

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Saturday 14th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Lola + Victoria Demech RIP
Sunday 15th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Jackie (John) Wilmot RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Mrs. Eve Dawn Hale-Kroezo RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Fr Tony Brunning
Monday 16th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Bill Silk RIP
Tuesday 17th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Wednesday 18th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield
Thursday 19th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Norma Fogar RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12.00 pm	Funeral Mass: Sheila Mary Knight RIP
Friday 20th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Dr. Joppen John Kokkatt RIP
Saturday 21st			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving 'Gerard'

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Saturday 21st	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Rosalie Sutcliffe RIP
Sunday 22nd	<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	Ints: J. Ateba
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	David Leyland RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Patrick Irvine 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).
- ❖ Visiting the housebound + Care Home residents to receive Sacrament of the Sick and or Holy Communion is possible, please contact the Presbytery.
- ❖ 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).



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ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) WEEK COMMENCING 15TH MAY 2022

In today's Gospel Jesus refers to being glorified very soon, meaning his crucifixion and resurrection. God is glorified because it is a moment of revelation, God is shown as love, a love which is demonstrated by Jesus laying down his life. Hence Jesus continues, talking about the commandment, 'love one another as I have loved you'. We are to imitate Jesus in carrying our cross and laying down our lives in service of others. If we do this, we in turn will be glorified, shown to be sons and daughters of God, sharing in the Spirit of God. This leads on to the first reading and that beautiful statement, 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'. Why is this? Because glorified people, the saints, need a glorious creation in which to live. If we think this world is beautiful, what will the new creation be like!

Fr. Chris

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 7.00 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY for *faith-filled young people*. We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

REINSTATEMENT OF SUNDAY OBLIGATION ON PENTECOST SUNDAY: Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. *Catholic Bishops of England and Wales + Bishop Alan*

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:31-35) **Today is all we have.** We as a couple are unique - a one off! No other couple is quite like us. We can share the load, lighten the burden, and double the joys! Jesus said 'Love one another as I have loved you'. Just as I care for myself, I must care for you too in the same way. Let us celebrate our coupleness.

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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The next Procession is on **Monday 13th June** at **6.30pm** followed by mass in Polish + Rosary.


NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: will take place on 29th May for World Communications day.

MONTH OF MARY. Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 - kellymarie1979@gmail.com

CHURCH CHOIR: The next Choir Practice will take place on **Saturday 21/05/22 at 12.30pm**. Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members always welcome.**

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS MAY 2019: If you haven't been contacted about your photos please get in touch with the photographer, Brian Porter (07906 162852 or brianfidel@yahoo.co.uk) by 31st May. Thank you.

SVP:  CUPPA CLUB: will meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games & crafts, etc., will be available.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 28TH MAY 2022: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Year of the Family '*Hearing and Doing the Word of God*'. 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. Bring your own packed lunch. **If you would like to join us on this Pilgrimage, please add your name + details to the coach booking form in Church Porch. Coach seats are £15.00 per person and the coach will be departing from East Hill (near corner of Priory Street) at 8am.**

PARISH FAMILY BBQ: SUNDAY 5TH JUNE FROM 12PM-4PM. It has been decided that rather than hold a "Light Bites" Celebration we will bring forward the Parish Family BBQ and make more of this day - celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee along with Fr Chris' 70th Birthday and the confirmed children. More details will follow in due course.

THE BROTHERS OF COUNCIL 270 OF THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA would like to warmly invite you to our Quiz Night. It will be held on the 21st of May, at St. Theresa of Lisieux, Lexden. Entry is £5 a person, and money raised will be going to Colchester foodbank and other KSC causes. Teams of 6 people. Doors open at 7:30pm A light buffet will be provided, but it is bring your own drinks. There will be a raffle.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL AND THE FIVE CLASSICAL ORDERS: A lecture to be given by the architect of Brentwood Cathedral, Quinlan Terry, on **Thursday 19th May** at 8.15pm in the Cathedral. This will be a unique opportunity to find out more about the classical inspiration that informed the distinctive style of Brentwood Cathedral. All welcome.

THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA need you! We are looking for Catholic men, aged 16 and over, to join us in our good works of Charity through the spirit of Unity and Fraternity. We aim to support and help as many parishes as possible as well as the good causes that we have continued to help throughout the recent pandemic, but can only do so with Volunteers. For more information please contact George Johnson on 07476781885 or rd-region6@ksc.org.uk

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/>

WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23: GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY STARTING SEPTEMBER 2022, FOR THOSE IN CURRENT YEAR 13, UP TO AGE 22. Details on www.bcys.net or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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.

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

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Thursday 19/05/22: **Team 1** / Monday 23/05/22: **Team 2**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 15/05/22 (**Matthew & Mariamma**) / 22/05/22 (**Frances & Nora**)



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

