

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Sunday 29th	<i>Church</i>	David Anthony Hill RIP Parishioners Catherine Hawken RIP 12.00 pm RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY Live Stream https://www.behold2020.com/
Monday 30th	<i>Church</i>	Feria Des Fuller RIP
Tuesday 31st	<i>Church</i>	Feria INTS: Brigid Molloy
Wednesday 1st April	<i>Church</i>	Feria Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
	<i>Colchester Cemetery</i>	12.30 pm FUNERAL SERVICE: Brian James Scobey RIP
Thursday 2nd	<i>Church</i>	Feria Gods Protection
Friday 3rd	<i>Church</i>	Feria Bill Wynne RIP
	<i>Colchester Cemetery</i>	12.30 pm FUNERAL SERVICE: Peter G. Onwuemezi RIP
Saturday 4th	<i>Church</i>	Feria Brian Scobey RIP

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

Sunday 5th	<i>Church</i>	Monica Galvin Parishioners Michael Hawken RIP
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LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES: The following link is to a website that has live streaming of church services in the UK <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

BRENTWOOD PASTORAL DEAF SERVICE: The only signed Mass streamed online is from the Diocese of Westminster: <https://www.churchservices.tv/pottersbar> or from the Church's own website look for the Live Streaming link near the end of the page <https://olasv.org.uk/>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	(<i>confession</i>):	By appointment – please contact us
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:		At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE:		Contact the parish office

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: *Catholics in China.* We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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, subject to hospital restrictions due to virus.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

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The National Re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary takes place this Sunday 29th March at the National Shrine in Walsingham and in every Parish. It is from the four walls of our closed homes that we can join Bishop Allan in the Holy Eucharist through spiritual communion at 11:30am. In the book of Exodus ch 12: the people of Israel received instructions from Moses regarding the Passover celebration, imploring Yahweh's protection against enemies, sickness and disease.

The present crisis (COVID-19) couldn't have engulfed us at a more opportune time than as we re-dedicate our country to Mary and seek her intercession. Our present time is yet a reminder to us of Mary's powerful intercession as she continues to do so in a real way. This was witnessed by the disciples of Jesus and the people, when Jesus performed the first miracle at Cana in Galilee (John 2: 1-12).

Once again, we call on our Mother and take refuge in her loving arms, seeking her intercession in a mighty way.

Under her protecting mantle, may every individual family and home gather in prayer seeking deliverance from the pandemic.

Remain home safe and be Blessed.

Fr. Nixon

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	temporarily suspended
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00pm)	

The global spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a fast-evolving situation. The Bishops have now closed our churches to the public until further notice.

Fr. Nixon and I will continue to offer Mass each day at 8.15am (Monday – Saturday) and 10.00am on Sunday, with the intentions published in the newsletter and daily exposition from 7pm-8pm.

On a practical note, Mass intentions can be posted through the letter box of 51, Priory Street and will be published in the newsletter which will be available on the parish website.

For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact our parish office.
 We can still visit for the Sacrament of the Sick, with suitable precautions.
 Guidelines for Holy Week and Easter have not yet been finalised.

Also, the parish continues to incur expenses, parishioners are encouraged to give a weekly offering, in a suitably marked envelope or Gift Aid envelope, this can be posted through our letter-box. Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year will be delivered to your home. Parishioners may wish to set up a standing order, our parish office can help.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *The Lord will lead us back together.* Ezekiel's words apply to us when we are going through tough times in our relationship, when intimacy, physical or otherwise, seems impossible. At such times, Jesus weeps for us as He did for Lazarus. He will bring us back together if we ask Him and are willing to be vulnerable enough to explore together the changes we need to make

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah. Valerie Thurston, Joan Jeal. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19

EXPOSITION: Please note that this will take place daily from 7pm to 8pm, we will be praying for parishioners and their intentions.

SVP: In these difficult times, we are here to help. If you, or anyone you know, needs help with e.g. Shopping please contact us: Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com.

SELF-ISOLATING: If you are self-isolating and would like to speak to a priest or have any worries, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317 and we will try to help you.

RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY: A range of resources, incl. the livestream and prayers for the Re-dedication, are all available from www.behold2020.com

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS: UK Catholic Diocesan newspapers are on one website (www.ChurchPaper.co.uk) so parishioners can stay in contact with their Church and their community.

❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com
 ❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: cb.hall@btinternet.com
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Based on Prayer of Erasmus 1532, Dedication of England to the Mother of God 1893, Prayer for England, Cardinal Griffin's Act of Consecration 1948, Act of Consecration St John Paul 1982
 Prayer O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.

Response We your faithful people assembled here offer you this country in which we live.

Once it was yours, all its children were your children and you were honoured throughout England as its Protectress and its Queen. Again do we consecrate it as your Dowry, and entrust it to your maternal care.

Prayer By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more.

Response To you we entrust the Church, which invokes you as Mother. On earth you preceded her in the pilgrimage of faith. Comfort her in her difficulties and trials. Make her always the sign and instrument of intimate union with God and of the unity of the whole human race. To you, Mother of the human family, and of the nations, we confidently entrust the whole of humanity with its hopes and fears. Let it not lack the light of true wisdom. Guide it to seek freedom and justice for all. Direct its steps in the ways of peace. Enable all to meet Christ, the

Way, the Truth and the Life.

Prayer Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother.

Response Pray, O Holy Mother of God, for the conversion of heart of the people of England, restoration of the sick, consolation for the troubled, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed. Queen of Peace, pray for us and give to the world the peace for which all peoples are longing, peace in the truth, justice and charity of Christ. Give peace to the nations and to the souls of all, that in peace, the Kingdom of God may prevail.

Prayer Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son.

May your prayers bring back this country to the fullness of its ancient faith. May your intercession lead us to a closer union with your divine Son. We offer you all the people of this land, especially those who know you so little or not at all. May all in our country know Christ, the light of the world and its only Saviour.

Prayer Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home.

Response May we who follow your Son, be fruitful in the good work of building a culture of life in our world, where all human life is treasured and the gift of God's creation is respected and cared for, so that all may share the fruits of Gods generous love.

V: Pray for us O Holy Mother of God R: That we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ.

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England, thy Dowry, and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus, our Saviour and our hope, was given unto the world; and he has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the cross, O sorrowful Mother, intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the Chief Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith, fruitful in good works, we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee in our heavenly home. Amen.