

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Church	6.15 pm	Richard Lambe RIP
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Sheila Rowlands RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
West Mersea		8.30 am	Private Intention
Mile End		9.15 am	Private Intention
Monkwick		10.15 am	Mary H. Davies RIP

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Church	9.30 am	Feria Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
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**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Church	9.30 am	Feria Patricia Lenehan RIP
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**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Church	9.30 am	Feria Ints: Sebastian Tanner
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**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Church	9.30 am	Feria Deceased. In Ukraine
Church	7.00 pm	ADORATION & PRAYER

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Church	9.30 am	Feria Thanksgiving to St Anthony
Church	7.30 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Church	9.30 am	Feria For Blessings Received
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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)****Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Church	6.15 pm	Brian Scobey RIP
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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Church	8.00 am	Ints: Sam, Ela + Family
Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9.15 am	Private Intention
Monkwick	10.15 am	Josephine + Carmen Demech 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 10am Mass and 5.30pm-6.00pm
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, Please contact the Presbytery.
- ❖ 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

'Laetare' Sunday

**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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

'LAETARE' SUNDAY

WEEK COMMENCING 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022

The fourth Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday. This is Latin of the first word of the entrance Antiphon 'Rejoice Jerusalem.' For the first time since Ash Wednesday Flowers briefly return, more joyful music can be heard and Rose (not pink) vestments are worn. On this day, we pause momentarily to revel in the ultimate victory that is to come. While it's not yet the white of Easter, Rose displays something of the Easter joy spilling out for us to taste as we journey on. For centuries on this day, the Pope would confer a sacred rose ornament of pure gold on Churches and individuals to honour their catholic spirit and loyalty to the Holy see. Now, it is often given to various Marian Shrines in honour of our Lady, which seems very fitting for Mother's day. Like the prodigal son in today's gospel no matter how far we may feel that we have gone from home through our sin Holy Mother Church waits to confer on us the rose of forgiveness and the sweet balm of mercy, in the sacrament of confession. When though a good examination of conscience we come to ourselves and realise our sin and sorrow Holy Mother Church will lead us through this sacrament on the golden road back to the Fathers heart. Filled with expectant hope, we rejoice!



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!

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 APRIL: *Health Care Workers***

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Joshua 5: 9-12; 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32) ***The need for gratitude and trust.*** The Gospel illustrates the Father's amazing forgiveness but the elder brother reacts angrily and is resentful and self-righteous. At times when we feel hurt and resentful and life seems unfair, and tensions rise, we can blame each other. Jesus' message is to trust in our husband/wife, to look for their loving ways and to ask forgiveness for our own faults.

**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.

**MASS TIMES ARE CHANGING** – please make sure you get a copy of the handout and/or check our Facebook page, your feedback would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**UKRAINE APPEAL:** If you would like to donate to this appeal donations envelopes can be dropped thru Presbytery door; please mark front of envelope with "Ukrainian Appeal" – all donations will be sent to *Caritas*. Thank you.

We pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

**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/>

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, Priory Street Masses:** As more of us are returning to our normal patterns and more people are returning to Sunday Mass, if you feel you are able to return to assisting as Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at Sunday Mass please give your name and contact details to Cathy O'Connor 01206 735623 or email [cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org) so your name can be included in the Rota. Thank you.

**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 to find out more, please contact Kelly via email - [kelmarie1979@gmail.com](mailto:kelmarie1979@gmail.com)

**FOCUS GROUP:** The focus group that met on 13<sup>th</sup> March are invited to meet again on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April (same time and place)

**CHURCH CHOIR:** The next Choir Practice will take place on Saturday 09/04/22 at 12.30pm Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members always welcome.**

**MISSIO MAGAZINES FOR SPRING 2022** are available free in the church porch, please take a copy. If you have a full Red Missio Box please drop this into the Presbytery.

**MOTHERS DAY BLESSING:** Lord God we pray for all mothers/guardians/carergivers everywhere. May those with children feel appreciated. May those grieving empty arms be comforted. May those mourning and missing the one who gave them life be held in the loving grace of God. Amen.

**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 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)

**COLCHESTER CATENIANS INVITE YOU TO THEIR CEILIDH / BARN DANCE & CURRY SUPPER EVENING:** On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm til late at PlayGolf Colchester. This will be a great fun evening with dancing to the Caledonian Reelers live band. Tickets are £25 per head and this includes a Curry & Buffet Meal available. To book tickets email [Colchester.catenians@gmail.com](mailto:Colchester.catenians@gmail.com)

**THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 – 29 July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now on-line: [www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood) For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

**SUPPORT THE FOODBANK THIS LENT:** Caritas is inviting you to collect at home and donate a box of items for the foodbank throughout Lent, by following their Lenten Giving Calendar <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/lenten-giving-calendar/>. Once completed donate directly to our local foodbank - just in time for Easter week.

**VOCATIONS:** The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Mgr Kevin Hale. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires [vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**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)"

**BE PART OF THE WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23:** If you will be 18+ in September, and are looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, deepening team working and practical skills in a context of youth leadership, and developing your faith, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be perfect for you. For more information please contact Joseph Beattie, by emailing [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or calling 01277 373959. There is an open afternoon from 2-4pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April; for more information and to register, go to [www.bcys.net/events/whopenday/](http://www.bcys.net/events/whopenday/)

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** has several charity Gold Bond places for the **TCS London Marathon** taking place on the iconic London course on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022. All information is available on our website where our application form can be downloaded: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/tcs-london-marathon> Please note that the closing date for applications is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Monday 28/03/22: **Team 2** / Monday 04/04/22: **Team 3**

**CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA:** 27/03/22 (**Matthew + Mariamma**) /03/04/22 (**Frances + Nora**)