

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 12th	Church	6.15 pm	Ron & Margaret Wheeler RIP
Sunday 13th	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Patricia + Arthur Urquhart RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Wieslaw Rekucki RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private intention
	Mile End	9.15 am	David Eamonn Doble RIP
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Peggy Wilding RIP

Monday 14th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Mrs. Leela Chawdrashekar RIP
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Tuesday 15th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Dec. Mem. Balagtas-De Jesus Fams.
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Wednesday 16th	Church	9.30 am	Feria John & Julie O'Connor RIP
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Thursday 17th	Church	9.30 am	SAINT PATRICK, Bp, Patron of Ireland Patrick & Rose Ann McAldon RIP
	Church	7.00 pm	ADORATION & PRAYER

Friday 18th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Mrs. Grace Samuel RIP
	Church	7.30 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday 19th	Church	9.30 am	ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Jose Vadakepedika RIP
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 19th	Church	6.15 pm	Bill & Daphne Reader RIP
Sunday 20th	Church	8.00 am	Agnes Williams RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.15 am	Iris Jay RIP
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Anniversary: Olive Hewitt 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 10_{am} Mass and 5.30_{pm}-6.00_{pm}
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, Please contact the Presbytery.
- ❖ 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
WEEK COMMENCING 13TH MARCH 2022

From the temptation in the desert, to a glimpse of glory on mount tabor, God always gives us encouragement and strength for the journey. At a moment when the disciples are deeply discouraged by the talk of Jesus' suffering and death He takes them up a mountain and in their presence He is transfigured. This acts as a foretaste of glory to come and a present assurance of comfort and hope. This Lent we think of our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine. For millions, the shock of war is giving way to the horror of suffering and sadness, destruction and death; they desperately need help and need hope. God is not silent. In the Penny Catechism, question 137. It is asked, why should we hope in God? To which the answer is given; Because, God is infinitely wise, supremely powerful and entirely faithful to his promises. As in the first reading He promised childless Abraham that his children would be as many as the stars, He likewise assures David in today's Psalm, that He is our light and salvation, and again He speaks through saint Paul in our second reading to bravely endure hardships for our true citizenship is in heaven. This Lent our fasting can empower our prayer; it can help us focus our hearts on God's promises. In turn, our prayer can inspire our almsgiving, and bless our neighbour with an experience of God's love now and a glimpse of God's glory that awaits us then.



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Fr. Paschal

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
DAILY Mon-Fri	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	Temporarily suspended



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36) **A real presence through listening.** Jesus was transfigured and was in communion with His Father, and His companions were overwhelmed, hearing the Father's voice. We can hear the voice of Jesus now – but can we listen to Him? Let's start by listening to each other, not just ears, but eyes, hearts, our whole being, becoming really present to each other, 'a real presence', every day.

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.

TIME OF PRAYER AND ADORATION: This will take place **every Thursday** in Church from 7-8pm and will be led by Fr Paschal. Please do come along.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This will take place here **every Friday** of Lent at 7.30pm.

2nd COLLECTION RE CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY: After all Masses this weekend there will be a collection taken for CAFOD. Envelopes in porch. Family fast day was 11th March.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, Priory Street Masses: As more of us are returning to our normal patterns and more people are returning to Sunday Mass, if you feel you are able to return to assisting as Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at Sunday Mass please give your name and contact details, in at the parish office, or email cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org so your name can be included in the Rota. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are happy to be able to re start Children's liturgy on Sundays at 10:30am Mass. Children in Reception class and of pre-school age are welcome to attend with a parent, where they will hear a story, sing and take part in an activity. 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

CHURCH CHOIR: The next Choir Practice will take place on Saturday 26/03/22 at 12.30pm Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members always welcome.**

ESSEX LEG OF PILGRIM CROSS (FORMERLY STUDENT CROSS): We kindly ask for Volunteers to cook and serve an evening meal on Friday 8th April and breakfast on Saturday 9th April to approx. 15-18 Students who will be sleeping in Cardinal Bourne Hall whilst taking part in the Essex leg of the Easter Walking Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Please contact the Clergy if you are able to assist in any way in feeding these tired and hungry young people.

ST PATRICKS NIGHT: This festive event will be held in Cardinal Bourne Hall on Saturday 19th March from 7.30pm-11.00pm. Good Food, Live Music from Parish Drama Group, Singing and Dancing, Prize Raffle and more. For Tickets contact Frances on 369568 or Nora on 503410. Adults £13.00 / Children 5-12yrs £6.00. Book early to avoid disappointment.

SVP:  CUPPA CLUB: will meet every Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games and craft etc., will be available. If you know anyone who would like to come but needs a lift, please get in touch Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

COLCHESTER CATENIANS INVITE YOU TO THEIR CEILIDH / BARN DANCE & CURRY SUPPER EVENING: On Saturday 30th April 7.30pm til late at PlayGolf Colchester. This will be a great fun evening with dancing to the Caledonian Reelers live band. Tickets are £25 per head and this includes a Curry & Buffet Meal available. To book tickets email Colchester.catenians@gmail.com

THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 – 29 July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now on-line: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

SUPPORT THE FOODBANK THIS LENT: Caritas is inviting you to collect at home and donate a box of items for the foodbank throughout Lent, by following their Lenten Giving Calendar <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/lenten-giving-calendar/>. Once completed donate directly to our local foodbank - just in time for Easter week.

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: Sunday 13th March 4– 5.00 pm *What has Catholicism contributed to culture and the arts?* This talk will be given by Fr David Clemens, parish priest of Our Lady of Compassion, Saffron Walden. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their annual 'Relay 100' community event this May & June. This initiative is an opportunity to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals or groups to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; To find out more <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/relay-100>

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND: If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th April at the Sion Community, Brentwood. If you would like more details, call Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD are inviting people from the night of April 8th to the morning of April 9th, to join the 2022 Sponsored Sleepout. Raising awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout or by emailing sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

LENT READINGS: The Scripture readings for Lent are particularly rich and a major source of help in living a good Lent. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest, Scripture scholar, and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared commentaries on all the readings in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass throughout Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday. The full text of the biblical readings and commentary are accessible from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org

BRENTWOOD DIOCESE SCHOOL/ADMIN VACANCIES: details are available from <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 14/03/22: **Team 4** / Thursday 24/03/22: **Team 1**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 13/03/22 (Yolande + 1) / 20/03/22 (SVP)