

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)**

<b>Saturday 25<sup>h</sup></b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Michael & Anne O'Reilly RIP
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Rev. L. Matthews
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Private Intention
<i>Church</i>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	First Holy Communion Mass
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Ints: Stammers Family
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Lola Borg RIP
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bp</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Ints: Pauline Quinn
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Fr. David Hennessy RIP
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>
	<b>HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</b>	
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	
<i>Church</i>	<b>12.15 pm</b>	
<i>Church</i>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARY &amp; ST HELEN, BRENTWOOD</b>
	<b>DIOCESAN FEAST</b>	
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Michael Treby RIP
<i>Hospital Chapel</i>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	Hospital Mass
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>		<b>St Justin, M</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Henry Stewart

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)**

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Deceased Family & Friends of Smith Lyons
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Parishioners
	<b>10:30 am</b>	
<i>Church</i>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	First Holy Communion Mass - Polish
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Filipino Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Deirdre, Davina, John SAS
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Bernard & Joy Richardson RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Ints: J. & E Mauger
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Kyra Bradshaw 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](http://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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**WEEK COMMENCING: 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE 273**

Living as a Christian is not easy in the western world today. But it is in continuing to strive to live as a Christian in this moral context that we are able to demonstrate our love for Christ, who has shown his love for us by his sacrifice on the Cross. That love prompts a response in us – it asks for and demands that response – that we live in the way he intends us to live. And one of the ways we do that is by following the commandments that we have been given. Our relationship with Christ, therefore, should be life-transforming and we should aim to show that to the world around us by the way we live. Christ promises in today's Gospel to send the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to guide us. That is a promise to each of us as individuals, but also a promise to the wider Church. In living out our baptismal promises, we should continually ask the Holy Spirit to give us the guidance that need to do what is right in our lives.

Deacon Gary

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**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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

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

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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.

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**MARRIAGE MATTERS: *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.

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**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 soul of Carmela Lina Vencato and George Harris who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace and we also pray for the comfort of their bereaved families and friends. Carmela's Requiem Mass will take place here on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am. George's funeral details to be advised.

**MASS TIME CHANGE:** Please note that the Mass on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> is at 9.30am** and **NOT** 12.15pm.

**NEXT DIOCESAN 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** will be World Communication Day on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Friday: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019** here in the Crypt from **7:30pm-9.00pm** (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary. *[If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office].*

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Our heartfelt gratitude is sent to our retiring Eucharist Ministers for their incredible spirit and commitment, particularly John Dolamore who was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharistic Ministers in the Diocese and has been serving our parish for an amazing 46 years! **THANK YOU.**

**POLISH MASSES:** The 2<sup>pm</sup> Polish Mass will take place in Monkwick this weekend.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES:** Our Polish Children will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2<sup>pm</sup>. Confession for these children will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1-3<sup>pm</sup>.

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

**WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP:** The next Film showing is on Wednesday, **12<sup>th</sup> June**, with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening *"To Kill a Mocking Bird"*. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments

**MILE END NEWS:** Coffee Morning on **2<sup>nd</sup> June** after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

**MONKWICK NEWS:** Mary and Chris would like to thank everyone who participated and supported at their recent coffee morning and cake sale. The next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June** from 10<sup>am</sup> til 12<sup>noon</sup> and will be hosted by Joyce Wrobel at 26 Queensland Drive, Colchester. Everyone welcome.

**KSC ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD:** The pilgrimage this year is on the **16<sup>th</sup> of June**. Coach cost is £17 for adults and £8.50 children and will be leaving East Hill at 8.30 am. Bring a packed lunch or there is a restaurant on site. For info & to book a place, please contact Justin Nathan on 07540050814 or (01206) 241317. Join us for a great day out.

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**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 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to 2pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Special rates available. To book:** <http://www.dowryhouse.org.uk/events-listing/vocations-weekend/>
- **WOMEN'S RETREAT: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 at 5pm - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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/>
- **JAM, CAKES, HISTORY, HERITAGE AND EVANGELISATION! Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**THY KINGDOM COME BEACON EVENT:** in Trafalgar Square on Pentecost **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>pm</sup> – 4<sup>pm</sup> or 4<sup>pm</sup> to 6<sup>pm</sup> 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](mailto:adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE:** Each year Bishop Alan celebrates this Mass particularly for those who are newly married or celebrating special anniversaries. This year the Mass is on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm** in Brentwood Cathedral, with a reception afterwards. If you would like an invitation, please speak to your parish priest.

**RED MISSIO BOXES (APF):** Please remember to collect your emptied "Red Boxes" from the Sacristy as due to new data protection regulations, these can no longer be left in the Church Porch.

**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.

**MISSION TODAY: *SUMMER 2019 Edition*** -free magazines are available for all parishioners on the table at church entrance.

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❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com)

or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message with contact number].

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**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May: **Team 2**