

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Saturday 6th	Church	6.15 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 7th	Church	8.00 am	Holy Souls
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Alice Reid RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Beryl Schofield RIP
Live Streamed	Monkwick	10.15 am	Peter McCartney RIP
Monday 8th	St Josephine Bakhita, V		
Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Tuesday 9th	Feria		
Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Deceased Relatives of Betts Family
Wednesday 10th	St Scholastica, V		
Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Ints: David Long
Thursday 11th	OUR LADY OF LOURDES <small>Principal Patroness of Diocese</small>		
Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Ints: The Killen Family
Friday 12th	Feria		
Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Remedios De Jesus RIP
Saturday 13th	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM)		
Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Souls in Purgatory

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) WORLD DAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED


Saturday 13th	Church	6.15 pm	10 th Anniversary: Oksana Zakhleniuk RIP
Sunday 14th	Live Streamed Church	8.00 am	Mrs. Margaret Barker RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Esther Crowe RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intentions
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Brendan Burke RIP

FACEMASKS. It is now a legal requirement that facemasks or coverings are worn when entering all places of worship (*unless you are medically exempt or under 11yrs*)

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 10am Mass and 5.30pm-6.00pm
- ❖ Mass Intentions. These can be posted through the presbytery letterbox and they will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook).
- ❖ If you are self-isolating and would like to speak to a priest or have any worries, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317 and we will try to help you.

LIVE STREAM: DAILY MASSES AND A SUNDAY MASS
(Weekdays 10am, please see Schedule for Sunday Live Stream Mass Time)

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Week Commencing 7th FEBRUARY 2021

Job, it seems fair to say, has a sombre outlook on life, powerfully and eloquently expressed in our first reading this Sunday. At first glance it contrasts strongly with how society appears to view itself in our part of the world today, given the amount of laughing and joking that goes on, especially in parts of the media. Some might say that you've got to laugh, otherwise we'd all be crying, as if these were the only two options. In the Gospel, Jesus goes about healing people, both physically and spiritually. His message is one of hope, the Gospel is Good News which cuts across the two worldly options of sorrow or laughter. Hope is an important virtue, perhaps neglected nowadays or misunderstood. Worldly hope is arguably a matter of putting on a brave face in the face of real challenges, a façade. Christian hope is founded on God's promises, and God can be trusted to fulfil those promises, so it is utterly realistic to hope in the Christian way. As Julian of Norwich wrote, 'All will be well'.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer at 9.45 ^{am}	All Temporarily suspended
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 ^{pm})	



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39) ***Making the time to talk and to listen.*** As married couples, we need time to grow in knowledge and understanding of each other. This week let us make time when we are not tired, to talk together, to share what's happened in the day, our thoughts and feelings, the things that worry us or make us happy. Perhaps we can also plan a regular celebration of our love.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Despite all the restrictions, let us be thankful that we can once again gather together, despite social distancing, as God's people. Please note the following norms which remain in place in order to promote a COVID 19 safe environment :-

- Churches will open 15 minutes before start of Mass
- Facemasks must be worn when entering all places of worship (unless medically exempt)
- Entrance to Church will be via the main door, exit by the side door
- Hand sanitiser is available at entrance and exit, though you may bring your own
- It will be essential that people sit where they are asked and do not move from there
- The use of face covering/mask in Church is now mandatory (please don't forget yours when attending Church) and that you wear it so that it covers both your mouth and nose.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times within Church.
- An Offertory Collection box will be situated at entrance and exit; the donation station is also useable
- No touching of Statues or Images in Church
- Toilets will be closed except for genuine emergencies.
- We are still required to have Church Stewards in attendance at each Mass and the Church will be cleaned after each Service in readiness for the next Mass to be held.

THE PARISH STEWARDS ARE HERE TO HELP AND DIRECT YOU TO YOUR SEAT(S), PLEASE BE POLITE TO THEM AS THEY CAN ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND DIOCESAN REGULATIONS.

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.

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, Valerie Thurston, Joan Jeal, Jimmy Clarin, Rosie Burnside-Fitch. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

WALK WITH ME (LENT EDITION): Now available in church porch at £1 a copy.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES: still available £2.80 per copy + **2021 Diaries reduced - ½- price!**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Frances Poppy Norman, Dennis Butler, David Pryce and Michael Ian Perera who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Frances Funeral Mass will be held here on 25th March at 11.30^{am}. Dennis service will be at Colchester Crem on 15th February. David's service will be at Colchester Crem on 17th February. Michael's service will be at Colchester Crem on 16th March. **Please note that we require volunteer Stewards on Wed 24th March at 4.00^{pm} & Thursday 25th March at 11.30^{am}. Please contact the Presbytery if you are able to assist.** Thank you.

MERSEA NEWS: Mass Bookings will continue at Mersea in order to control numbers attending. Please use the following links for masses over the next 2 weekends (right click booking form and open hyperlink) alternatively, links for booking forms are on website under mass times: - Sunday 14th February [Mersea Booking Form](#) Sunday 21st February [Mersea Booking Form](#)

2nd COLLECTION/ DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: a collection will be taken this Sunday to support the Shrine in Lourdes, which is suffering financially because of the pandemic restrictions. The annual pilgrimage in July has been cancelled for this year. However, some form of alternative experience of Lourdes in the diocese is being planned. Further details will follow. The Collection Basket will be situated by the Church Exit.

PANCAKES WITH THE PRIESTS! Tuesday 16th of February 5^{pm} on Zoom. Welcoming all families and parishioners to join us for a pancake making session. In this time, we are all invited to make pancakes whilst Fr Paschal and Fr Chris season our minds and hearts with the insights about the great Catholic practices of Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and the Holy season of Lent. Zoom details: Please see Facebook page nearer the time.

ASH WEDNESDAY: As Ash Wednesday approaches we want to invite you to participate as fully as you can. The 10^{am} mass will be live-streamed during which those at home will be invited to mark each other with ashes. In order to facilitate this from Monday the 8th until Tuesday the 16th of February you will be able to collect a small bag of ashes from the church during communal worship. Let us begin this holy season as a parish united in prayer

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This will take place in the church every Friday of Lent at 3^{pm} (This will also be live streamed for those physically unable to attend). For the Polish Community this will be here every Tuesday at 6.30^{pm}.

BIBLE STUDY: There are still places available if you would like to join us for Bible Study on Fridays starting at 7^{pm} and finishing at approx. 8^{pm}. The meeting will be via Zoom and led by Fr Chris. ID: 83316196189, please call the presbytery (866317) to register and for password.

MASS SERVICES: We received a visit from the local Police stating that they have received a complaint that people are congregating outside of Church to chat. We kindly ask that when you are leaving church after Mass that you exit in your bubbles and do not stop to chat with other parishioners. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

DR. AUSTEN IVEREIGH gave a livestream presentation of 'Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future' by Pope Francis. For those that missed this event, the recording is now available. <https://www.whatgoodnews.org/.../let-us-dream-the-path-to...>

PARISH FINANCES: If you wish to make an offering/donation this can be done in various ways:

- By dropping envelope through Presbytery door (please write on envelope Mass Offering or Parish Maintenance) or in the Donation Basket situated at Church entrance & Exit
- Diocesan Online Donation platform (where donations can also be gift aided):-
St. James the Less & St. Helen <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>
St. Joseph, Mile End: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-c>
St. Cedd & St. Gregory: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>
St. Theodore of Canterbury: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you