

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (C)

HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION

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| Saturday 13th | <i>Monkwick</i> | 5.00 pm | Ints: Julie May Carbery |
| Sunday 14th | <i>Church</i> | 8.00 am | Parishioners |
| | <i>Church</i> | 10.30 am | Private Intention |
| | <i>Church</i> | 2.00 pm | Polish Mass |
| | <i>Church</i> | 6.30 pm | Ints: Denis + Della O'Connor |
| | <i>West Mersea</i> | 8.30 am | Fr Philip Willenbrock RIP |
| | <i>Mile End</i> | 9.30 am | Bridget + Michael Brady RIP |
| Monday 15th | | | Feria |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas |
| Tuesday 16th | | | Feria |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Canon John Bloomfield |
| Wednesday 17th | | | Feria |
| | | | Ints: Marisa (S.J) |
| Thursday 18th | | | ST HELENA, Widow |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Stanislawa + Joseph Jaracz, Ted Wackett RIP |
| | <i>Church</i> | 1.00 pm | FUNERAL MASS: Dominic Francis Sutton RIP |
| Friday 19th | | | Feria |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Ints: Leanne-Therese + Kieron |
| Saturday 20th | | | St Bernard, Ab, D |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Ints 70 th Birthday: Isabillita E Dela Peña |

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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| Saturday 20th | <i>Monkwick</i> | 5.00 pm | Special Intention (MD) |
| Sunday 21st | <i>Church</i> | 8.00 am | Private Intention |
| | <i>Church</i> | 10.30 am | Parishioners |
| | <i>Church</i> | 2.00 pm | Polish Mass |
| | <i>Church</i> | 6.30 pm | Private Intention |
| | <i>West Mersea</i> | 8.30 am | Anniversary: Daniel Milgate RIP |
| | <i>Mile End</i> | 9.30 am | Paul Richard Borre 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).
- ❖ 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).

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



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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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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (C) WEEK COMMENCING 14TH AUGUST 2022

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary implies the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into heaven, at the end of her earthly life. This doctrinal belief is part of the treasury of the Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodoxy, Oriental Orthodoxy, and parts of Anglicanism. The Catholic Church teaches as dogma that Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. This doctrine was dogmatically defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950, in his Apostolic Constitution "*Munificentissimu Deus*" (the Most Bountiful God). In 1950, Pope Pius XII was not declaring the Assumption belief as something new. There are written evidence of the belief in Assumption as early as the 4th century in texts that cover several languages and global geographical coverage. The teaching of the Assumption of Mary became widespread across the Christian world, having been celebrated liturgically as early as the 5th century in the East. It was celebrated in the West under Pope Serius I in the 8th century, and Pope Leo IV confirmed the feast as official. However, theological debate about the Assumption continued, following the Reformation, climaxing in the 1950 when Pope Pius XII defined it as a dogma for the Catholic Church. Scripture does not explicitly give an account of Mary Assumption into heaven. Certainly, we know that Mary is the Woman who is caught up in the battle between the devil and the world according to Revelation 12. Mary is the epitome of Christianity and the embodiment of Jesus. Her immaculate womb is the first tabernacle, and she still constantly holds Jesus in heaven.

Seminarian – Moses

| PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES | | |
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| 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 AUGUST: **Small Businesses**

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Rev 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56) *Being thankful for the good times.* Our Lady is blessed because she kept the commitment she made at the Annunciation. We are blessed for the ways we reach out to each other. Sometimes this leads to a moment of deep joy: just being alone together on the settee when the television is off. What about a prayer every night in thanks for the good times?

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 continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need and for those who have recently died.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jane (k/A Jean) Brennan who has recently passed away. The parish community offers her family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Jean's funeral service will be at St Cedd, West Mersea on Wednesday 24th August at 12.00 pm (Noon).

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION COURSE. We are looking for volunteers to help run the next course beginning in September. Please email Parish to express your interest. **PARENTS:** details on course (*Dates/times*) to be advised in due course.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Can you spare 1-2 hours per month to help clean the Church (dusting, vacuuming, polishing etc.). If you are able and willing, please contact the Presbytery (01206 866317). Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION APPLICATION FORMS: If your child will be starting in Year 4 or above in September and would like to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion - application forms are in the church porch, please complete and drop through Presbytery door. Programme begins early September – details to follow.

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS: There is usually an annual celebration of this Sacrament for young people in Year 9 or above. Application forms are in the church porch, please complete form and drop through Presbytery door. The Programme begins early September – details to follow.

GIFT AID: Please consider gift aiding your offertory donations. Information can be found on the Parish website. Parish Registration Forms with attached Gift Aid Declaration forms can be found in the Church porch. Every £1.00 you donate to the Church is worth £1.25 when you Gift Aid it, at No Extra Cost to You.

MESSAGE FROM MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. COLUMBAN: Thank you very much for your cheque of £829.96 received. Please thank the Parishioners for their wonderful support of our missionary efforts, and be assured that they are all remembered in the Masses and prayers of the community here in Solihull. Thank you.

SVP CUPPA CLUB: will meet every **Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in the hall.

TABLE TOP SALE! Cardinal Bourne Hall will be hosting a Table Top Sale **next 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

MARK HEALY RE BCCS 100 RELAY:- Throughout August, I plan to run 2 + bike 1 of the legs for the BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) and if you might sponsor or send me encouragement, I would be grateful. BCCS provide much needed counselling services and in-depth training programmes to children, parents and staff in schools in Essex. If you would like to donate, please follow this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/relay100> or any encouragement would be most welcome.

PARLIAMENT IN YOUR PARISH (CAFOD): Last year, in the lead up to COP26, St Teresa of Lisieux took part in an on-line discussion with our MP, Will Quince, supported by Chris Driscoll from CAFOD, in which Mr. Quince was questioned about a number of issues related to the climate crisis and the impact it was having on the poor and the environment. Mr. Quince has very kindly agreed to meet with us again, this time face-to-face in our parish hall, on **Friday 30 September at 2.00pm.** If you are interested in attending this event, please email Peter Johnson maryandpeter13@btinternet.com for more info and number-attending event.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK happens in London on **Sat 3rd of Sept.** We have aborted 10 million of our children and so many woman and men have been left hurting - We can be bystanders no more. Join the thousands of others at this family-friendly event in saying "*10 Million Too Many!*" Full details can be found at marchforlife.co.uk. If you would like to join the coach party, please add your name to the list in Church Porch.

RENEWAL EAST ANGLIA invites you to a Day of Prayer and Renewal at Clare Priory, Ashen Road, Clare CO10 8NX. Led by Fr Stefan Park OSA and Fr Gladson Dabre OSA. **Saturday 20th August. 10.30 - 4.30pm.** Theme: *'Do you believe I am able to do this?'* Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Contact Clare Fox: 07906523496

RETOUVAILLE: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages: Help Your Marriage. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend **on 13 - 16 October 2022** or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 Feb 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

MESSAGE FROM SPUC: A recent BBC poll found that 15% of British women had experienced pressure or coercion to have an abortion that they did not want. This abuse must be stopped. Please sign SPUC's petition calling on the Health Secretary to urgently commission research into the area of abortion coercion, and in so doing recognise coerced abortion as a priority for health and social policy moving forward, by going to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/coercion> before the deadline of **19 August.**

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 15/08/22: **Team 2** / Monday 22/08/22: **Team 3**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 14/08/22: **SVP** / 21/08/22: **Matthew + Mariamma**



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

