

PENTECOST (B)

Saturday 18th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 19th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Maria Nila Tavera + Anna Liza Cagadas RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Cipriano Subibi

Monday 20th			Mary, Mother of the Church
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mrs. Beena Antony RIP

Tuesday 21st			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Marco

Wednesday 22nd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas

Thursday 23rd			OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Leonard McIntyre RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	11.15 am	Funeral Service: Maria Kelly RIP

Friday 24th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield

Saturday 25th			St Bede the Venerable, Pr, D
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Souls in Purgatory

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)

Saturday 25th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Ints: Peter Gaynor
Sunday 26th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Rev L. Matthews
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Paul Richard B Brusola RIP

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Baptism 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@brcdt.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com



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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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PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)**Week Commencing 19th May 2024**

The account of the first Pentecost in Acts is dramatic and therefore memorable, even lapsed Christians probably remember the tongues of fire. We might find ourselves asking why the presence of the Holy Spirit doesn't seem to be so dramatic nowadays; for example, Confirmation Masses are joyful but not usually marked with pyrotechnics. I would suggest we consider the change of circumstances and therefore manifestation. The first Pentecost, and the subsequent one with Cornelius and his household, marked the beginning of the Catholic Church's mission. The continued existence of the Catholic Church is itself a sign of the Spirit, despite the fallibility of individual members. Since then the Church has grown and the presence of the Holy Spirit is seen in other ways St. Paul gives us an idea of the fruits of the Spirit, seen in the lives of countless Christians., and surely we can point to the Saints as well. Thus, from the earliest days (St. Stephen) up to the present there has been a cloud of witnesses to the faith, not all canonised yet each in their own way demonstrating the presence of the Spirit in their lives, each can be seen as a flame. The one Catholic Church also preaches the Gospel throughout the world in a multitude of languages, continuing Pentecost in that way also.

Fr. Chris

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. Lord, we ask for your divine intervention and peace to prevail in Ukraine, Palestine and in every land wounded by war. We pray for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We ask that you guide leaders and nations to work toward lasting peace and stability around the world. *Amen*



MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23) ***Differences add richness.*** Paul saw the Church as being a corporate body: various people, each with unique identities, talents, different skills and abilities, all contributing to bringing the Good News to others. Our differences became evident early in our marriage; these differences can be problematic or add richness to our relationship. The outcome depends on whether our choices are selfish or 'us' focused.

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 Irvén, 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 soul of Derrick Chater who has recently passed away. The parish community offers his family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Derrick's funeral service will be here on Wednesday 29th May at 12.30pm.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken for ***the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund*** on Sunday 2nd June. The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund is part of the Diocesan Charity, which helps and supports our retired and sick clergy.

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 & booklets are now available for sale in the Church Porch along with a good selection of Rosaries and Mass intention cards.

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: -

- 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 will be departing from the corner of Priory Street and East Hill at 8.00am promptly – please ensure that you arrive early. Remember to bring the correct coach fare (£17.00 per person) and your packed lunches/refreshments. Thank you for your assistance in this matter and enjoy the day!

LEGION OF MARY: Our Parish will be forming a unit of The Legion of Mary with the first meeting to be held in Cardinal Bourne Hall on **Friday 24th May at 7.30pm**. We welcome new members, either seeking spiritual solace or eager to get more involved in the life and ministry of the church. In all our work we aim to raise awareness in people of the spiritual life, seeking at all times to see Christ. Founded in 1921, the Legion currently has over 3 million members in all dioceses throughout the world and is the largest apostolic organisation of lay people in the Catholic Church who serve on a voluntary basis and undertakes many forms of apostolic work directed by the parish priest, it serves also as an extension of God's ministry in the parish and has the approval and support of the Pope and a great many Bishops, Priests and Religious, as well as the prayers and efforts of legionaries. The legion holds regular meetings, which begins with the invocation of the Holy Spirit followed by the recitation of the Rosary, spiritual readings, talks and a discussion. Please do consider joining us.



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/

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.

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 2pm. 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

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

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: 20/05/24: Team 3 / 27/05/24: Team 4

New Church Cleaning Rota's are available in the Church Porch.

COFFEE MORNING: 19/05/24: SVP / 26/05/24: Matthew + Mariamma