

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

SEA SUNDAY

Saturday 9th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Anne Houston RIP
Sunday 10th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
<i>Going Forth Mass</i>	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: Cordell
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Kathleen & Victor Payne RIP
Monday 11th			ST BENEDICT, Ab
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Mrs. Isabilita Edvardo Dela Pena
	<i>Church</i>	1.00 pm	Funeral Mass Philip Charles White RIP
Tuesday 12th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention (SF)
Wednesday 13th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Private Intentions (Sebastian)
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Funeral Mass Fr Philip Willenbrock RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Our Lady of Fatima Procession followed by Polish Mass
Thursday 14th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Christopher Gibson RIP
Friday 15th			St Bonaventure, Bp
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Marcelina (Sally) Belen de Jesus RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Funeral Mass Christopher Graham Gibson RIP
Saturday 16th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Dennis Furtad & beloved baby Son & Daughter RIP

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 16th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Sunday 17th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Those held captive in Nigeria
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Ints: Mano Ins: Mano
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP

- ❖ 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).



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 10TH JULY 2022

The parable of the Good Samaritan in today's Gospel is triggered by the question of the lawyer whose intention was to test Jesus, though, the text does not indicate any hostility in his question. This lawyer, an expert in Mosaic Law, quotes Deuteronomy 6:5 and Levitical 19:18 and absolutely understood that the law demanded total devotion to God and love for one's neighbour. Jesus initially responded by using what is known as 'Socratic Method' that is, answering a question with another question: "what is written in the Law? What do you read there?" But the anxiousness of the lawyer to justify himself made Jesus to broaden our horizon beyond what most of us believed to be "neighbour". Our neighbour is not simply one who shares our neighbourhood, religious faith, or values. We are required to show love and compassion towards all people. Both the priest and the Levite were strict in keeping Jewish laws on purity and did not want to touch a bleeding and dying man. This parable implies that the obligation to do good supersedes the rigorous observance of human law. From this parable, we learn the following: lack of love is often easy to justify even though it is never right; our neighbour is anyone of any race, background, or orientation who is in need; and love ultimately means acting to meet others needs within the limits of our human capacity.

Seminarian Moses

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

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



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY: For the Elderly. We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37) **Bandaging each other's wounds.** The Good Samaritan '*went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring wine and oil on them*'. On the journey of life we wound ourselves and each other by our words, actions and omissions: our angry words, the withdrawal of affection, the broken promise. Open, honest dialogue 'oils' intimacy and we bind up each other's wounds by asking and granting forgiveness.

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.

2nd COLLECTIONS: After all masses today there will be a collection taken up for Sea Sunday (Stella Maris). It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue this important work. Thank you.

FR PHILLIP WILLENBROCK: Arrangements are as follows – reception of the coffin into Church, Tuesday 12th July, 4.00pm, Mgr Christopher Brooks will lead the service; funeral Mass on Wednesday 13th July at 10.30am, Bishop Alan presiding; The reception will follow in Cardinal Bourne Hall; Only family and clergy will attend the cemetery. On Wednesday, the parish car park will be reserved for specified visitors taking a crucial part in the Mass, e.g. the Bishop & visiting Clergy.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bridget & Adrian Collard who have both recently passed away. The parish community offers their family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Bridget & Adrian's funeral service will be here on Friday 29th July at 12pm.

2022 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): An Initial meeting will be held on Monday 11th July at 7pm in the Church. RCIA is the process developed by the Catholic Church for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, teachings and practices with a view to becoming Catholics, or for those who have a background in the Catholic Faith but who have not yet been confirmed, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Thank You

CHURCH CHOIR: The next Choir Practice will take place on Saturday 16/07/22 at 12.30pm. Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members always welcome.**

VOLUNTEER READERS REQUIRED for weekday masses at Priory Street, please speak to the Clergy if you are willing to be added to the Rota. Thank you.

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SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL PARISH BBQ: We will be hosting the annual Parish BBQ on **Saturday 30th July 2022 from 2.00pm-5.00pm.** This is a chance to catch up with friends old and new whilst enjoying delicious food hot off the grill! There will be Entertainment & a Raffle. We would be happy to accept donations for Raffle prizes and will need volunteers on the day to help set up and manage the event. Please contact Frances on 369568 if you are able to assist on the day. Everyone welcome to this special event!

SAVE THE DATE! Cardinal Bourne Hall will be hosting a **Table Top Sale** on **Saturday 20th August from 10am to 1pm.** There will be a variety of stalls selling Children's & Adults Clothes, Shoes, Toys, Handbags, Books, Cakes and lots more... Everyone is welcome to go along to enjoy the fun and collect a bargain. Tables are still available at £5 a table (*cost of table proceeds will go to Church Funds*), sellers keep their sales proceeds. 01206 866317 or email colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org

GENESIS TO JESUS PARISH BIBLE STUDY. A beautiful video presentation, which reveals and unfolds God's saving plan in history as contained in the Sacred Scriptures - God's beautiful and awe-inspiring vision from Genesis to Jesus – **Fridays at 7:30pm** in the Crypt at St. James the Less in Colchester. The course is broken up into 12 parts and each section will be shown every week, same time same place, lasting roughly 45mins. Each session has its own individual gems if all 12 weeks are impractical to attend. All welcome. For more information and a copy of the study guide please contact Tom Hardy on 07873 545193 or tom83@yahoo.com. Bring your Bible!

PARISH FETE RAFFLE WINNERS (05/06/22): We still have unclaimed Raffle Prizes from the Parish Fete, collection is from the Presbytery. Prizes not claimed will be donated to the BBQ raffle end of July.

SHARING THE CHURCH'S STORY CONFERENCE aims to bring people together for an experience of profound personal renewal and to be equipped for mission. With world-class speakers, including Bishop Robert Barron, panels, and moments of powerful prayer and worship, we are excited for what God will do through this event. The Conference takes place on **Saturday 17th September** in London, to find out more about this important conference and to book go to www.sharingthechurchsstory.com

VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS are Catholic young people aged 18-35, from all over the world, who commit a year of their lives to the service of vulnerable people. During their year with us, they live in a community of three or four people and engage in voluntary work in partnership with other, well-known charity organisations in order to help the impoverished, the homeless, the disabled, refugees and those suffering with addictions within the local community. We are still recruiting for 2022/23 (September 2022 to July 2023) for more details visit <https://www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk/>

ADVENTURE IN FAITH: Journey towards World Youth Day, Porto and Lisbon, July 26th – August 9th 2023. This amazing opportunity is for anyone who will be aged 17 – 27 in August 2023. Find out more at <https://bcys.net/events/wyd23/>. Express your interest with an email to WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Only 40 places available.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23: Just finished A-levels or Uni? Aged 18-22? Interested in working with young people? Join the Walsingham House Team 2022/23 for an amazing Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022. Details on www.bcys.net or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Thursday 14/07/22: **Team 1** / Monday 18/07/22: **Team 2**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 10/07/22: **Frances & Nora** / 17/07/22: **Diane & Adrian**



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

