

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 2nd	Church	6.15 pm	Brian Scobey RIP
Sunday 3rd	Church	8.00 am	Ints: Sam, Ela + Family
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.15 am	Private Intention
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Josephine + Carmen Demech RIP

Monday 4th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Gil Kelly RIP
	Church	9.30 am	Funeral Mass: Jill Mary Jarvis RIP

Tuesday 5th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Ints: Saji J
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Wednesday 6th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Noel L'Esperance RIP
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Thursday 7th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Ints: Fr James
	Church	7.00 pm	ADORATION & PRAYER

Friday 8th	DAY OF MERCY	Feria	ADORATION + CONFESSIONS: ALL DAY
	Church	9.30 am	Thanksgiving (R.J.)
	Church	7.30 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS + 8.45pm: BENEDICTION

Saturday 9th	Church	9.30 am	Feria M. K. Chacko RIP
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)

Saturday 9th	Church	6.15 pm	Joan Druffen RIP
Sunday 10th	Church	8.00 am	Giovanni Emoli RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Rolando Calica + Procerfina Calica RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.15 am	Ints: Marco Baby
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Tony Dixon 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 10am Mass and 5.30pm-6.00pm
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, Please contact the Presbytery.



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WEEK COMMENCING 3RD APRIL 2022

The second reading this Sunday really did refresh me when I saw it; it's one of my favourite passages from the Bible and always a joy to read. It's so easy to become downhearted, even overwhelmed, by what are portrayed as things going wrong in today's world. The war in Ukraine has occupied the front pages for over a month, displacing climate change but the latter hasn't gone away. At the risk of repeating myself, as Catholics we are called to be people full of hope. Our hope is well-founded, based on God's promises. On the first Good Friday the disciples doubtless were bewildered and perhaps downhearted, the Resurrection changed everything into joy and wonder. We don't ignore the difficult things which happen around us, we can play our part in tackling them, but always with the joy of the Good News upholding us. Let's look forward to Holy Week and really immerse ourselves in the liturgies, asking for a renewal of joy within us.

Fr. Chris



Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy/Church photos/videos. Please remember to like & follow our page!

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
DAILY Mon-Fri	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	Temporarily suspended



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: *Health Care Workers*

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Joshua 5: 9-12; 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32) *The need for gratitude and trust.* The Gospel illustrates the Father's amazing forgiveness but the elder brother reacts angrily and is resentful and self-righteous. At times when we feel hurt and resentful and life seems unfair, and tensions rise, we can blame each other. Jesus' message is to trust in our husband/wife, to look for their loving ways and to ask forgiveness for our own faults.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We pray for all persons who are ill or have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

UKRAINE APPEAL: If you would like to donate to this appeal donations envelopes can be dropped thru Presbytery door; please mark front of envelope with "Ukrainian Appeal" all donations will be sent to *Caritas*. Thank you.

We pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

DAY OF MERCY: A day of Adoration and Confession will take place at Priory Street on 8th April 2022. Mass at 9.30am, Confession all day, Stations at 7.30pm and to finish with Benediction at 8.45pm. All welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Collections will be taken up for church Easter flowers at Priory Street and Mile End today (3rd April); the annual collection for the SVP on Maundy Thursday (14th April), and on Good Friday (15th April) there will be a collection for the upkeep of the places in the Holy Land, Thank you.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT FOR BEACON HOUSE: Fr Paschal will be taking part in the sponsored Sleep Out for Beacon House on 8th April to raise much-needed funds for this homeless charity. If you would like to sponsor Fr Paschal there is a sponsor form in the Church Porch and at all the Mass Centers.


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, Priory Street Masses: As more of us are returning to our normal patterns and more people are returning to Sunday Mass, if you feel you are able to return to assisting as Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at Sunday Mass please give your name and contact details to Cathy O'Connor 01206 735623 or email cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org so your name can be included in the Rota. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are looking for volunteers to assist with the sessions, if you would like to find out more, please contact Kelly via email - kemarie1979@gmail.com

FOCUS GROUP: The focus group that met on 13th March are invited to meet again on Sunday 10th April (same time and place)

CHURCH CHOIR: The next Choir Practice will take place on Saturday 09/04/22 at 12.30pm Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members always welcome.**

HOLY WEEK MASSES: Please see poster in Church Porch or on our Facebook page.

SVP:  **CUPPA CLUB:** will meet every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games and craft etc., will be available. If you know anyone who would like to come but needs a lift, please get in touch Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

COLCHESTER CATENIANS INVITE YOU TO THEIR CEILIDH / BARN DANCE & CURRY SUPPER EVENING: On Saturday 30th April 7.30pm til late at PlayGolf Colchester. This will be a great fun evening with dancing to the Caledonian Reelers live band. Tickets are £25 per head and this includes a Curry & Buffet Meal available. To book tickets email Colchester.catenians@gmail.com

THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 – 29 July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now on-line: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

CARITAS BRENTWOOD: *Helping those in the Ukraine, and Ukrainian Refugees.* Caritas Brentwood are regularly updating information on their website, covering donations, prayer, and welcoming those who are fleeing the Ukraine. You will find everything at: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine/>

SUPPORT THE FOODBANK THIS LENT: Caritas is inviting you to collect at home and donate a box of items for the foodbank throughout Lent, by following their Lenten Giving Calendar <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/lenten-giving-calendar/>. Once completed donate directly to our local foodbank - just in time for Easter week.

VOCATIONS: The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 5th April at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Mgr Kevin Hale. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD are inviting people from the night of April 8th to the morning of April 9th, to join the 2022 Sponsored Sleepout. Raising awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout or by emailing sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

BE PART OF THE WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23: If you will be 18+ in Sept, and are looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, deepening team working and practical skills in a context of youth leadership, and developing your faith, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be perfect for you. For more info, www.bccs.net/events/whopenday/

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY has several charity Gold Bond places for the **TCS London Marathon** taking place on the iconic London course on Sunday 2nd October 2022. All information is available on our website where our application form can be downloaded: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/tcs-london-marathon> Please note that the closing date for applications is Friday 8th April.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESE SCHOOL/ADMIN VACANCIES: details are available from <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

MISSIO MAGAZINES FOR SPRING 2022 are available free in the church porch, please take a copy. If you have a full Red Missio Box please drop this into the Presbytery.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 04/04/22: **Team 3** / Monday 11/04/22: **Team 4**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 03/04/22 (**Frances + Nora**) / 10/04/22 (**Diane & Adrian**)