a commitment to raise £150 for 'bccs'. For more info [www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events](http://www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events) or call Julie Abbott on 01268 784544/07912 277413.

**VOCATIONS RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS:** A retreat for men and women aged 18-35yrs who are open to a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life will be held at Dowry House, Walsingham on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to 2pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Special rates available.** **To book:** <http://www.dowryhouse.org.uk/events-listing/vocations-weekend/>

**MESSAGE FROM SJP PAINTERS GROUP** Re: Annual Art Exhibition at St John Payne: This was enjoyed by so many people, we thank you all for supporting and contributing to the success of this event.

**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.

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❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com)

or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message with contact number].

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**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May: **Team 3**