

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Saturday 27th	6.15 pm	David P. Domingo RIP
Sunday 28th	8:00 am	B. Butlin RIP + Fam
	10:30 am	Private Intention
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	3:00 pm	Solemnity of Divine Mercy Polish/English
	6:30 pm	Ronald Payot RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Private Intention
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Wrobel + Wright + Fams RIP
Monday 29th		ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Tuesday 30th		ST GEORGE M, PATRON OF ENGLAND
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Delia Connelly RIP
Wednesday 1st May		Feria
<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	Noel L'Esperance RIP
Thursday 2nd		St ATHANASIUS Bp, D
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Mr. John Gannon+ Fam
Friday 3rd		SS PHILIP & JAMES, App
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving to St J of C
Saturday 4th		THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Sisenando + Rosario De Jesus RIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Saturday 4th	6.15 pm	Elsie Souter RIP
Sunday 5th	8:00 am	David Anthony Hill RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Bridie Foley RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Private Intentions
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	William Fernandes RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Verginia Dimech 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 under Events where a list of course dates is 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
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Today's readings are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith and the need for the forgiveness of sins. They encourage us to fight fear with Faith, and trepidation about the future with trust and Hope. The Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave the apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasises the importance of Faith. Divine Mercy, or the unconditional love of God, is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, especially that of Reconciliation.

Fr John Victor

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: *Doctors & their Collaborators in War Zones.* For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Taking time out for our relationship* On Easter Sunday night the risen Jesus greets the Apostles saying 'Peace be with you'. How can we find peace in such a hectic world? We are called to make time for our relationship with God, and make a diary entry for our personal relationship. Listening and dialogue build intimacy and peace – with each other and with God.

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 souls of Joan Stones and Miss Wilga Lyons who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We also pray for the comfort of their bereaved families and friends. Joan's Requiem mass is on Thursday 9th May at 9.30am then onto Colchester Cemetery for 11.00am. Wilga's funeral details are to be advised.

EASTER: Many thanks to everyone for such a beautiful celebration of Easter. Thank you to those who helped in the Liturgy, the Church cleaning and Floral decorating and those who led us in song. Thank you to everyone for coming in such good numbers and being a real community of faith in our parish. Thank you for all your good wishes and your generosity to your priests at Easter time.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE DIVINE MERCY: will take place **today** immediately **after** the 2pm mass at Priory Street. [The Second Sunday of Easter is celebrated throughout the Universal Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. This Feast was instituted by St Pope John Paul II in 2000. The Feast is a recognition of the greatness of God's Mercy as told to the world by Our Lord through a young Polish nun, Saint Faustina Kowalska (1905 –1938)]. In Polish/English - all are welcome

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Each year between May and October we have the Polish /English processions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. The **13th May** falls on a Monday so the Procession will take place at 6.30pm followed by Mass.

CONFIRMATION GROUP MEETING: Please be advised that ALL parents of children making their confirmation must attend the meeting on **5th May at 1.35pm** which will be held in the Crypt (entrance to the Crypt will be via the side gate to courtyard garden). Parents will be in attendance for approximately 10 minutes.

NEW MINISTERS REQUIRED: We are keen to recruit new people for the following Ministries, if you are interested in joining, please contact the relevant person: -

- **MINISTRY OF WELCOME:** Paul Horwood (m) 07895177574 /email: paulhorwood@hotmail.com
- **READERS:** Elspeth Johnson 01206 618846 /email:elspethjohnson.ej1@gmail.com

MILE END NEWS: Coffee Morning on **Sunday 5th May** after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

MONKWICK NEWS: Our 1st coffee morning of the season & a yummy cake sale will be hosted by Mary & Chris M on **Saturday 11th May from 10am til 12 Noon** at St Theodores, Prince Philip Road, Monkwick, CO2 8PA. We look forward to seeing you there - EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on Wednesday, **8th May**, with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening "*Wildflower*". All Welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21- 26 July, under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams. **There are still places available.** Booking forms at the back of church, contact Cathy O'Connor: cathy_oconnor83@hotmail.com or Tangney Tours:01732 886666.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA (KSC) - Events schedule: -

1: SPONSORED WALK FOR BCCS 2019: The annual KSC Sponsored walk is taking place on the **18th of May**. Please speak to any member or contact Gary Hull on (01206) 530863 for more info. The walk is in aid of (BCCS) Brentwood Catholic Childrens' Society.

2: KSC CENTENARY BBQ AND DANCE: You are all warmly invited to join the KSC, Council 270, for their centenary celebration at Mile End on **29th June at 7:00pm**. Tickets are £15 pp or £40 for a family ticket. There will be a cash bar, music and food. Tickets are on sale now, just speak to any member or call George Johnson on 07476781885. Hurry there are only 100 tickets available. To find out more about the KSC or to join, please contact George Johnson on 07476781885 or Stefan Szyptma on (01206) 760184.

DEACON GARY DENCH: The Ordination to the Priesthood of Gary Dench by Bishop Alan will take place on **Saturday 22nd June 2019 at 11.30am** in Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Collier Row, RM5 2AP. A coach is being arranged to take parishioners who would like to attend with seats costing approx. £10-£15pp and will depart at 9.20am. **If you have not already done so, please add your name to the list in porch.** Everyone is welcome to attend this special day.

ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION: The Painters from St John Payne Catholic Church, Greenstead invite you to their Annual Exhibition of works on **Monday 6th May**. So many beautiful pictures for you to enjoy and perhaps buy, together with cards and prints. Doors open at 10.30am for coffee and later for drinks and nibbles. Everyone is welcome.

FAITH EVENING ON THE LITURGICAL YEAR: On **Wednesday 12th June at 7pm** at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Fr David Manson will lead an evening on the Liturgical Year, exploring the main seasons of the Church's year and explaining how the feasts of the Church are celebrated. Admission is free but please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments will be provided.

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: If you have not already done so - please can you collect your new box sets from the church porch. Box sets are laid out in alphabetical order. Thank you.

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

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: cb.hall@btinternet.com

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

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 29th April: **Team 1**