

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Sunday 5th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Ted Wilding + Maria Lumsden RIP
	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Anniversary: Jose Vadakepeepika EIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Mr. Elvis C. Amadi RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Tom Regan RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Parishioners
Monday 6th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Jennie Guthrie-Stevens
Tuesday 7th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Edward Walsh RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	POLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Wednesday 8th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Paul Irvine RIP
	<i>Church</i>	11.30 am	FUNERAL MASS: Ivy Emily E. Grounsell RIP
Thursday 9th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Elsie Speers RIP
Friday 10th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Esther + Eamon Crowe RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12.30 pm	& 7.30pm: STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday 11th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Patricia Pearce RIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Sunday 12th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	George Farrell RIP
	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Michael Delaney RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Phyllis Bannister RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention (M)
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention

- ❖ 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@dioceseofbrentwood.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com



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St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester



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Week Commencing 5th March 2023

As I was looking at the readings given to us for this Sunday I tried to imagine how they might be received by someone who was totally unaware of what we believe. If they we-re attentive and had open minds, they ought to be amazed. The sentence from the second reading, 'He has abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News', contains so much which upends the messages we get from the world about us. We are familiar with the Good News, or at least have heard this and similar passages many times, but familiarity can lead to complacency, a loss of impact. As a suggestion for you to try this week, take those words of St. Paul while sitting quietly somewhere by yourself and read the phrase out loud (and even loudly), several times, and see what happens.

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 MARCH: *For Victims Of Abuse*

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Genesis 12:1-4a 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9) ***Transformed by our love.***

Sometimes life is hard and we can get lost in the daily grind of making ends meet, of getting things done. Then, suddenly, a change occurs through a simple show of affection: a kiss, a touch, a loving glance from my beloved! In little gestures like these, we reveal again our love for each other and our relationship is transformed!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially 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 soul of Darline Wyatt who has recently passed away. The parish community offers her husband Peter, family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Darline's funeral details are to be advised.

SECOND COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend there will be a collection taken for **CAFOD Lent Appeal**. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. Donation envelopes are also available in church porch.

PARISH MEETING: A meeting will take place **26th March at 2.30pm** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. This meeting is in reference to the Bishops Pastoral Letter (*please click on link to read*) https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Pastoral-Letter-for-6th-Sunday-of-Ordinary-Time-11-12-February-2023_.pdf **All are invited** to attend so we can discuss as a Parish how we can work together in partnership in *Shaping our Future*.

LENT DAY OF MERCY: On **Friday 31st March 2023**, the Church will be open all day with Mass at 9.30am; Stations of the Cross at 12.30pm & 7.30pm; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession all Day; Benediction at 8.45pm. Please do try to attend at some point during the day.

REPOSITORY: There is a selection of St Patrick Day cards for sale in Church porch as well as a selection of books on the Season of Lent – All sales money to go in Repository Box.

KING CHARLES III and the Queen Consort will visit Colchester as part of celebrations to mark its city status on **Tuesday 7th March 2023**. Please note that Priory Street will have a traffic flow reversal from 9.15am to 2.00pm on that day.

LENT MASS READINGS: All the readings for the Masses of Lent, with a short commentary by Fr Adrian Graffy, can be found on: www.whatgoodnews.org Click on 'Scripture Readings' and then 'Lent Readings'.



ST PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATION in Cardinal Bourne Hall on **Saturday 18th March 2023 from 7.30pm-10.30pm**. This fun evening will provide a buffet with Vegan & Vegetarian options, tea & coffee (BYO alcohol). Live Entertainment with dancing from the McGann School of Dancing (*back by popular demand*) and music from Steve Williams. Also Singalongs and don't forget to wear your dancing shoes! There will be a prize raffle (*donations accepted*). All nationalities welcome to this fun evening, please book early to assist catering. Tickets £15 per person, Children 5-12yrs - £5.00. To reserve your tickets, please contact Frances 369568 or Nora 503410

GIDEA PARK TALK ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST: On **Wednesday 22nd March at 7pm** in the church hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and Member of the Pope's Biblical Commission, will speak about the Eucharist. The talk, entitled *Do this in memory of me*, will examine the New Testament material, and trace the understanding of the Eucharist through the centuries, including the latest teaching of Pope Francis. This talk is in person, and can also be followed live stream by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

THE PRIESTS' CHARITY CONCERT: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio '**The Priests**' have agreed to hold a second charity concert for us on **Friday 30th June 2023** at 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. Full details are available on our website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

CARITAS Diocese of Brentwood is inviting people from the night of **March 31st 2023 (9pm)** to the morning of April 1st (8:30am), to join this year's **Sponsored Sleepout** in one of our four locations; **Lexden**, Forest Gate, Hornchurch, and Southend. The Sleepout will assist in raising awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All info can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout and to register please email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

PRAYER FOR ALL VICTIMS OF WAR AND NATURAL DISASTERS

Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope. We hold in our hearts those who are injured, and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes.

TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: Both Caritas and CAFOD (*In partnership with DEC*) are fundraising to support those who have been affected by the devastating earthquakes. To donate to the appeal which aims to get funds to local experts on the ground who are already helping those in need, please use this link to support your chosen charity <http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/earthquakes/>

UKRAINIAN EMERGENCY WINTER APPEAL: Ukrainians remain resilient despite the circumstances of the war, but they are in the throes of a harsh winter. For that reason, a new Emergency Winter Appeal was launched to provide food packages for the most vulnerable on the frontlines and in recently liberated regions in East and South Ukraine, which is suffering from a severe humanitarian crisis. The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week costs approximately £16. Each package contains the basics (grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish preserves, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, tea coffee, biscuits, etc.) Funds can be remitted to: **Account Name: Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund Account Number: 20927317. Sort Code: 20-92-60** Or by cheques made payable to **Ukrainian Catholic Church** referencing *Winter Appeal* in both cases. The address for cheques is Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain, 22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 06/03/23: **Team 2** / Monday 13/03/23: **Team 3**
CBH COFFEE MORNING: 05/03/23: **Matthew + Mariamma** /12/03/23: **African Community**