

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)		
Saturday 9 th February	6.15 pm	Richard Lambe RIP
Sunday 10 th	8:00 am	David Anthony Hill RIP
	10:30 am	
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5:00 pm	Holy Hour
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
West Mersea	8:30 am	
Mile End	9:15 am	Kawkab Mati RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Marie Pisani RIP
Monday 11th		OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Church	9.30 am	S. Baldwin & Fam
Tuesday 12th		Feria
Church	9.30 am	Michael & Ellen Kate Conlon RIP
Wednesday 13th		Feria
N.B.	9:00 am	Des Fuller RIP
	12:15pm	NO MASS
Thursday 14th		SS CYRIL, Monk and METHODIUS, Bp.
Church	9.30 am	Ints: Maureen & Tim McElroy
Friday 15th		Feria
Church	9.30 am	Peter Kelly RIP
Saturday 16th		Feria
Church	9.15 am	Ursula Harrison RIP

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – [Racial Justice Day]

Saturday 16 th	6.15 pm	Mrs Oksana Zakhleniuk RIP
Sunday 17 th	8:00 am	Private Intention
	10:30 am	Nora Tighe RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
West Mersea	8:30 am	Private Intention
Mile End	9:15 am	Thanksgiving
Monkwick	10:15 am	Giovanni Dimech RIP

Please Note - Mass on Wednesday is at 9am NOT 12:15pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (confession):	Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:	At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE:	www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org under Events where a list of course dates is available

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, we can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the patient so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK
1 PARISH , 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



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WEEK COMMENCING: 10TH FEBRUARY 2019 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE135

The second reading today is a hugely important passage of scripture, but here just two of many possible points. '...believing anything else will not lead to anything.' Firstly, the Gospel isn't something which follows fashion, nor is it decided by some sort of democratic vote. It is the Word of God, proclaimed and lived by Jesus and handed on to the Apostles so that it could continue to be preached throughout the ages. The Catholic Church can demonstrate it has remained faithful over the centuries to the preaching of the Apostles; many bodies today which claim to be Christian cannot do this, nor is what they teach fully in accord with the Gospel (just think of the so-called prosperity gospel, a monstrous aberration). Secondly, the Gospel is a Word of power, 'the gospel will save you.'. The Scriptures, especially when proclaimed in the Church, have the grace to change people.

Fr Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00am Mass
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: "Human Trafficking"

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *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: Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Peter Ledgley, Hilda Morah

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Gerald Mott and Guiseppina Sonia Fraser who have both recently died. Gerald's funeral has been arranged for Thursday 14th February at 1.15pm in the Cemetery Chapel at Colchester, followed by burial at Colchester Cemetery and Guiseppina's funeral has been arranged for Wednesday 3rd March at 12.30pm at Colchester Crematorium. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved family and friends.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Hugo Ronan Hart**. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

DIOCESAN 2ND COLLECTIONS: After all masses this Sunday there will be a 2nd collection for the Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund. Next Sunday, 17th February, there will be a Second collection for Racial Justice.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Thursday: 28th February 2019** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary. *[If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office].*

LENT TALKS: A new venture this Lent: we have speakers on Lent-related themes every Friday evening in Lent. A poster with the programme is at the back of the church. Please do support this initiative of Father Chris. We need a good crowd in the hall at 7.30pm, to welcome our first speaker, **Sr Helen Costigane on March 8th**. Admission Free. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is this Wednesday, **13th February**, with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening 3 short films: "Why do I have to go to Mass?" "Hostia" (From St. Anthony's Communications). "Blessed Dominic Barberi". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP: The Annual Mass with the Bishop for Catholic Fellowship is on Saturday **23rd February 2019 at 3.00pm**, Brentwood Cathedral, followed by a reception in the hall. All are welcome to attend, most especially, People with Special Needs and their Carers.

(BCCS) BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY Anniversary Concert: We are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' have agreed to hold an Anniversary Concert for us on **Saturday 15th June 2019** at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. Early bird tickets are available now at a special price of £15 plus booking fee until 1st March after which all tickets will be £20 plus fee. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite – www.eventbrite.co.uk - look for **The Priests** under **Event**, or click the link on our website www.bccs.org.uk under **Our 35th Anniversary/Anniversary Events**. We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: Quiet Day **Wednesday 13th February 10:00am** to 3:00pm at 74 Howe Close, Colchester, CO4 3XD. Please come for the day or call in for part of the day. Please contact T: 01206 867296 or email crssuk@canonesses.co.uk to let us know if you are coming. Bring lunch. All welcome.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY- ST PATRICK'S DANCE: Saturday 16th March from 7.30pm - 10.30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall with live entertainment, dancers.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 27th May 2019. – Please see poster at back of church

LANDINGS: We are holding a workshop to explain what *Landings* is and to see what it would look like in your parish. When run in your parish *Landings* is a series of relaxed, informal, lay-led meetings, based on faith-sharing within a small group, that offer a safe and supported "landing place" for Catholics who have been away from the Church and are thinking about coming back. On **Saturday 23 February at 11 am-3 pm** at Conference Centre, Brentwood Cathedral, Ingrave Road, CM15 8AT. email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org OR Click to register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/landings-welcoming-back-catholics-tickets-55639104058?aff=affiliate1> Jane Hargreaves has 3 spaces in her car if you are interested in attending and would like a lift – Tel: (01206) 734241.

A DAY OF FORMATION: working with and for our Youth. The Vicariate for Evangelisation are organising a formation day with Fr Dominic Howarth on **Saturday 9th March** in Hornchurch. If you are working with youth or you are interested in employing a youth co-ordinator, in line with the new Diocesan Vision, this day is for you. The content of the day will help inform the plan for your Parish Partnership, and it would be ideal if at least two Stewards from each Partnership group could attend. to sign up please use the Doodle link below or email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org or <https://doodle.com/poll/n9ptqbmqqvvhbm7c> Time: 10 am – 3 pm.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: As more working families turn to Foodbanks for assistance in feeding their families we would like to thank everyone who donates and kindly request that you please keep donating items. *Please leave with the Parish Office, if possible during office hours, **NOT in the porch.*** All goods are always greatly appreciated by those in need and remember these people in your prayers. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM SVP: If you know of someone who is lonely, housebound or simply in need of a friend or to join our group, please contact us, using the details below. To support SVP in their work a collection box is at the back of the church.

❖ SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society): Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com
❖ CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com or Tel: 07758 805263 [answerphone only – please leave a message]

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 11th February: Team 2. *2019 Cleaning Rotas in porch.*