

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Saturday 18th	6.15 pm	Amando Louise Harris RIP
Sunday 19th	8:00 am	Holy Souls
	10:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Church</i>	2:00 pm	First Holy Communion Mass
<i>Monkwick</i>	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Private Intention
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Thanksgiving
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Bridget + Michael Brady RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Ints: Tony Dixon (90 th Birthday)
Monday 20th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
<i>Church</i>	1.30 pm	STM School Mass
Tuesday 21st		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Della & Denis O'Connor
Wednesday 22nd		Feria
<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	Hughie O'Neill RIP
Thursday 23rd		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	
Friday 24th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	
<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	REQUIEM MASS: BRIAN O'NEILL RIP
Saturday 25th		St Bede the Venerable, Pr, D
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Norman Jackson + Family

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Saturday 25^h	6.15 pm	Michael & Anne O'Reilly RIP
Sunday 26th	8:00 am	Rev. L. Matthews
	10:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Church</i>	2:00 pm	First Holy Communion Mass
<i>Monkwick</i>	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Ints: Stammers Family
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Lola Borg RIP

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 patients 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
1 PARISH , 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



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Today's readings are about renewal and new things: The New Jerusalem, a new Heaven and a new earth and a new commandment. The first reading and the second readings, describe how the small Christian communities helped the work of renewal in their members by their agápe love and how God renews His Church, the New Jerusalem, by being present in her members and in their parish communities and liturgical celebrations. "See, I am making all things new." Today's Gospel passage gives us the secret of Christian renewal as the faithful practice of Jesus' new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." Adding a new element to the Old Testament command of love Jesus teaches us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that he has loved us, with sacrificial, unconditional, agápe love. Such a renewal brings us to embrace new attitudes, new values and new standards of relating to God, to other people and, indeed, to our whole environment. Are we ready to have a radical change of vision and a reordering of our priorities in life?

Fr John Victor

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

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

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

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.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Today is all we have.* We as a couple are unique - a one off! No other couple is quite like us. We can share the load, lighten the burden, and double the joys! Jesus said *'Love one another as I have loved you'*. Just as I care for myself, I must care for you too in the same way. Let us celebrate our couplehood.

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 Ada Whittle (Flynn), Michael Moran, Carmela Lina Vencato who have all recently passed away. May they rest in peace and we also pray for the comfort of their bereaved families and friends.

✠ Joyce's Requiem Mass will take place here at 11^{am} on Tuesday 11th June, Reception into Church will be at 4pm the day before (Monday 10th)

✠ Michael's Requiem Mass will take place at St Teresa's, Lexden at 10^{am} on 4th June.

✠ Wilga Lyons Funeral Mass will take place at St Teresa's, Lexden at 11:00^{am} on 6th June.

✠ Funeral arrangements for Carmela are to be advised.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: A special collection will take place this weekend for Deacon Gary's Priestly Ordination in June.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: will be World Communication Day on Sunday 2nd June

DEACON GARY DENCH: The Ordination to the Priesthood of Gary Dench by Bishop Alan will take place on **Saturday 22nd 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- only 6 Seats available.** Everyone is welcome to attend this special day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES: Our Children will celebrate their First Holy Communion today and on Sunday 26th May at 2^{pm} & Polish Children on Sunday 2nd June at 2^{pm}. Confession for Polish children making their Holy Communion will be on Saturday 1st June 1-3^{pm}.

POLISH MASSES: The 2^{pm} Polish Mass will take place in Monkwick this weekend and next.

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

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

THY KINGDOM COME BEACON EVENT: in Trafalgar Square on Pentecost **Sunday, 9th June**. Join thousands to celebrate our faith and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This event has a family friendly festival from 12^{pm} – 4^{pm} or 4^{pm} to 6^{pm} an Ecumenical service with Cardinal Vincent and other Christian leaders. For more info <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/trafalgarsquare>. Brentwood Diocese is hosting the Catholic Prayer Tent with the Dowry of Mary tour being the main part of the presentation. If you can help or are going along please get in contact – adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY (BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY) The next meeting of the will take place at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY on **Saturday 1st June at 2.30pm**. The speaker will be Father Michael Rear (Diocese of East Anglia) on *'Was the Image of Our Lady of Walsingham Saved?'* All are Welcome.

RETREATS AT DOWRY HOUSE, WALSINGHAM: -

- **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 7th at 4pm to 2pm on Sunday 9th June 2019. Special rates available. To book:** <http://www.dowryhouse.org.uk/events-listing/vocations-weekend/>
- **JAM, CAKES, HISTORY, HERITAGE AND EVANGELISATION! Friday 9th August – Sunday 11th August 2019.** A weekend celebrating Catholic culture – and how to use it to evangelise. Led by author, historian and TV cook Joanna Bogle. Talks and practical activities to celebrate and spread the Faith. Info: <http://www.dowryhouse.org.uk/events-listing/jam-cakes-history-heritage-and-evangelisation/>
- **WOMEN'S RETREAT: Friday 21st June 2019 at 5pm - Sunday 23rd June 2019 @ 2pm.** Strong but Not Brittle: Understanding Authentic Femininity as a Means to Achieving Fulfilling Womanhood. info: <http://www.dowryhouse.org.uk/events-listing/womens-weekend/>

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 or Tangney Tours:01732 886666.

FAITH EVENING ON THE LITURGICAL YEAR. On **Wednesday 12th June at 7pm** at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Fr David Manson will lead an evening on the Liturgical Year, exploring the main seasons of the Church's year and explaining how the feasts of the Church are celebrated. Admission is free but please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

CHURCH CAR PARK: Please **DO NOT** park across the entrance as access is required at all times by clergy! Please note that parking outside Cardinal Bourne Hall is not to be used as a free parking space for town shopping- the public car park across the road serves that purpose!

❖ **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 contact number].

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 20th May: **Team 1**