

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
Monday 21st	Church	9.30 am	Feria Dr. Halley Mathew RIP
Tuesday 22nd	Church	9.30 am	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, Ap Maire M. Knapp RIP
	Church	4.00pm	Reception into Church: Giovanna Butterfield RIP
Wednesday 23rd	Church	9.30 am	St Polycarp, Bp, M. Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas
	Church	11.00 am	Funeral Mass: Giovanna Butterfield RIP
Thursday 24th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Bridget Ann Irvine RIP
Friday 25th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP
Saturday 26th	Church	9.30 am	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Canon John Bloomfield
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) (Day for the Unemployed)			
Saturday 26th	Church	6.15 pm	Patricia Lenehan RIP
Sunday 27th	Church	8.00 am	Ints. Marisa B
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Ints.Br.Edmund
	Mile End	9.15 am	Private intention
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Ints.Mary Davies

- ❖ 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

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) WEEK COMMENCING 20TH FEBRUARY 2022

One of the more striking characteristics of the society in which we live today is the readiness to condemn others, along with a refusal to forgive. The contrast with this Sunday's readings could not be clearer, which tells us how far society is now removed from the Gospel, if we needed any more proof. It does mean that society is revealed as fundamentally violent, with people constantly on the look out for others to condemn. The corollary is that the same people will always be on the alert to defend themselves from the attacks of others. No wonder that Jesus brings us a peace the world cannot give, because there is no real peace in the world. The most perfect example of Jesus' words is given by himself, when he undergoes the Passion. On the Cross he 'soaks up' all the hatred and violence of mankind, refusing to respond in kind but instead saying, 'Forgive them Father, they know not what they do.' Each of us is asked to imitate Jesus in that attitude, which is of course the same thing as saying we are asked to live in true charity with others, a charity which is a gift from God himself. We are likely to get the same condemnation from many in society, which is why Jesus asks us to take up our cross daily. Our parish, however, is called to be a place of true peace so we must strive to live the words of today's readings, in charity with one another. Fr.Chris



Please note that Face Masks may be worn in Church, unless medically exempt.



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: (1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38) **An unconditional way of life.** Today's Scripture sets out a blueprint for life: love enemies, bless those who curse you, turn the other cheek, give without expecting anything in return, don't judge or condemn. When marrying and promising 'to have and to hold', 'for better for worse', we said yes to this way of life: an unconditional acceptance of one another without counting the cost!

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: The choir sings at the 10:30^{am} Mass at Priory Street and for all the major Feast Days. The next Choir Practice takes place on Saturday 26/02/22 at 12.30^{pm} (Approx. 1hr). Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members welcome.**

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

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.

VOLUNTEERS/ CATECHISTS NEEDED: We still require volunteers to help assist on the First Holy Communion Program starting next week (26th February). Please speak to the clergy if you are able to help (we also ask that all parents attending weekly offer their assistance). Thank you.


PALM CROSSES: We would 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This will take place here every Friday of Lent at 7.30^{pm} commencing on Friday 4th March and each Friday up to and including Friday 8th April. The Polish Community will have Stations here every Tuesday at 6.30^{pm} commencing on 1st March.



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.

'WALK WITH ME' Booklets (LENT EDITION): are available for sale in the church porch at £1 a copy.

SVP:  **CUPPA CLUB:** This will be restarting on 3rd March 2022 from 10.30^{am} to 12 noon in Cardinal Bourne Hal 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

CTS BOOKLETS: There are a good selection of booklets available for sale not loan in the church porch, please leave monies in the CTS box. Thank you.

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: Sundays 20th and 27th February 4– 5.00 pm **What is new about the new evangelisation?** This talk will be given by Fr Paschal Uche, assistant priest at St James the Less, Colchester. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Warden & Clerk at St Scholastica's Retreat. Competitive Salary, pension, and accommodation onsite in Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden & Clerk to the Trustees for this almshouse charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. For details of the role and how to apply, see: www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy

BRENTWOOD DIOCESE SCHOOL/ADMIN VACANCIES: details are available from <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Thursday 24/02/22: **Team 1** / Monday 28/02/22: **Team 2**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 20/02/22 (Diane + Adrian) / 27/02/22 (KSC)



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