

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)

Saturday 3rd	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Robert Bradshaw RIP
Sunday 4th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Cyril Fuller RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Ints: Brown Family
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	John Mauger + Maria Tinneveld RIP
Monday 5th			St Boniface, Bp, M
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Sisenando + Rosario De Jesus RIP
Tuesday 6th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Marco
Wednesday 7th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Manuel
Thursday 8th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Geltrude Ciarleglio RIP
Friday 9th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Marco
Saturday 10th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Chachy Joseph RIP
			THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (A) HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION
Saturday 10th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 11th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention (SG)
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Deceased Relatives of Betts Family
	<i>Church</i>	3.30 pm	First Holy Communion Children
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Tom + Molly McElroy

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO POLISH MASS HERE ON 11th JUNE

- ❖ 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 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00pm Mass (Monkwick).
- ❖ 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.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@brcdt.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)

Week Commencing 4th June 2023



The solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity always occurs on the Sunday after Pentecost. This position in the Church's liturgical year suggests we are invited to look-back on the whole of the Easter season as a particularly special revelation of the Trinity. The events of Holy Week reinforce the revelation of Father and Son, Jesus' last words on the cross being, 'Father into your hands I commend my spirit'. Jesus had also revealed the Holy Spirit and promised that he would lead us into the complete truth. We are not here dealing with truth in the sense of knowledge of the material world but of a living and vital truth, that we are invited to come to know the Trinity by sharing the very life of God. Pentecost therefore ends the Easter season with the mighty manifestation of the Spirit who animates the Apostles, sends them forth to preach the Word of God with power. So we shouldn't get caught up in mathematical puzzles today but rather seek to know the Trinity in truth and love.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY (Mon-Fri)	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
ADORATION & PRAYER	Thursdays	at 7.30 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: *For the abolition of torture*

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18) ***Be united and live in peace.*** In today's readings, God is revealed as full of compassion, tenderness and love for His people. Through the sacrament of marriage, we are called to reflect these qualities through our relationship with each other. When we are irritated and react angrily, it is important that we look at ourselves together, trying to recognise why, and seek to correct the causes.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Diana Irvén, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Joyce Wrobel, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Iris Peggy Barbet (Peggy) who has recently passed away. The parish community offers her family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Details for Peggy's funeral service in Mersea to be advised.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken for ***the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund*** on Sunday 11th June. The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund is part of the Diocesan Charity, which helps and supports our retired and sick clergy.



FR CHRIS: Celebrates his **birthday today**. May God bless your special day and all the days to follow with joy, peace and happiness. Happy *Birthday!*

SAVE THE DATE: 23rd July 2023 at 4.30pm. Fr Chris' Ruby (40 years) Jubilee of Ordination, Mass and celebration afterwards. Further details to follow in due course.

NEXT RCIA COURSE (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Journey in Faith or 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, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. **An initial meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th July at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.** If you are interested in attending this or would like to take part in the course but unable to make this date – please send us an email with your name, contact number to register your interest.

BISHOP ALAN WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! Do you, or someone you know, no longer go to Mass or feel that you belong in the Church? Bishop Alan would love to hear your story and listen to your experience, please take a card from porch or click on the link: https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Gn08WXvvKfWJts for more info.

REPOSITORY: We have a new selection of Confirmation & Holy Communion cards for sale.

RED MISSIO BOXES: Please remember to collect your emptied "Red Boxes" from the Presbytery. Thank you.

FREE, FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL: A talk on marital love, natural family planning and a flourishing family on **Saturday 10th June** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Guest speaker Fr Matthew and his wife Dr. Lucy. Join us for two 30-minute talks at **1.30pm-3.30pm** (concluding with Q&A) and a glass of wine whilst the children are entertained in an adjacent room. Contact Julia 07854296437.

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are looking for more gardening volunteers to maintain the Church courtyard and front gardens. The Outdoor Garden Ministry is a great way to serve God, and contribute to the beauty of our church as well as being therapeutic, stress relieving and a fun way to meet other like-minded people. If you would like to volunteer, please call the presbytery on 01206 866317.

PARKING: If parking in St Augustine Mews, we kindly ask you to respect our neighbours drives and **do not** block them or park on the pavements blocking their street access. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral on **Saturday 15th July at 3.00pm**, followed by a reception in the hall. If you are recently married or preparing for marriage or celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, please let Fr Chris know that you would like to attend this event.

CUPPA CLUB: We meet every **Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in the Hall. Newcomers always welcome!

SONGS OF PRAISE IS COMING TO COLCHESTER'S CASTLE PARK BANDSTAND: on **Saturday 10th June** at Castle Park Bandstand, Upper Park, Castle Park from **1:30pm – 4:30pm**. The Songs of Praise Team invite you to join in. There will be singing of some family favourite hymns, conducted by Ken Burton and accompanied by a brass quintet. All tickets are free of charge. To get your free tickets, please contact SOPcongregations@afantimedia.tv with your name, contact phone number and the number of tickets you'd like. Please be sure to include 'Songs of Praise Colchester' in your subject header. Alternatively, you can call 07734 030 888 to book your tickets.

CABARET NIGHT (ST TERESA'S CHURCH HALL, LEXDEM): On Saturday 24th June 2023 from 7^{pm}-10^{pm}. Adults £5.00 / Children £1.00, canapés will be served. For info and to book tickets, please contact Catherine 07971052441 or Stephanie 07462180245.

MASS FOR THE ALTAR SERVERS OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD: The forthcoming mass for the altar servers of the diocese of Brentwood, with The Right Reverend Alan Williams Bishop of Brentwood will take place on **Saturday 10th June 2023 at 2:00pm** at the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood.

CARITAS BRENTWOOD: Interested in the Catholic response to homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, assisting with the cost-of-living crisis, or tackling the causes and effects of climate change? The 1st Caritas Brentwood networking day is on **Saturday 10th June from 10.00am - 2.30pm** at Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster. Visit www.caritasbrentwood.org/network

CALAIS LIGHT the refugee charity invites you to join their **7-9th July** convoy & help refugees directly by volunteering with the NGOs that support them. It's their 23rd trip and volunteers, experienced continental drivers (& cars) are urgently needed. Everything is booked for you - £95 all in. To register: www.calaislight.com

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 05/06/23: **Team 3** / Monday 12/06/23: **Team 4**
COFFEE MORNING (HALL): 04/06/23: **SVP** / 11/06/23: **Matthew + Mariamma**