

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Saturday 13th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	George Farrell RIP
Sunday 14th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Ints: The Doble Family
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Joy Richardson RIP
	Mile End	9.30 am	Private Intention
Monday 15th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Mrs. Susheela Lourie RIP
Tuesday 16th	Church	*	Feria
			NO MASS
Wednesday 17th	Church	*	Feria
			NO MASS
	West Mersea	7.30 pm	Holy Souls
Thursday 18th		Holiday of Obligation	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
	Church	9.30 am	Joseph + Winefride Critchley RIP
	Church	12.15pm	Dr. Sr. Veronica Mampilly RIP
	Church	7.30 pm	Parishioners
Friday 19th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Maddalena Malni RIP
Saturday 20th	Church	9.30 am	Feria
			Mary Sherry Jane Balalague
			SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) World Communications Day
Saturday 20th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 21st	Church	8.00 am	Denis Critchley RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Jennie Guthrie-Stevens
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP

* Please Note that there will be no Masses on Monday & Tuesday mornings.

- ❖ 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.

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



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Week Commencing 14th May 2023

We are nearing the end of the Easter season; It seems to have gone by so quickly! This means we can start turning our minds to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is on Pentecost Sunday that some of our young people will be confirmed. This is an image we are given in the first reading where the apostles come to invoke the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on those who had been baptised. For practical reasons of mobility, the Bishop delegates parish priests to take this responsibility in his absence. As the spirit descends on our confirmandi we pray that they will experience a new Joy and a new Exodus as is sung about in the psalm, passing from former ways to newness of life by the power of God's spirit. A newness characterised by a life of love. When we look at what Jesus has proposed for us to live we are left in wonder and when we observe what that looks like in the newly confirmed we are left wondering. The sacraments are not magic, they "work" by invoking a narrative entering the story of God's love for us and the world. If we do not approach the sacrament with hunger and humility at being invited in to such a narrative then it's no wonder that many leave it wondering what if anything just happened. Let us prepare for the Holy Spirit by cultivating a hunger for God and his loving plan for our life.

Fr. Paschal

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 MAY: *For church movements and groups.* We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21) ***Listen to Jesus within ourselves and within our partner.*** Jesus is in me and in you! In marriage, we are especially called to honour that presence in our spouse every day. There may be times when we hurt each other or take each other for granted, leading to feelings of jealousy and resentment, often to arguments. At times like this the call is for forgiveness, for healing, for affirmation.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Joyce Wrobel, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS: Sunday 14th May. We pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East. May the Christians in these lands be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue steadfastly to give witness to Jesus Christ. For more information: www.facecharity.org

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: Each year, the diocese marks *World Communications Day* on the Sunday before Pentecost; in 2023, it will be celebrated on May 21st. The Pope's theme this year is: *"Speak with the heart"*. The message urges communicators to communicate cordially and never pursue hostile communications. There will be a collection taken after all masses today.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM ON SATURDAY 27TH MAY 2023: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. 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. **There are still seats available on the Coach, please add your name to list in church porch and if you would like to be added to mobility coach at Walsingham (if unable to walk the Holy Mile) add Mob by number of seats.**

BISHOP ALAN WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! Do you, or someone you know, no longer go to Mass or feel that you belong in the Church? Bishop Alan would love to hear your story and listen to your experience, please take a card from porch or click on the link: https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Gn08WXvvKfwJts for more info.

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are looking for more gardening volunteers to maintain the Church courtyard and front gardens. The Outdoor Garden Ministry is a great way to serve God, and contribute to the beauty of our church as well as being therapeutic, stress relieving and a fun way to meet other like-minded people. If you would like to volunteer, please call the presbytery on 01206 866317.



SVP CUPPA CLUB: We meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in the Hall. This is an opportunity to relax and catch up with others from the local community. We are always pleased to see a new face and offer a warm welcome to newcomers!

SAVE THE DATE: 23rd July 2023 at 4.30pm. Fr Chris' Ruby (40 years) Jubilee of Ordination, Mass and celebration afterwards. Further details to follow in due course.

FREE, FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL: A talk on marital love, natural family planning and a flourishing family on **Saturday 10th June** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Guest speaker Fr Matthew and his wife Dr. Lucy. Join us for two 30-minute talks at **1.30pm-3.30pm** (concluding with Q&A) and a glass of wine whilst the children are entertained in an adjacent room. Contact Julia 07854296437.

MILE END (Please park responsibly): We kindly ask that people do not park on white zig zag lines, double yellows or in front of neighbours' drives/drop kerbs. Do remember to allow plenty of time for street parking when attending Mass as this area can get very busy.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral on **Saturday 15th July at 3.00pm**, followed by a reception in the hall. If you are recently married or preparing for marriage or celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, please let Fr Chris know that you would like to attend this event.

MASS FOR THE ALTAR SERVERS OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD: The forthcoming mass for the altar servers of the diocese of Brentwood, with The Right Reverend Alan Williams Bishop of Brentwood will take place on **Saturday 10th June 2023 at 2:00pm** at the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood.

JESUIT PROVINCIAL TO SPEAK AT GIDEA PARK: Fr Damian Howard SJ, provincial of the Jesuits in Britain, will be speaking at a Study Day entitled 'Serving Christ in a Hostile Environment' on Saturday 10th June. Fr Damian speaks frequently on contemporary issues such as social justice, inter-religious dialogue and the Church's mission today. The event, from 11.00 to 13.30 BST, will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest at Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) and will be both in-person and on-line. If you are attending in person please book by letting us know at gideapark@brcdt.org. Coffee will be available in the hall from 10.30 am. Please bring a packed lunch. For live-stream just go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day.

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE EASTER TALKS explore what it means to have an intimate friendship with Jesus Christ. The next talk, *"A Third Spring,"* will be given by Mgr John Armitage on Wednesday 17th May St Francis of Assisi, Stratford, E15 1NS from 7.30 - 9.00pm. All very welcome.

THE PRIESTS' CHARITY CONCERT: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio **'The Priests'** will be performing a second charity concert on **Friday 30th June 2023** at the **Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm**. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567>

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s & 30s): On **26-28 May 2023 in Liverpool**. Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life. The weekend is organised by the Sisters, For more info contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 15/05/23: **Team 4** / Thursday 25/05/23: **Team 1**
CBH COFFEE MORNING: 14/05/23: **The O'Sullivans** / 21/05/23: **Peggy & Anne**