

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 16th	6.15 pm	Patricia Urquhart RIP
Sunday 17th	8:00 am	Rose Ann & Patrick McAloon RIP
	10:30 am	Private Intention
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Patricia Gibbs RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken RIP

Monday 18th Feria

<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Natasha Casale RIP
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Tuesday 19th ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Konstantin Belyaev RIP
	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross – Polish

Wednesday 20th Feria

School Mass	<i>Church</i>	* 9.30 am	Fr. Joseph Hufner RIP
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Thursday 21st Feria

<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	R. Quinn RIP + Fam
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Friday 22nd Feria

<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
<i>West Mersea</i>	9.30 am	Stations of the Cross
<i>Church</i>	12.00 pm	Stations of the Cross

Saturday 23rd Feria

<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Sebastian Ramos RIP
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 23rd	6.15 pm	Ann Herbert RIP
Sunday 24th	8:00 am	William Herlihy RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Private Intention
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Private Intention
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Catherine Spicer RIP

*** Please Note - Mass on Wednesday is at 9.30am NOT 12.15pm**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (confession): Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE: www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org under Events where a list of course dates is available

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. We can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit patients so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

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 first reading describes the transformation of a pagan patriarch into a believer in the one God, the transformation of his name from Abram to Abraham, and the first covenant of God with Abraham's family as a reward for his obedience to God. In today's Gospel, in Transfiguration, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. Through the Transfiguration Jesus consults with his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection and makes his chosen disciples aware of his Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the Transfiguration experience is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation of Who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

Fr. John Victor

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	following 8.00am Mass
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: *Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities.* That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *A real presence through listening.* Jesus was transfigured and was in communion with His Father, and His companions were overwhelmed, hearing the Father's voice. We can hear the voice of Jesus now – but can we listen to Him? Let's start by listening to each other, not just ears, but eyes, hearts, our whole being, becoming really present to each other, 'a real presence', every day.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Peter Ledgley, Hilda Morah

2nd COLLECTIONS: After all masses this weekend there will be a collection for the Parish Renovation Fund (3 of 4).

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Hickmott who has recently died. We also pray for the comfort of his bereaved family and friends. John's Requiem Mass has been arranged for 9:30am on Tuesday, 2nd April, followed by cremation at Colchester at 11am. May he rest in peace.

DEACON GARY DENCH: The Ordination to the Priesthood of Gary Dench by Bishop Alan will take place on **Saturday 22nd June 2019 at 11.30am** in Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Collier Row, RM5 2AP. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LENT TALK 3: The third Lent Talk on **Friday 22nd March**, is by **Deacon Gary Dench**, who will speak on the theme of '**Grace-filled Effort**'. It has been an asset to have had Gary in the Parish, so please come and support him in the Hall at 7.30pm. There are biographical details about Deacon Gary on the poster at the back of the church.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on Wednesday, **27th March**, with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening "*The Greatest Story Ever Told*" Part 2. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Parish Events): -

- **LENT TALKS:** A new venture this Lent: we have speakers on Lent-related themes every Friday evening in Lent. A poster with the programme is at the back of the church. Please do support this initiative of Father Chris. Admission Free. All are welcome.
- **RACE NIGHT:** the SVP are holding a Race Night on **Saturday, 27th April** from 7.30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Bar and free buffet! Tickets £5.00 pp accompanying children free. Tickets will be sold following mass next Sunday. All welcome.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 12th to 14th April 2019 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT: All Welcome! St. Thomas More's School PTA. Come along & enjoy a Family Bingo afternoon to help raise money for the school. **Sat 30th March 2-4pm** at the Cardinal Bourne Hall, £3 entry includes bingo cards for all games. Refreshments available, any enquiries to the PTA via the school.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE (CRSS): On 22nd March, the CRSS Community are visiting their African sisters, who work with migrants in the forested area around Dunkirk. The sisters have asked for sleeping bags, blankets, warm clothing such as jumpers, shoes, socks (they are mainly young men, so size 8+ shoes etc). We would be extremely grateful for any donations to be delivered to 74, Howe Close, Colchester CO4 3XD by 20th March.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21- 26 July, under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams. Places still available. Booking forms at the back of church, contact Cathy O'Connor: cathy_oconnor83@hotmail.com or Tangney Tours:01732 886666.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: would appreciate the following items: tinned/dry goods incl. tinned tomatoes, fruit, soups, pasta, rice, jars of sauces, long life fruit juices, milk and squashes, tinned or packet custard, jam, peanut butter, multi-pack snacks, cleaning, hygiene & sanitary products and small packets of washing powder, liquid or capsules. **Thank you to all who donate**, we can advise that all goods are always greatly appreciated. Please keep donating much needed items and remember those we are helping in your prayers.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A PRIEST? There is a monthly vocations group for those who would like to find out more about a possible vocation to the priesthood. There will be a talk, time of prayer and some food. The sessions take place at St Edmund of Canterbury church, 9 Traps Hill, Loughton, IG10 1SZ. **Tuesdays: 2/4; 7/5; 4/6; 2/7** Please contact Fr Mark Swires, Vocations Promoter for more information: vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THE DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SERVICE Team are organising A Day of Renewal themed '*The Love of Jesus*' which will be held on **Saturday 18th May** at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford from 10am until 4pm. Our speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3pm. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

PARKING REMINDER: Further to receiving several residents' complaints, **if** parking on St Augustine Mews, we ask you to kindly respect our neighbours and local residents drives and **do not obstruct them.** **Please consider using the public car park on Priory Street opposite the church.**

SVP: If you know of someone who is lonely, housebound or simply in need of a friend or to join our group, please contact us on the number below. To support SVP in their work a collection box is situated at the back of the church.

❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** cb.hall@btinternet.com

or Tel: 07758 805263 [**answerphone only** – please leave a message with contact number].

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 18th March: **Team 1** (Pascalina & Caroline)