

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

World Communications Day

Saturday 11th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Ints: Marco
Sunday 12th	Church	8.00 am	Bridie Bennett RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Ellen & Derry RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Private Intention
Monday 13th			St Erconwald, Bp
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Tuesday 14th			ST MATTHIAS, Ap
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Marco
Wednesday 15th			Wednesday after Seventh Sunday of Easter
	Church	9.30 am	Maureen Jobber RIP
Thursday 16th			Thursday after Seventh Sunday of Easter
	Church	9.30 am	Private Intention (M,E)
Friday 17th			Friday after Seventh Sunday of Easter
	Church	9.30 am	Thanksgiving (R,R-R)
	Church	11.30 am	Funeral Mass: Joyce Helen Wrobel RIP
Saturday 18th			Saturday after Seventh Sunday of Easter
	Church	9.30 am	Amanda Louise Harris RIP
			PENTECOST (B)
Saturday 18th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 19th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Maria Nila Tavera + Anna Liza Cagadas RIP
	Mile End	9.30 am	Cipriano Subibi

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office. 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. 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).

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



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WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Week commencing 12th May 2024

Today is World Communication Day and we celebrate the power of dialogue, understanding, and connection that communication fosters across the globe. In a world where there is diverse perspectives and cultures, effective communication serves as the cornerstone of harmony and progress. As Pope Francis aptly remarked, *"Communication has the power to build bridges, to enable encounter and inclusion, and thus to enrich society."* In today's digital age, where information flows ceaselessly and there seem to be no boundaries, the need for responsible and compassionate communication is more pressing than ever. It is not merely about the exchange of words but about the exchange of ideas, emotions, and experiences. Pope Francis reminds us that communication is not just a tool but a pathway to mutual understanding and unity, transcending barriers of language, religion, and ideology. However, we must remain vigilant guardians of truth and integrity. In an era of misinformation and polarization, Pope Francis urges us to use communication as a force for good, spreading empathy, solidarity, and hope.

Fr. Philip

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



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY: *For the formation of religious and seminarians.* We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE. God of hope, mercy and compassion of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the World. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. Amen



MARRIAGE MATTERS: The Ascension (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 1John 4: 11-16 John 17: 11-19) **Strive for unity.** Since even before we married, we have worked to bring about unity in our love relationship. Today we are reminded that by loving one another; *“God will live in us and His love will be complete in us”.* Let's take a moment to hold hands, look at each other and say *“you are my beloved ‘till the end of time”.*

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 souls of Maria Kelly and Derrick Chater who have both recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Maria's funeral service will be St Cedd & St Gregory on Thursday 23rd May at 11.15am. Derricks funeral service will be here on Wednesday 29th May at 12.30pm.

NEXT SECOND COLLECTION: Each year, the diocese marks **World Communications Day** on the Sunday before Pentecost; This year it will fall on Sunday 12th May. This year's theme is **Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication.** To read the message of his holiness Pope Francis for the 58th world day of social communications, please click on this link [World Communications Day 2024](http://www.bccs.org.uk/world-communications-day-2024) **There will be a collection taken after all masses this weekend.**

TALK AND VOLUNTARY COLLECTION FOR CAFOD SUDAN APPEAL: The people of Sudan urgently need our help and CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal. When violence broke out last year, most aid agencies evacuated and Humanitarian workers are struggling to get back into Sudan to help. For further details, visit cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal. Gemma (CAFOD rep) will be giving a short talk after at Mersea today.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral on **Saturday 13th July at 3.00pm**, followed by a reception in the hall. If you are recently married or preparing for marriage or celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, please let Fr Chris know that you would like to attend this event.

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

KSC ROSARY CRUSADE 2024: The Order of the Knights of Saint Columba warmly invite you to participate in this year's Rosary Crusade. The dates and times are as follows: -

- 12th May – Following 9:30am Mass, St Joseph's, Mile End
- 19th May – Following 10:30am Mass, St James the Less & St Helen, Priory Street

Please see poster in Church porch for further details as well as other dates and churches.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM ON SATURDAY 25th MAY 2024: The coach is now fully booked and there are people on the seat cancellation list. If you have reserved a seat and are unable to go, please advise the Presbytery office so that these seats can be offered to others. Please remember to bring the correct coach fare and your packed lunches/refreshments. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



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.

YOUTH MASS, THURSDAY 6TH 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 12th 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/ If you have any questions about the event, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS, 31ST 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.

DIocese OF BRENTWOOD VACANCIES: Please see notice in church or Facebook page.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IN AN ELECTION YEAR: On Saturday 15th 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 2 pm. This is an in-person event, also available online at www.whatgoodnews.org If you intend to be present please email 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.

'REVIVE; DISCOVER; EMPOWER' A YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: Walsingham House are hosting a young adults retreat on the weekend of 22nd – 23rd June. The retreat is open to those who are 19+. It will be a weekend of prayer and friendship and a wonderful opportunity to take a break from work or university. The cost of the retreat is £45 and more information, including how to book, can be found at www.bcys.net/events

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM – MAY 2024

09/05/24: **Team 1** / 13/05/24: **Team 2** / 20/05/24: **Team 3** / 27/05/24: **Team 4**

COFFEE MORNING – MAY 2024

12/05/24: Yolande + 1 / 19/05/24: SVP / 26/05/24: Matthew + Mariamma