

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Racial Justice Day

Saturday 12th	Church	6.15 pm	Oksana Zakhleniuk RIP
Sunday 13th	Church	8.00 am	Gianni Emoli RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	William Wynne RIP
	Mile End	9.15 am	Parishioners
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Holy Souls

Monday 14th	Church	9.30 am	Ss CYRIL and METHODIUS Margaret Barker RIP
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Tuesday 15th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Deceased Relatives of Betts Family
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Wednesday 16th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Des Fuller RIP
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Thursday 17th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Thanksgiving (SF)
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Friday 18th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Donors Intention (AC), Esther+ Eamon Crowe RIP
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Saturday 19th	Church	9.30 am	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 19th	Church	6.15 pm	Ints: Gabrielle Smith
Sunday 20th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Michael Treby RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.15 am	Mrs. Elizabeth Barr RIP
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Ros Sutcliffe 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.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, Please contact the Presbytery.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 10am Mass and 5.30pm-6.00pm
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ 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 note that Face Masks must be worn in Church, unless medically exempt.



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RACIAL JUSTICE DAY

WEEK COMMENCING 13TH FEBRUARY 2022

Blessed is he who trusts in the Lord... like a tree planted near running waters his leaves never fade whatever he does prospers. These are words taken from this Sunday's Psalm and an appropriate starting point to reflect on racial Justice the theme for this Sunday. Since 1995 UK Christian Churches agreed to have one Sunday a year dedicated to racial Justice. It marks a chance to address the truth that we have not always been planted near the running waters of racial Justice, we have often allowed the colourful leaves of true integration to fade and despite our diversity we have not prospered in living out the fullness of our Catholic identity. As the first British born black priests of our diocese it saddens me when people say to me they thought Catholicism was an "old white peoples religion." Perhaps such views are prompted by the limited styles of music people hear at mass, or the restricted art work people see in our churches or sadly maybe it is the negative experiences people have had in our schools and parishes. Personally, I feel that the move towards racial Justice will consist not so much in engaging fights against racial injustice but embracing the fight for racial integration and celebration. This year's particular theme is made in the image and likeness of God. How great it would be to see all the nations, tribes and cultures of our parish actively represented and working more generously towards a fruitful sharing and flourishing of our God given Identity. We are Catholic let's strive to live it out!

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 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	Temporarily suspended

Please refer to the Website Home Page or External Church Notice Board for details on Covid restrictions.

As a Reminder: Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who has reason to believe that they have been in contact with someone who has, should not attend church or volunteer in any capacity until they have received medical advice that it is safe to do so.



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: *Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women.* We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Jeremiah 17: 5-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 Luke 6: 17, 20-26) ***Our calling is to love one another.*** Does 'the world speak well of me'? God wants us to use our talents to fulfil His plan, not for our own glory. His plan for marriage is that we love each other before everything else, which means listening deeply. When I focus on doing any job I need to ask: 'How do you need to be loved just now?'

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.

CHURCH CHOIR: Claire Williamson has taken over running the choir but more musicians and singers are needed. The choir sings at the 10:30am Mass at Priory Street and for all the major Feast Days. The Easter Triduum and the Vigil Mass are next on the calendar. Choir Practice takes place every two weeks commencing Saturday 12/02/22 at 12.30pm (Approx. 1hr). Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members welcome.**

FUNERAL SERVICES The Late Giovanna Butterfield's Reception into Church is on 22nd February at 4pm and the Funeral Mass on 23rd February at 11am. Iris Jay's Funeral Mass is on 4th March at 12.30pm. May their souls Rest in Peace.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken after all Masses today for Racial Justice Day. The theme is, *"In the Image and Likeness of God"* celebrating different presentations of the Holy Family from different countries and cultures.

VOLUNTARY HEALTH & SAFETY ASSISTANT REQUIRED: We are looking for a volunteer willing to assist with the Parish Health and Safety – If you have any expertise and are willing to advise and assist, for details of the role, please speak to Fr Chris. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS NEEDED: We will require volunteers to help assist on the First Holy Communion Program commencing on 26th February. Please contact the clergy if you are able to help (we would also encourage any parents attending weekly to offer their assistance). Thank you.

PALM CROSSES: We should be grateful if people could bring their old palm crosses back to us. A basket is situated in the Church Porch for collection of these. Thank you.



SAVE THE DATE: St Patrick's Day Celebration in Cardinal Bourne Hall on Saturday 19th March 2022. Details of event to follow in due course.



SVP: CUPPA CLUB: This will be restarting on 4th March 2022 from 10.00am to 11.30am in Cardinal Bourne Hall and every Thursday morning thereafter. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games and craft etc., will be available. If you know anyone who would like to come but needs a lift, please get in touch Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

2022 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): 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. To register your interest, please email your contact details colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Thank You

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: *What do devotions to Mary tell us about her Son, Jesus?* Fr Michael Barwick, assistant parish priest of Our Lady and St George, Walthamstow on Sunday 13th February 4-5pm, will give this talk. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

SATURDAY EVENING SOUP RUN ROTA FOR HOMELESS/HOUSED: Volunteers are required (aged 18 + over) to make up a team of 4+ persons. Volunteers would have to be available one Saturday a month from about 5.30 to 8pm; this includes time for setting up & clearing up afterwards. Teams will be distributing the food and drinks and chat to the folks. (The soup run itself will be from 6.30-7.30pm, the location will be The Salvation Army Car Park, which is situated opposite the police station). If interested please contact SVP Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com.

THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: This will be led by Bishop Alan and will take place from Sunday 24th – Friday 29th July in Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon from the tour company. For further information contact Cathy O'Connor: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022: 23rd – 30th July 2022. *Join the Youth pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer, assisting pilgrims to Masses, services, shops and cafes of the beautiful French town, take part in retreats and a youth led reconciliation service, visit the baths and the stunning mountain town of Gavarnie, experience the amazing Lourdes processions, as well as social nights, party and so much more! The cost is £625 for the week, and is open to all those in school year 11 and above. (Funding and grant opportunities are available!). You can email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org or visit www.bcys.net/events/sl22 to find out more and apply now! **The deadline for applications is Sunday 20th February.***

CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD are inviting people from the night of April 8th to the morning of April 9th, to join the 2022 Sponsored Sleepout. Raising awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout or by emailing sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES: If your child has made these sacraments, Certificates can be collected from Presbytery.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: There are still uncollected Gift Aid box sets in porch. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 14/02/22: **Team 4** / Thursday 24/02/22: **Team 1**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 13/02/22 (Frances + Nora) / 20/02/22 (Diane + Adrian)



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