

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

(Day for the Unemployed)

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Patricia Lenehan RIP
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Ints. Marisa B
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Ints: Br. Edmund
	Mile End	9.15 am	Private intention
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Ints: Mary Davies
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Margaret Barker RIP
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>			<b>ST DAVID, Bp Patron of Wales</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Felicitas Clarin RIP
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>			<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
	West Mersea	9.00 am	Angela Jones RIP
	Church	9.30 am	Giovanna Butterfield RIP
	Church	12.15 pm	Holy Souls
	Church	7.30 pm	Private Intention
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>			<b>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Peace Between Ukraine and Russia
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Friday after Ash Wednesday</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Fred Rogers RIP
	Church	12.30 pm	<b>Funeral Mass:</b> Iris Kathleen Jay RIP
	Church	7.30 pm	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Chris Grey RIP
	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b>		
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Jean Shand RIP
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Ezinne Eunice Ibeawuchi RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.15 am	Dec. Mems. Larkin Family
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Robert Bradshaw RIP

- ❖ 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 10<sub>am</sub> Mass and 5.30<sub>pm</sub>-6.00<sub>pm</sub>
- ❖ 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

# 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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St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester

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Day For The Unemployed

Week Commencing 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Amongst other things, the outbreak of war turns my mind to our mortality. Meditating on death can sharpen our focus on life. What is its purpose and ultimate goal? In today's second reading St Paul gives us beautiful words of Christian faith and hope; "Death has been swallowed up in victory ...it has lost its sting." Though we are saddened by the certainty of dying, we must be buoyed up and built up in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. By responding to God's grace in this life, we shall live forever with him in the next. This week I had the privilege of celebrating a funeral mass for a lovely mother of 6. After a short struggle with terminal cancer, she peacefully died in her home surrounded by a faith-filled family praying the rosary. This mother had a living faith and journeyed through death with serenity towards eternal life. Death cannot snatch those who have already given themselves over to God. Death cannot kill those who in faith have died to themselves. With Lent around the corner, we are once more invited to truly consider if we are given to God and dead to self? Through the simple practice of prayer, alms giving and fasting, we can give ourselves back to God to live with him now and for all eternity. In such unprecedented times around us, we must remain rooted in the resurrection, courageous in carrying the cross with a living hope of receiving the crown of unfading glory.

Fr. Paschal

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
DAILY Mon-Fri	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	Temporarily suspended



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: *A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges.*** We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45) ***Praise and thanksgiving.*** Actions speak louder than words! As married couples, we rely on each other for help and support but sometimes we are not listening or paying attention. The Gospel today reminds us that to accuse each other is hypocritical, whereas when we encourage one another, we help each other to build up ... 'that store of goodness in her/his heart'.

**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.

**TIME OF PRAYER AND ADORATION:** This will take place every Thursday in Church from 7-8pm and will be led by Fr Paschal. Please do come along.

**CHURCH CHOIR:** The choir sings at the 10:30am Mass at Priory Street and for all the major Feast Days. The next Choir Practice takes place on Saturday 26/02/22 & at 12.30pm (Approx. 1hr). Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members welcome.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We are happy to be able to re start Children's liturgy on Sundays at 10:30am Mass. Children in Reception class and of pre-school age are welcome to attend with a parent, where they will hear a story, sing and take part in an activity. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the sessions, if you would like find out more, please contact Kelly via email - [kemarie1979@gmail.com](mailto:kemarie1979@gmail.com)

**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. To register your interest, please email your contact details [colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Thank You

**VOLUNTARY HEALTH & SAFETY ASSISTANT REQUIRED:** We are looking for a volunteer willing to assist with the Parish Health and Safety – If you have any expertise and are willing to advise and assist, for details of the role, please speak to Fr Chris. Thank you.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** This will take place here every Friday of Lent at 7.30pm commencing on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March and each Friday up to and including Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**THE POLISH COMMUNITY** will have Stations here every Tuesday at 6.30pm commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> March. A Polish Mass will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.00pm at Monkwick.

**OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER.** Synod day 5<sup>th</sup> March from 10am-1pm at Brentwood Ursuline. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/our-journey-together-synod-day-tickets-267886645167>

**PALM CROSSES:** We would be grateful if people could bring their old palm crosses back to us. A basket is situated in the Church Porch for collection of these. Thank you.

**'WALK WITH ME' Booklets (LENT EDITION):** for sale in the church porch at £1 a copy.



**ST PATRICKS NIGHT:** This festive event will be held in Cardinal Bourne Hall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm-11.00pm. Good Food, Live Music from Parish Drama Group, Singing and Dancing, Prize Raffle and more. For Tickets contact Frances on 369568 or Nora on 503410. Adults £13.00 / Children 5-12yrs £6.00. Book early to avoid disappointment.

**SVP:  CUPPA CLUB:** This will be restarting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 from 10.30am to 12 noon in Cardinal Bourne Hal and every Thursday morning thereafter. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games and craft etc., will be available. If you know anyone who would like to come but needs a lift, please get in touch Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)

**CTS BOOKLETS:** There are a good selection of booklets available for sale not loan in the church porch, please leave monies in the CTS box. Thank you.

**THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 4– 5.00 pm *What is new about the new evangelisation?*** This talk will be given by Fr Paschal Uche, assistant priest at St James the Less, Colchester. For more information go to [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk)

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST:** There is a monthly vocations group to help those who would like to find out more about a possible vocation to priesthood. Please see posters in church porch or on our Facebook page for more information and dates of meetings.

**CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD** are inviting people of all ages to collect items throughout Lent, by following our Lenten Giving Calendar. All the items you collect can be placed into a box or container, topped with an Easter Egg, and then donated to your local foodbank just in time for Easter week. All information, including the calendar itself, can be found at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent) or email [sianthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sianthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** This will be led by Bishop Alan and will take place from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July in Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon from the tour company. For further information contact Cathy O'Connor: [cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or 07813 710070.

**THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their now-annual '**Relay 100**' community event this May and June. This initiative is an opportunity to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals or groups to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: [ddillon@bccs.org.uk](mailto:ddillon@bccs.org.uk) / 07912 308000 or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/relay-100> to read more about this event.

**CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD** are inviting people from the night of April 8<sup>th</sup> to the morning of April 9<sup>th</sup>, to join the 2022 Sponsored Sleepout. Raising awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout) or by emailing [sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

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

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Monday 28/02/22: **Team 2** / Monday 07/03/22: **Team 3**  
**CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA:** 27/02/22 (KSC) / 06/03/22 (Peggy & Anne)



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