

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Saturday 7th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Eugenia Dimech RIP + John Dimech
Sunday 8th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Mrs. Beryl Delaney RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Majella Sheridan RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Ints: Moses
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Patricia Barrell RIP

Monday 9th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Feria Ints: Marco Baby
Tuesday 10th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Feria Athene Jones RIP
Wednesday 11th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Feria Ints: Marco Baby
Thursday 12th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	St John Houghton, Pr, M Ints: Binu Jacob
Friday 13th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	St Erconwald, Bp Ints: Marco Baby
Saturday 14th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	ST MATTHIAS, Ap Mrs. Eve Dawn Hale-Kroeze RIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Saturday 14th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Lola + Victoria Dimech RIP
Sunday 15th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Jackie (John) Wilmot RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Mrs. Eve Dawn Hale-Kroeze RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Fr Tony Brunning

- ❖ 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).
- ❖ Visiting the housebound + Care Home residents to receive Sacrament of the Sick and or Holy Communion is possible, please contact the Presbytery.
- ❖ 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).



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!

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

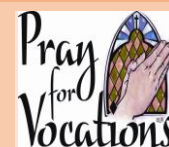
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WEEK COMMENCING 8TH MAY 2022

Whilst on pilgrimage on a hot and sunny day in Bethlehem fresh from celebrating Christmas Mass in the Shepherds field and singing Christmas carols; I jumped at the chance to have my picture taken with a sheep hung around my neck. Though I was as close to a sheep as I have ever been, the truth is, I know nothing about shepherding animals. Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who not only knows us personally by name; He also loves us completely even to the laying down of His life for us His sheep. Today we reflect on Christ the good shepherd who continues to call men and women to serve in the Church by laying down their lives for the sake of the Gospel. Both priests and religious sisters have in their final profession or Ordination a moment when they prostrate (*lie face down on the floor*) this embodies in a moment what they hope to do with their whole lives. They seek to grow in intimacy and love for God and his people that by the help of His grace they share in His power, THE ULTIMATE POWER OF LOVE. Jesus as the good shepherd shows us His love by first laying down His life as the lamb "*The Greatest Amongst You Is The Least*" (Matthew 23:5-12). Let us pray for men and women in our communities and maybe even in our families to lay down their lives as lambs and to take up their vocation as shepherds.

Fr. Paschal

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



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY for *faith-filled young people*. We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



**WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE TODAY.
FOR PEACE AND THE LAYING DOWN OF WEAPONS.**



MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Revelation 7: 9, 14-17; John 10: 27-30) ***We are a light to the world.*** Most people, when they get married, think their married life is a private affair but Jesus calls us to be a light to the world as a couple. Through our gentleness and tenderness, our readiness to forgive each other, people we meet can experience some qualities of God's love for them. Living in this way is the vocation of marriage.

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 soul of Patricia Barrell who has recently passed away. The parish community offers her respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Patricia's funeral details are to be advised.


DIOCESAN 2ND COLLECTION: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday when we are invited by the Church to pray in a particular way for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for Vocations and for those who are training for the priesthood. A 2nd collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your prayers and generosity

MONTH OF MARY. It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

CHURCH CHOIR: The next Choir Practice will take place on **Saturday 21/05/22 at 12.30pm**. Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members always welcome.**

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS MAY 2019: If you haven't been contacted about your photos please get in touch with the photographer, Brian Porter (07906 162852 or brianfidel@yahoo.co.uk) by 31st May. Thank you.

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 & crafts, etc., will be available.

CHURCH/HALL PARKING: please be considerate where you park in St Augustin's Mews & in front of the hall, do not park on the pavement or block drives as this causes problems and inconvenience to our neighbours. Also, please be vigilant of pedestrians. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 28TH MAY 2022: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Year of the Family '*Hearing and Doing the Word of God*'. 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. Bring your own packed lunch. **If you would like to join us on this Pilgrimage, please add your name + details to the coach booking form in Church Porch. Coach seats are £15.00 per person and the coach will be departing from East Hill (near corner of Priory Street) at 8am.**

'LIGHT BITES' CELEBRATION: This will take place **after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 5th June** (Bank Holiday weekend) when we will also be celebrating Fr Chris 70th Birthday.

THE BROTHERS OF COUNCIL 270 OF THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA would like to warmly invite you to our Quiz Night. It will be held on the 21st of May, at St. Theresa of Lisieux, Lexden. Entry is £5 a person, and money raised will be going to Colchester foodbank and other KSC causes. Teams of 6 people. Doors open at 7:30pm A light buffet will be provided, but it is bring your own drinks. There will be a raffle.

LATE VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: A vocation discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 will take place at St Beuno's in North Wales from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September 2022. The direct link for further details and booking: Discernment Weekend <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2>

THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA need you! We are looking for Catholic men, aged 16 and over, to join us in our good works of Charity through the spirit of Unity and Fraternity. We aim to support and help as many parishes as possible as well as the good causes that we have continued to help throughout the recent pandemic, but can only do so with Volunteers. For more information please contact George Johnson on 07476781885 or rd-region6@ksc.org.uk

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/>

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.bcys.net/events/whopenday/

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Throughout the fifty days of Easter, we read from the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared faith talks on '[The Acts of the Apostles](#)' and '[Paul in Acts](#)', for your use through the Easter season. To access these free audio recordings please go to the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org and scroll down to 'Acts in Easter'. Thank you.

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: Please can you collect your new box sets from the church porch. Box sets are laid out in alphabetical order. Thank you.

- ♦ **Cardinal Bourne Hall Bookings:** colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org
- ♦ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 09/05/22: **Team 4** / Thursday 19/05/22: **Team 1**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 08/05/22 (SVP) / 15/05/22 (Matthew & Mariamma)