

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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THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (C)

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Saturday 18th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Ints: Mary Davies
Sunday 19th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Des Fuller RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
First Holy Communion Mass <i>Church</i>		3.30 pm	First Holy Communion Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention (Edward Caulfield)
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention
Monday 20th			Feria Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas
Tuesday 21st	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Rel Mr.B.J.Mathews RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	SS JOHN FISHER, Bp & THOMAS MORE, Mm Ints.Marisa Baby
Wednesday 22nd	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Antonis Fassoulopoulos RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS Canon John Bloomfield
Friday 24th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	The Immaculate Heart of Mary Ints.Tunde Gyorgyne
Saturday 25th	<i>Church</i>	9.00 am	
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)			
Saturday 25th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Raymond O'Neill RIP
Sunday 26th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	James, Mary & John Galvin RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Mrs.Antonina Piras RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private intention (Banks)
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Ints.Donor (E.E)

- ❖ 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 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).
- ❖ 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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DAY FOR LIFE

WEEK COMMENCING 19TH JUNE 2022

"Well that was jolly good!" Words from Fr. Philip, just shortly after receiving Holy Communion and Anointing of the sick from Fr Chris. It seems to me, Fr. Philip remained in death as he did in life a buoyant man of humour, hope and holiness. As we mourn for a dear Father and Friend, today's feast Corpus Christi, roots us afresh in our Christian hope, death is not the end. For them that believe and have eaten the bread of life Jesus has promised eternal life and nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Holy communion is not only strength, refreshment and grace in this life it is a sure pledge of the life of the world to come. Our Christian faith is not purely spiritual, affections of the heart, ideas of the mind and movements of the will. No, our faith is rooted in the concrete reality of events, persons, places and things. It is though the reality of the concrete and earthly that God draws us in to deeper communion with the spiritual and heavenly. In His wisdom and goodness God has given us sacraments, seven outward signs of inward grace to draw us who are body and soul in to a mystery beyond all we could see touch taste or imagine. Today we celebrate the most Blessed Sacrament, the actual living presence of Jesus Christ Body Blood Soul and Divinity. A jolly good foretaste, of the jolly good things that are to come.
Fr. Paschal

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
ADORATION & PRAYER	Thursdays	at 7.00 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE for Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Genesis14:18-20; 1 Corinthians11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17) **Memories of You.** Memories enable us to make the past present. At family gatherings we remember things we have shared together. At funerals we remember all that the person meant to us. At the family Eucharist the past is made present as we remember what Abraham, Melchizedek, Moses, and Jesus did. Let us seek to create God/good memories for ourselves and our children.

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.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: After all Masses today there will be a collection taken for **Day For Life.** *Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death

COLUMBAN MISSION APPEAL: Frs. Tom Ryan and Patrick O'Beirne will be visiting us on the weekend of 25th & 26th June when they will describe the work of the Columban Missionaries; A special collection will be taken to aid their mission.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Christopher Graham Gibson, Phillip Charles White, Marie Renea Kent, who have all 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. Phillip's funeral service is here on 11th July at 1pm. Christopher's funeral is here on 15th July at 10.30am. May they all Rest In Peace.

2022 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): RCIA is the process developed by the Catholic Church for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, teachings and practices with a view to becoming Catholics, or for those who have a background in the Catholic Faith but who have not yet been confirmed, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. **An Initial meeting will be held on Monday 11th July at 7pm in the Church.** Thank You

CONFIRMATION GROUP PHOTOGRAPH: A photo was taken of the Confirmation group after the 10.30 mass on Sunday 5th June. If you would like a copy please contact Brian Porter on 07906 162852 or email brianfidel@yahoo.co.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are looking for volunteers to assist with the sessions, if you would like to find out more, please contact Kelly via email - kemarie1979@gmail.com

CHURCH CHOIR: The next Choir Practice will take place on Saturday 02/07/22 at 12.30pm Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members always welcome.**

RED MISSIO BOXES: Please collect your emptied Missio box from the Presbytery.

We are sorry to have to announce that Fr. Philip died peacefully on Wednesday. He had received the Sacraments with true devotion the day before. He served the church in this parish for many years with love and compassion, for which we are truly grateful. I am sure we will pray for Diana and the family at this time. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The next Procession is on **Wednesday 13th July at 6.30pm** followed by mass in Polish + Rosary.

SVP:  **CUPPA CLUB:** will meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games & crafts, etc., will be available.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL - CLEANER REQUIRED: We are looking for someone for 2 hours per day - Monday – Friday 3.30pm-5.30pm. Term time only @ £9.62 per hour, starting as soon as possible. If you are interested, or know someone who might like to join our friendly team please contact the school for more details on 01206 865722 after 6th June.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We congratulate all the children who have made their First Holy Communion this weekend. We ask God's blessing on those children and their families that they may grow in love for Jesus as they receive Him at Mass now and for the rest of their lives.

We thank all the Leaders and Catechists for their hard work, they provided a first-class preparation course as well as a celebration that was both happy and memorable for all. Thank you.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order **your Digital** 4 weeks **FREE** trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

CARITAS BRENTWOOD: Helping those in the Ukraine, and Ukrainian Refugees. Caritas Brentwood are regularly updating information on their website, covering donations, prayer, and welcoming those who are fleeing the Ukraine. You will find everything at: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine/>

THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA need you! We are looking for Catholic men, aged 16 + over, to join us in our good works of Charity through the spirit of Unity and Fraternity. We aim to support and help as many parishes as possible as well as the good causes that we have continued to help throughout the recent pandemic, but can only do so with Volunteers. For more info: George Johnson on 07476781885 or rd-region6@ksc.org.uk

WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23: GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY STARTING SEPTEMBER 2022, FOR THOSE IN CURRENT YEAR 13, UP TO AGE 22. Details on www.bcys.net or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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

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

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 20/06/22: **Team 2/** Monday 27/06/22: **Team 2**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 19/06/22: **Yolande + 1/** 26/06/22: **SVP**



WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE TODAY. FOR PEACE AND THE LAYING DOWN OF WEAPONS.

