

PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)
Sunday 31st

(Day of Prayer for the Church)

	Church	10.00 am	Michael Treby RIP
Monday 1st June 2020			Mary, Mother of the Church
	Church	8.15 am	Henry Stewart
Tuesday 2nd			Feria
	Church	8.15 am	
Wednesday 3rd			St Charles Lwanga and his Comps, Mm
	Church	8.15 am	Ints: Linda Ferpozzi
Thursday 4th			OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST
	Church	8.15 am	Ints: Fr Christopher Brooks
Friday 5th			St Boniface, Bp, M
	Church	8.15 am	
Saturday 6th			Feria
	Church	8.15 am	Dudley Southon RIP

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)

Sunday 7th t Church 10.00 am

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

Please pray for any parishioners who are suffering from the virus or self-isolating.

Lord God, we entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be.

We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them.

We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments. And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Grant us the courage and perseverance to be good neighbours.

May the words of your Son Jesus Christ in the Our Father, be our prayer as we entrust ourselves and all of us who are affected to your infinite power and love. Amen.

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/>

WALSINGHAM: the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham has a 24 hour livestream service website www.walsingham.org.uk

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/>

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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WEEK COMMENCING: 31ST MAY 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE

Pentecost is the one of the most important feast days of the year, the beginnings of the Church. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles, Mary and the followers who were gathered in the Upper Room in prayer (Acts 1: 12-14). "He had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised." The Holy Spirit endowed the apostles with gifts to carry out this commission.

St. Paul in his letter to the church in Corinth writes as if such gifts of the Holy Spirit were a common place in the early church (1Cor 12: 7-11). The early church had many problems as the church has now. In fact, the church in Corinth had a fair share of its challenges.

What would the Church be like if it was vibrant with the Holy Spirit? After the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, Jesus took his seat at the right side of the Father and poured out the Holy Spirit on the Church. Let us ask Jesus to continue to pour out the Holy Spirit on the Church today.

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 (8.00 _{pm})	

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23) *The Spirit works in all sorts of different ways.* Years ago, on a Marriage Encounter weekend, we had a real experience of the Spirit working “in all sorts of different ways in different people”, not in Church documents, but in real life. We were like the disciples at Pentecost, “filled with joy when they saw the Lord”, and we heard our own native language, deep inside each of us.

THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE *The Way of the Heart.* We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

While our churches remain closed the Bishops are working with others to draw up guidelines as to how Mass might be celebrated with various social-distancing and hygiene practices in place. Fr. Nixon/ I continue to offer Mass each day at 8.15_{am} (Monday – Saturday) and 10.00_{am} on Sunday, with the intentions published in the newsletter.

On a practical note, Mass intentions can be posted/popped through the letterbox 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.

Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances. Please note also the guidance issued by Rome and published on our website re indulgences.

With the suspension of Sunday Masses and the lack of a Sunday collection, The parish continues to incur expenses. Several parishioners have made their weekly offering, sometimes in an envelope hand-delivered, others have posted cheques. Thank you. Parishioners may wish to set up a standing order, our parish office can help.

Please see our website for details of the Indulgence available to parishioners for joining in prayerfully while we are celebrating in church.

The Catholic Bishops’ website has some good links, <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

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

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

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.

SVP Since the coronavirus lockdown we have seen the importance of a friendly neighbour. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from a “good neighbour” either now or when this crisis is over, please contact us using the details below. We are here to help with anything from practical assistance to just a friendly chat.

THY KINGDOM COME 2020: Please join the Annual Novena to pray for Evangelisation. info at www.thykingdomcome.global. The Pentecost Novena booklet can be downloaded here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/05/pentecost-novena-booklet.pdf>

PENTECOST SUNDAY: NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY. Sunday 31st May at 11.00_{am}
Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their homes during the month of May, especially when the Pandemic is making us aware of the value of our families & making it possible for us to pray together in lockdown at home. The initiative that follows on the Pope’s request will be led in the form of a Rosary relay where all the Dioceses across the UK are designated a Rosary hour from 9_{am}- 9_{pm}. Brentwood’s designated time being at 11_{am}. Live streaming of the Rosary is taking place at (Grays) St Thomas of Canterbury at 11_{am} - <https://www.grayscatholic.org/> Come Holy Spirit and Renew the face of the earth, Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

MAKING A DONATION: We have been asked: “How can I make my weekly contribution at this time?” There are a number of ways you can still donate: You can drop your envelopes or donations through the presbytery door, and/or cheques can be made payable to the Catholic Church Colchester and sent to The Presbytery, 51 Priory Street, Colchester, CO1 2QB. You can donate by Standing Order, please contact the Presbytery for Standing Order form. Alternatively, you can donate online using the Diocesan Online Donation platform:-

* St. James the Less & St. Helen <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>

* St. Joseph, Mile End: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-c>

* St. Cedd & St. Gregory: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>

* St. Theodore of Canterbury: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

Where donations can also be gift aided. To those who have sent in offerings - Thank you very much for your donation. Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The new sets of envelopes are now available for collection from the Presbytery Mon/Wed/Fri 9_{am} – 5_{pm}. Due to Social Distancing rules, please ring the presbytery bell and stand well back from the door (2metres), advise us of your name and Gift Aid number and your envelope set will then be left on the Presbytery step which can then be collected once the Presbytery door has been closed. Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

JOSIE’S KITCHEN: are looking for volunteers to knit for the homeless; Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Socks are all required for the winter season. If you enjoy knitting and have the time and spare wool, please consider giving a gift of warmth this coming winter.

MASS FOR HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES Corpus Christi, Sunday 14th June at 10.30_{am}. With a special message from Bishop Alan, and music recorded before lockdown from children’s choirs across the Diocese, this Mass will be celebrated as a children’s Mass, with simplified readings, and intercessions recorded by Holy Communion children. The Mass will be offered for the children and their families. On both YouTube and Instagram we are BrentwoodCYS, and more details of the Mass are at <https://bcys.net/events/corpuschristi/>

Please consider supporting the following charities: Mary’s Meals at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk> and/or Cafod’s coronavirus relief work at www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal

SUPPORTING MARRIED COUPLES: If you are experiencing difficulties in your marriage, whether due to the additional stresses cause by the coronavirus crisis or other reasons, help is available. Marriage Care is currently offering remote counselling www.marriagecare.org.uk Please don’t leave it too late to get help.

BCCS: The particular emotional and mental health needs of children should not be overlooked, and **Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society** continues to provide vital support in these areas. Info <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/coronavirus-update>

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- **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 name + contact number. The hall is closed and all group activity suspended until further notice.
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