

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Joan Druffen RIP
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Giovanni Emoli RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Rolando Calica + Procerfina Calica RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.15 am	Ints: Marco Baby
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Tony Dixon RIP
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	9.30 am	<b>MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK</b> Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	9.30 am	<b>TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK</b> Ints: Denis + Della O'Connor
	West Mersea	10.00 am	Mass followed by Confessions
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	* 8.45 am	<b>WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK</b> SPY WEDNESDAY Holy Souls
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	9.30 am	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Office of Reading & Morning Prayer
	Church	8.00 pm	Canon John Bloomfield
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	9.30 am	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Office of Reading & Morning Prayer
	Mile End	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
	Church	10.30 am	Children's Stations of the Cross
	Church	3.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	9.30 am	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Office of Reading & Morning Prayer
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 pm	<b>THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (C)</b> Ronnie Plumb RIP Solemn Vigil of Easter
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Ints: Margaret + Tom McElroy
	Church	10.30 am	Donors Intentions (MJH)
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.15 am	Patrick Michael Irvine RIP
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Ints: Miss Wilga Marie Lyons

- ❖ 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 10<sup>am</sup> Mass and 5.30<sup>pm</sup>-6.00<sup>pm</sup>
- ❖ 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).

**\* PLEASE NOTE THAT MASS ON WED 13<sup>TH</sup> IS AT 8.45AM.**

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)**  
**WEEK COMMENCING 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

Palms, Procession and Praise! It's time to turn our hearts to the feast of all feasts and the day of all days. Casting off the cares and distractions of things passing, things temporal and things earthly. The time is upon us to turn our minds, hearts and full attentions to the great unfolding of the story of all stories, the Paschal Mystery, Christ's suffering, death and Resurrection. Is this not a distraction from life, an escape from the everyday, just one more season or celebration? No! Holy Week and the mysteries we celebrate shine a light that illuminates the mysteries of our human experience, our struggles, our sins our joy our eternal destiny. We go in to Holy Week not as spectators but key players in the drama. If we let Him, Christ will process into our hearts this Sunday. On Thursday, though he wash our feet in the disciples, Jesus will be sold by our greed in Judas, that night, Jesus will be denied by our weakness in Peter. On Friday, full compassion and forgiveness battered by our rejection Jesus will willingly bare our infirmities, carry our disease and be crushed by our iniquity and sin. Yes, with sorrow we will look upon Him whom our sins have pierced and there, Jesus will bleed and die for us. Let us be intent on uniting our hearts to this Mystery of Love, the Mystery of His passion so that we might enjoy the more fully experience the Mystery of his Resurrection and life.

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
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	Temporarily suspended



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: *Health Care Workers***

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14 – 23:56) *The Kingdom of God is a lifestyle choice.* Today's readings are deeply moving, calling us to what? Can we stand up for our marriages; make lifestyle choices, putting our marriage first? Joseph of Arimathea stood up for what he believed in, when others had run away. He lived in 'hope of seeing the Kingdom of God'. This kingdom is among us; let us choose it today – for us.

**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.

**UKRAINE APPEAL:** If you would like to donate to this appeal donations envelopes can be dropped thru Presbytery door; please mark front of envelope with "Ukrainian Appeal" all donations will be sent to *Caritas*. Thank you.

**We pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** There will be a special collection for the SVP on Maundy Thursday (14<sup>th</sup> April); On Good Friday (15<sup>th</sup> April) there will be a collection for the upkeep of the places in the Holy Land. Thank you.

**CHURCH FLORAL TEAM:** Would like to convey their gratitude for the donations received at Priory Street and from the Polish Community for the Easter flowers. Thank You

**EASTER COLLECTION:** The Offertory Collection at all the Easter Masses next Sunday is by tradition, the parishioners' personal gift to the Clergy. In this Parish, Fr Chris and Fr Paschal are the beneficiaries, since this collection forms the main part of their personal annual income. Thank you.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, Priory Street Masses:** As more of us are returning to our normal patterns and more people are returning to Sunday Mass, if you feel you are able to return to assisting as Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at Sunday Mass please give your name and contact details to Cathy O'Connor 01206 735623 or email [cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org) so your name can be included in the Rota. Thank you.

**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](mailto:kemarie1979@gmail.com)

**FOCUS GROUP:** Meeting today Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April (same time and place)

**CHURCH CHOIR:** The next Choir Practice will take place on Saturday 23/04/22 at 12.30pm Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members always welcome.**

**MISSIO MAGAZINES FOR SPRING 2022** are available free in the church porch, please take a copy. If you have a full Red Missio Box please drop this into the Presbytery.

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES:** Copies still available in Church Porch.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2022**



Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Mass & Confessions	Priory Street
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Mass	Priory Street
	10.00am	Mass & Confessions	Mersea
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	8.45 am	Mass	Priory Street
<b>EASTER TRIDUUM</b>			
14 <sup>th</sup> April:		<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	
9:30am		Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
8.00pm		Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watching until Midnight	Priory Street
15 <sup>th</sup> April:		<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
9:30am		Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
10.00am		Stations of the Cross	Mile End
10:30am		Children's Stations of Cross	Priory Street
3:00pm		Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord	Priory Street
16 <sup>th</sup> April:		<b>HOLY SATURDAY [NO CONFESSIONS]</b>	
9:30am		Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
8:00pm		Solemn Vigil of Easter	Priory Street
17 <sup>th</sup> April:		<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
		Masses at usual Sunday times [including 6:30pm evening Mass at Priory Street]	
18 <sup>th</sup> April:		<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	
9:30am		Mass	Priory Street

**COLCHESTER CATENIANS INVITE YOU TO THEIR CEILIDH / BARN DANCE & CURRY SUPPER EVENING:** On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm til late at PlayGolf Colchester. This will be a great fun evening with dancing to the Caledonian Reelers live band. Tickets are £25 per head and this includes a Curry & Buffet Meal available. To book tickets email [Colchester.catenians@gmail.com](mailto:Colchester.catenians@gmail.com)

**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.bccys.net/events/whopenday/](http://www.bccys.net/events/whopenday/)

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** has several charity Gold Bond places for the **TCS London Marathon** taking place on the iconic London course on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022. All information is available on our website where our application form can be downloaded: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/tcs-london-marathon> Please note that the closing date for applications is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**BRENTWOOD DIOCESE SCHOOL/ADMIN VACANCIES:** details are available from <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

**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.

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Monday 11/04/22: **Team 4** / Thursday 21/04/22: **Team 1**  
**CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA:** 10/04/22 (**Diane & Adrian**) / 17/04/22 (**KSC**)