

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

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| Saturday 5th | Church | 6.15 pm | Ros Sutcliffe RIP |
| Sunday 6th | Church | 8.00 am | Paul Kievenaar RIP |
| | Church | 10.30 am | Parishioners |
| | Church | 2.00 pm | Polish Mass |
| | Church | 4.00 pm | Filipino Mass |
| | Church | 6.30 pm | Private Intention |
| | West Mersea | 8.30 am | Private Intention |
| | Mile End | 9.15 am | Ints: Manuel + Samuel |
| | Monkwick | 10.15 am | Ints: Mrs. Joy Lee |

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| Monday 7th | Church | 9.30 am | Feria Private Intention (S.F) |
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| Tuesday 8th | Church | 9.30 am | St Josephine Bakhita, V Florence Farrell RIP |
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| Wednesday 9th | Church | 9.30 am | Feria Thanksgiving (B+D) |
| | West Mersea | 1.00 pm | Funeral Service: David Morton RIP |

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| Thursday 10th | Church | 9.30 am | St Scholastica, V 2 nd Anniversary: Pauline Morreale RIP |
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| Friday 11th | Church | 9.30 am | OUR LADY OF LOURDES (World Day of the Sick) Ros Sutcliffe RIP |
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| Saturday 12th | Church | 9.30 am | Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Arthur + Margaret Powel RIP |
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Racial Justice Day

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| Saturday 12th | Church | 6.15 pm | Oksana Zakhleniuk RIP |
| Sunday 13th | Church | 8.00 am | Giovanni Emoh RIP |
| | Church | 10.30 am | Private Intention |
| | Church | 2.00 pm | Polish Mass |
| | Church | 6.30 pm | Private Intention |
| | West Mersea | 8.30 am | William Wynne RIP |
| | Mile End | 9.15 am | Parishioners |
| | Monkwick | 10.15 am | Holy Souls |

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, Please contact the Presbytery.
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ 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

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

WEEK COMMENCING 6TH FEBRUARY 2022

There is an ancient saying, 'Man proposes, God disposes' which dates back to at least St. Thomas a Kempis and, as we hear today, is firmly rooted in the scriptures. Many people today would most likely dismiss the saying if they knew of it; certainly people act as if it were not true at all. If we consider the world around us, then it does operate according to the will of God as we discover through investigation and formulate in 'laws'; though that does not mean God has to will every individual event individually. The interesting area is ourselves, as we have free will. In essence every person is faced with the situation described in the book of Genesis, the temptation in the garden of Eden. Do we, or do we not, love God enough to wish to carry out his will by aligning our will with his? The proving ground for this is the way we use the world about us, interact with other human beings and treat ourselves. Of course, being a matter of will we are dealing here with love, not emotions. We can see clearly why Jesus reminds us of the Double Commandment, to love God with all our soul, mind and strength and our neighbour as ourself. And ultimately, God's will will be done whether we agree or not.

Fr. Chris



Please note that Face Masks must be worn in Church, unless medically exempt.



PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

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| 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 |

Please refer to the Website Home Page or External Church Notice Board for details on Covid restrictions.

As a Reminder: Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who has reason to believe that they have been in contact with someone who has, should not attend church or volunteer in any capacity until they have received medical advice that it is safe to do so.



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: *Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women.* We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Isaiah 6: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11) **Follow your dream.** 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' Isaiah was sustained by his vision of God in glory; Paul by his vision of Jesus. On our wedding days, we had a dream for our future together. The grace of God has sustained that vision through many struggles. Let's always seek to follow our dream.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Giovanna Butterfield & Wieslaw Rekucki 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. Giovanna's funeral Service will be on 22nd February at 11.00am.

CHURCH CHOIR: Claire Williamson has taken over running the choir but more musicians and singers are needed. The choir sings at the 10:30am Mass at Priory Street and for all the major Feast Days. The Easter Triduum and the Vigil Mass are next on the calendar. Choir Practice takes place every two weeks commencing Saturday 12/02/22 at 12.30pm (Approx. 1hr). Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members welcome.**

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken after all Masses today for Lourdes Sick & Helpers Fund. The proceeds of this collection are used to fund Doctors and Nurses on the pilgrimage, as well as to provide assistance for individuals who are facing financial hardship, especially those who have medical needs.

VOLUNTARY HEALTH & SAFETY ASSISTANT REQUIRED: We are looking for a volunteer willing to assist with the Parish Health and Safety – If you have any expertise and are willing to advise and assist, for details of the role, please speak to Fr Chris. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS NEEDED: We will require volunteers to help assist on the First Holy Communion Program please email (colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or advise the clergy if you are able to help out (we would also encourage any parents attending weekly to offer their assistance). Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: St Patricks Day Celebration in Cardinal Bourne Hall on Saturday 19th March 2022. Details of event to follow in due course.

NEXT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: Reminder for all parents with Children registered for course! There will be an initial meeting with Parents (*children need not attend*) next **Saturday 12th February at 11.00am** in the Church hall (*please remember to bring your childs Baptism Certificate and the £25.00 fee for your childs course books*). Course (Part 1: Reconciliation) will then commence on 26th February for those who have attended the initial meeting. Please Note: Parents must also attend the weekly sessions with their child(ren) from 11am-12.45pm approx. Thank you.

PALM CROSSES: We should be grateful if people could bring their old palm crosses back to us. A basket is situated in the Church Porch for collection of these. Thank you.

NEXT 2nd COLLECTIONS: There will be 2nd collections taken for Racial Justice Sunday on 13th February.

2022 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): 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. To register your interest, please email your contact details colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Thank You

SATURDAY EVENING SOUP RUN ROTA FOR HOMELESS/HOUSED: Volunteers are required (aged 18 + over) to make up a team of 4+ persons. Volunteers would have to be available one Saturday a month from about 5.30 to 8pm; this includes time for setting up & clearing up afterwards. Teams will distributing the food and drinks and chat to the folks. (The soup run itself will be from 6.30-7.30pm. the location will be The Salvation Army Car Park, which is situated opposite the police station). If interested please contact SVP Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com.

THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: This will be led by Bishop Alan and will take place from Sunday 24th – Friday 29th July in Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon from tour company. For further information contact Cathy O'Connor: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022: 23rd – 30th July 2022. Applications are now open for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders. The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. For those travelling with the BCYS the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events and a party. Please see www.bcys.net/events/sl22/ for more information.

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

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: *What does it mean to talk about a woman as Mother of God and Mother of the Church?* Fr Martin Hardy, parish priest of St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays, will give this talk. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 07/02/22: **Team 3** / Monday 14/02/22: **Team 4**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 06/02/22 (Matthew & Mariamma) / 13/02/22 (Frances + Nora)



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