

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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| <b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Monkwick</i>    | 5.00 pm  | Victoria-Carmen Dinech RIP          |
| <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>   | <i>Church</i>      | 8.00 am  | Nelly Coyle RIP                     |
|                                | <i>Church</i>      | 10.30 am | Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas |
|                                | <i>Church</i>      | 2.00 pm  | Polish Mass                         |
|                                | <i>Church</i>      | 4.00 pm  | Filipino Mass                       |
|                                | <i>Church</i>      | 6.30 pm  | Private Intention                   |
|                                | <i>West Mersea</i> | 8.30 am  | Private Intention                   |
|                                | <i>Mile End</i>    | 9.30 am  | Parishioners                        |

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| <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>     | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am  | <b>Feria</b><br>Ints: Mary Egeolu   |
| <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>    | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am  | <b>Feria</b><br>Daragh Boyle RIP  |
| <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am  | <b>Feria</b><br>Ints: Eric Rodrigues  |
|                                  | <i>Church</i> | 11.00 am | <b>FUNERAL SERVICE:</b> John Crawford RIP   |
| <b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>  | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am  | <b>Feria</b><br>Ints: The Harris Family   |
| <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>    | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am  | <b>St John Houghton, Pr, M</b><br>Canon John Bloomfield                                 |
| <b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>  | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am  | <b>St Erconwald, Bp</b> <small>Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese</small><br>Holy Souls |

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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| <b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Monkwick</i>    | 5.00 pm  | George Farrell RIP     |
| <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>   | <i>Church</i>      | 8.00 am  | Private Intention      |
|                                 | <i>Church</i>      | 10.30 am | Parishioners           |
|                                 | <i>Church</i>      | 2.00 pm  | Polish Mass            |
|                                 | <i>Church</i>      | 6.30 pm  | Ints: The Doble Family |
|                                 | <i>West Mersea</i> | 8.30 am  | Joy Richardson RIP     |
|                                 | <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@brcdt.org](mailto:colchester@brcdt.org)
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)



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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Week Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

The second reading today ends with a famous passage, that we are 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart ...'. St. Peter isn't referring to a small group of special members of the Church, he's talking about each and every member which therefore includes us. It makes me think of the call to be in the world but not of it. Of necessity we are all in the world, we depend on the planet for sustenance etc. To be of the world, however, is to have the values of the world, essentially to live materialistic lives (that includes so-called spiritual values which are in fact rooted in the world). How can a person assess their own situation, in/of? One simple thing to do is to review a day or two, maybe a weekend would be a place to start, and discover how we spent our time. Then we can see how much time we devoted to being a member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart. What sort of proportion do you come up with?

Fr. Chris

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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| <b>DAILY (Mon-Fri)</b>        | Rosary/Divine Mercy               | <b>at 8.45 am</b> |
| <b>DAILY</b>                  | Morning Prayer                    | <b>at 9.15 am</b> |
| <b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>   | Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall) | <b>at 8.00 pm</b> |
| <b>ADORATION &amp; PRAYER</b> | Thursdays                         | <b>at 7.30 pm</b> |



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY: *For church movements and groups.*** We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12) *I am in you and you are in me.* Jesus says, "To have seen me is to have seen the Father". In our married life, through the visible sign of the way we love each other, when people meet one of us we can be a sign that 'when seeing me, you see the one I love, in me and with me', thus emulating Jesus' relationship with His Father.

**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 soul of Jennie Guthrie-Stevens who has recently passed away. The parish community offers her family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Funeral details to be advised.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM ON SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 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. There will be transport for those unable to walk the Holy mile. Please bring a packed lunch with you on the day. 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. Coach seats filling up fast.

**SAVE THE DATE: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 at 4.30pm.** Fr Chris' Ruby (40 years) Jubilee of Ordination, Mass and celebration afterwards. Further details to follow in due course.

**BISHOP ALAN WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!** Do you, or someone you know, no longer go to Mass or feel that you belong in the Church? Bishop Alan would love to hear your story and listen to your experience, please take a card from porch or click on the link: [https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9Gn08WXvKfwJts](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Gn08WXvKfwJts) for more info.

**THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III:** We pray for our King as he assumes the fullness of the high office of monarch. Please take a prayer card from Church porch.

**MILE END (Please park responsibly):** We kindly ask that people do not park on white zig zag lines, double yellows or in front of neighbours' drives/drop kerbs. Do remember to allow plenty of time for street parking when attending Mass as this area can get very busy. Thank you.

**FREE, FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL:** A talk on marital love, natural family planning and a flourishing family on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Guest speaker Fr Matthew and his wife Dr. Lucy. Join us for two 30-minute talks at **1.30pm-3.30pm** (concluding with Q&A) and a glass of wine whilst the children are entertained in an adjacent room. Contact Julia 07854296437.

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE:** Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm**, followed by a reception in the hall. If you are recently married or preparing for marriage or celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, please let Fr Chris know that you would like to attend this event.

**MASS FOR THE ALTAR SERVERS OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD:** The forthcoming mass for the altar servers of the diocese of Brentwood, with The Right Reverend Alan Williams Bishop of Brentwood will take place on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 2:00pm** at the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood.



**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. We are always pleased to see a new face and offer a warm welcome to newcomers!

**GIDEA PARK STUDY DAY ON POPE BENEDICT AND THE LITURGY:** On **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, from 11am to 1pm**, Fr Vincent Twomey SVD, student and friend of Pope Benedict XVI, will speak on 'The Liturgical Vision of Pope Benedict'. The event will not be in person but live streamed from Ireland on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). Fr Twomey has recently produced 'The Dynamics of Liturgy: Joseph Ratzinger's Theology of Liturgy', published by Ignatius Press. Further details of the event are to be found on the attached flyer and on the website [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). A recording of the study day will be made available subsequently on the website.

**THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE EASTER TALKS** will explore what it means to have an intimate friendship with Christ. They will take place on **Wednesdays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of May** at St Francis of Assisi, Stratford, E15 1NS from 7.30 - 9.00pm. The first talk, "Calling on the name of Jesus," will be given by Fr Martin Boland, the Dean of Brentwood Cathedral. All very welcome.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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>

**VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s & 30s):** On **26-28 May 2023 in Liverpool**. Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life. The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**JOB VACANCIES: HOSPITALITY MANAGER AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK.** Walsingham House are seeking to appoint a friendly, reliable and trustworthy Hospitality Manager. For more info please see [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or email Claire Bailey ([clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org)). **BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** is looking for a Fundraising and Partnerships Manager to join their team. This is an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic and motivated individual to gain valuable experience in fundraising for an established and expanding charity. Read the full [Job Description and Person Specification](http://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/) at <http://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/>. Applications should be returned to Julie Abbott, Head of Voluntary Income at [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk). Closing date for applications for both positions is midday on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Monday 08/05/23: **Team 3** / Monday 15/05/23: **Team 4**  
**CBH COFFEE MORNING:** 07/05/23: **Diane & Adrian** / 14/05/23: **The O'Sullivans**  
 The new Rotas for Church Cleaning & Coffee Morning are available in Church Porch.