

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Saturday 22nd	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Rosalie Sutcliffe RIP
Sunday 23rd	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: Mary Lohan
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Fr Henry Young RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention (BA)

Monday 24th	ST GEORGE, M, PATRON OF ENGLAND		
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Sidney Finch Castell + Rose Jane Castell
	<i>Church</i>	11.00 am	FUNERAL SERVICE: Ann O'Neil Duffy RIP

Tuesday 25th	SAINT MARK, Evangelist		
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Sr Catherine Lohan

Wednesday 26th	Feria		
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	John Crawford RIP

Thursday 27th	Feria		
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	John Dolamore RIP (B.D-S)

Friday 28th	Feria		
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ronald Payot RIP

Saturday 29th	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, V, D		
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Tomas Urik's family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Saturday 29th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	John Dolamore RIP
Sunday 30th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intentions
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Novena Rowe RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intentions
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Kathleen + Victor Payne 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 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. The Mass Intention will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook or collection from Church).

- **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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)
Week Commencing 23rd April 2023

There are several post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus recorded in the New Testament, this Sunday's being notable for the length and detail given. It takes place on the day of resurrection itself, the first Easter Sunday we might say, so it is not surprising that the disciples are in a state of confusion and turmoil. The previous weekend Jesus had entered Jerusalem to acclamations of Hosanna, then came his Passion and death a few days later, now two of his disciples encounter Jesus alive. Much could be said about the meeting, the Gospel itself has the principal focus on how they recognise Jesus in the breaking of bread and how, once they had recognised Jesus at that moment, he vanished from their sight. The emphasis is that from now on the disciples ie the church, would find Jesus in the breaking of bread, the Eucharist. Jesus' appearance to them wasn't accidental, nor was the choice of day, it was a deliberate encounter with a deliberate aim, and connects back to the Last Supper. On the day of Resurrection itself, Jesus confirms the importance of the Eucharist and of his Real Presence therein.

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 APRIL: *For a culture of peace and non-violence:* We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Acts 2:14, 22-28 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35) ***How well do we listen to each other?*** As Jesus walked to Emmaus, he listened carefully to His disciples and experienced their grief. An important part of our relationship is listening. We may disagree with our partner's thoughts and judgments but they are part of who this person is. We need to experience him/her and convey the joy of discovering the person he/she is.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Joyce Wrobel, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas, 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 souls of John Crawford and Geltrude Ciarleglio who have both recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Funeral service for John will be on Wednesday 10th May at 11.00am; Funeral service for Geltrude will be on Monday 22nd May at 11.00am.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM ON SATURDAY 27TH MAY 2023: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to go, please add your name to the coach seat reservation list in church porch with how many seats you would like to reserve. There will be transport for those unable to walk the Holy mile. Please bring a packed lunch with you on the day.

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

REMINDER: On Sunday 23rd April at 3pm the UK Government will be testing their new Emergency Alert System. As this is a national test, it will affect everyone with a compatible phone regardless of location. The alert will also still sound if your phone is on silent. To find out more about Emergency Alerts, visit the [Government website](#).

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS: following an agreement by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales that this is now permitted at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. Unfortunately, for practical reasons we are not able to resume this yet and will advise when communion under both kinds can be given.

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: Please can you collect your new box sets from the church porch. Box sets are laid out in alphabetical order. Thank you.

GIFT AID: Please consider gift aiding your offertory donations. Information can be found on the Parish website. Gift Aid Declaration forms available in the Church porch. Every £1.00 you donate to the Church is worth £1.25 when you Gift Aid it, at No Extra Cost to You.

NEW TO THE PARISH? Then please complete one of our Parish Registration forms, which can be found in the porch at the back of the church.

JOSIE'S KITCHEN: If you have any unwanted trainers in good condition, please consider donating these to Josie for her homeless "boys and girls." *Men's Sizes: 9 to 11; Women's Sizes 5 to 7. Please drop these into Presbytery and we will ensure that they are passed on to those who need them.* Thank you.



SVP CUPPA CLUB: We meet every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am in the Hall. This is an opportunity to relax and catch up with others from the local community. Why not Pop in or stay for the whole session and enjoy a warm space with a cuppa, biscuits, a chat, companionship, newspapers, puzzles, games & crafts, etc., all available. We are always pleased to see a new face and offer a warm welcome to newcomers!

THE PRIESTS' CHARITY CONCERT: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' will be performing a second charity concert on Friday 30th June 2023 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567> We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment. It promises to be a great evening of entertainment. For full details www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: On Tuesday 2nd May at 6pm we are delighted that the Westminster Cathedral Choristers are coming to Brentwood Cathedral to sing. This will take the form of a Mass and a brief Recital, together lasting no more than an hour and a half. We are extremely fortunate and grateful that the Choristers are able to come here and it will be a unique occasion. As you know, they are known worldwide.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE: Caritas Social Action Network is an international Catholic charity with services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland. It is matching Ukrainian people displaced by war with people in the Catholic community who are willing to host them for 6 months. If you have room in your home, visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more info. Or see the poster in Church porch/facebook.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their annual 'Relay 100' community event this May and June. This initiative is an opportunity to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals or groups to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000 or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> and click on 'Relay 100 Sponsored Walks' to read more about this event.

PRIMARY SCHOOL LINK ADVISER: The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Primary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however, consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time or secondment opportunity. The Primary Link Adviser will report to the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director. Further details and an application form can be obtained here: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/primary-link-adviser-vacancy/> The closing date for applications is midday on **Friday 28th April 2023**. Interviews will be held on **Tuesday 2nd May 2023**.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Thursday 27/04/23: **Team 1/** Monday 01/05/23: **Team 2**
CBH COFFEE MORNING: 23/04/23: **Matthew + Mariamma/30/04/23: African Community**
The new Rotas for Church Cleaning & Coffee Morning are available in Church Porch.