

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Saturday 21st	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Rosalie Sutcliffe RIP
Sunday 22nd	<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	Ints: J. Ateba
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	David Leyland RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Patrick Irvine RIP
Monday 23rd	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Feria Ints: Marisa Baby
Tuesday 24th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Feria Ints: Marisa Baby
Wednesday 25th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	St Bede the Venerable, Pr, D Ints: Fr Philip Willenbrock
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.00 pm	Holy Souls
Thursday 26th			THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Michael Shrimpton RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	Private Intention (S.F)
	<i>Church</i>	7.30 pm	Terry Hilton RIP
Friday 27th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bp Patrick Joseph McGinley RIP
Saturday 28th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Feria Ints: Maureen + Tom McElroy
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) World Communications Day			
Saturday 28th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Sunday 29th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Cathleen Keenan RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Raymond + Helen O'Neill RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Anna Liza Cagadas RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Parishioners



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WEEK COMMENCING 22ND MAY 2022

Mum: "Get up Son, it's Sunday and it's time to get ready for Holy Mass."
 Son: "But why do I have to go?" Mum: "Because I said so." Son: I am not a child anymore, you have to give me a better reason than that" Mum: (thinks for a moment...) "People are waiting for you, you're their Parish Priest!" Dear friends in Christ after a long time away, this Pentecost the Sunday Obligation returns. As Catholics, unless there are serious reasons to prevent us we are bound to attend Mass on Sunday each week in person. Since the beginning of Christianity the Sunday Eucharist has been understood as truly right and just our duty and our salvation. Indeed many have heroically accepted death rather than miss the Sunday Mass. This witness flows from faithfulness to the third commandment to keep the Sabbath day Holy. Seven days without Holy Mass makes one weak and worse still puts us in a state of mortal sin! In God's goodness and wisdom, He has given us six days for work and one day for worship, recreation and rest. The word obligation itself comes from a Latin root meaning to bind. Jesus tells the Church in Matthew 18:18 "What ever you bind on earth consider it bound in heaven." The Church as a faithful mother has bound her children to attend Sunday mass each week here on earth as a means of binding us more concretely to our ultimate end, union with God in heaven. So, it's time to get up and go to Sunday Mass, All of heaven is waiting for you.

Fr. Paschal

- ❖ 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).



Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy/Church photos/videos. Please remember to like & follow our page!

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 MAY for *faith-filled young people*. We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

REINSTATEMENT OF SUNDAY OBLIGATION ON PENTECOST SUNDAY: Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. *Catholic Bishops of England and Wales + Bishop Alan*

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29) **Love is the fundamental requirement.** Eastertide is a time for us as couples to celebrate the reality of our love as being a reflection of the presence of God, who is Love. It is a time for us to recognise more readily the risen Lord is alive in us, with us, and present in the many and various ways we try to share our love.

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.

FR PHILIP WILLENBROCK: Congratulations to Fr Philip on his silver jubilee celebration on 24th May. We pray that the example of the many years of his faithful priesthood will be a source of inspiration for all priests, and awaken in young people their own call to service in the church for the salvation of souls. On another note, Fr Philip will be taking a little step back from active ministry, but will remain an active part of our parish community.

ADORATION & PRAYER: This will take place every Thursday evening at 7pm with Fr Paschal.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: will take place on 29th May for World Communications day.

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

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS MAY 2019: If you haven't been contacted about your photos please get in touch with the photographer, Brian Porter (07906 162852 or brianfidel@yahoo.co.uk) by 31st May. Thank you.

CHURCH CHOIR: The next Choir Practice will take place on **Saturday 04/06/22 at 12.30pm** Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members always welcome.**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 28TH MAY 2022: 3 seats only remaining on the coach, if you would like to reserve a seat, please let us know as soon as possible. We will operate a waiting list for any seat cancellations. All those who have added your name to the coach seat reservation list please be aware that you are expected to pay for your seat(s) **if** you have not advised us of your cancellation in advance. **Coach seats are £15.00 per person and are payable on the day. The coach will be departing from East Hill (near corner of Priory Street) at 8am.**



PARISH COMMUNITY FETE: SUNDAY 5TH JUNE FROM 12PM-4PM. This will be held at St Thomas More's School field and will be a day of great fun for all the family! There will be 'light bites', BBQ, Stalls, Bouncy Castle, Live Entertainment, dancing, Raffle and lots more! As a parish we can come together to celebrate, the Queens Platinum Jubilee; Fr Chris 70th Birthday; Fr Philips Silver Anniversary of Ordination and relay our thanks for his long serving ministry in our Parish; as well as being joined by the confirmed children on their special day. Free entry, food and drink (except BBQ, Candyfloss + Ice Cream). If you can donate items for raffle & tombola, food, salads etc., please contact Frances on 369568. Thank you.

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 CATHEDRAL PIANO RECITAL: We are delighted to inform you that next Wednesday 25th May at the usual time of 1pm – 1.45pm. David SILKOFF will be giving a Lunchtime PIANO Recital. Refreshments will be served in the Song School afterwards.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: on Sunday 12th June at 3pm. The procession starts at Our Lady of Immaculate School and finishes with Benediction at Our Lady of Immaculate School playground, Chelmsford.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN: There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Theme: Discernment and Vocation/ Dates: 27-29 May 2022/ Location: Liverpool. visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

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

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/>

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

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 23/05/22: **Team 2 /** Monday 30/05/22: **Team 3**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 22/05/22 (**Frances & Nora**)/ 29/05/22 (**Diane & Adrian**)



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

