

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

World Communications Day

Saturday 20th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 21st	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Denis Critchley RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Jennie Guthrie-Stevens
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP
Monday 22nd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Jacob Vathallody RIP
	<i>Church</i>	11.00 am	FUNERAL SERVICE: Geltrude Ciarleglio RIP
Tuesday 23rd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Wednesday 24th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Marco
Thursday 25th			St Bede the Venerable, Pr, D
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Pat Joe McGinley RIP
Friday 26th			St Philip Neri, Pr
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Rev. L Matthews
Saturday 27th			ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bp
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Mary Sherry Lane Bulalague
			PENTECOST SUNDAY (A) <small>Day of Prayer for the Church</small>
Saturday 27th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Mrs. Jessie Mark
Sunday 28th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Thanksgiving
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	CONFIRMANDI
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Holy Souls
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Vivien Clancy 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.

- **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 21st May 2023

The setting for today's Gospel passage is the Last Supper, the night before Jesus' passion and death. St. John, as elsewhere in his Gospel, draws our attention to the link between glory and suffering; as indeed does St. Peter in the second reading. Crucifixion, as a way of execution, epitomises the cruelty human beings inflict on others. As we are made in the image and likeness of God all hatred between human beings is also hatred towards God, ie sin. God's response to this hatred is love, shown most vividly on the Cross and hence why the Cross is Jesus' glorification, God's victory over sin and death. No matter how much a person in hating tries to destroy God, which is what sin is, the response is always love, the very nature of God. In our acceptance of suffering, whether deserved or not, we are imitating Jesus' love revealed to the eyes of faith in the glorious victory of the Cross.

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 7.30 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 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matt 28:16-20) ***Filled with hope.*** Today's readings tell us of the end and the beginning of something new and exciting in the life of the young Church. When we married, we were filled with both excitement and trepidation for our future together. But like the disciples, the Spirit of the risen Lord has been with us since we became "Little Church" on our wedding day.

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, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of John James Lynas (Jim) & Moya Alefounder who have recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Funeral details for Jim to be advised. Funeral service for Moya will be on Wednesday 31st May at 2.15pm.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: Today we mark the 57th World Communications Day. The Pope's theme this year is "*Speak with the heart: Veritatem facientes in caritate*" (Speaking the truth in love). The Holy Father stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "*see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, also in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live.*" 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.

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.



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!

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.

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. The event, from 11am to 1pm, 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 10.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. For live-stream just go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day.

BCYS YOUTH MASS, 1st June at Brentwood Cathedral: Beginning in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall from 6pm, there will be pizza and refreshments available, with the Cathedral open for quiet prayer, music and reflection, particularly thinking of those in the middle of, or nearing the end of, exams who may need a quiet space to rest and revitalise. Join us for as long or short a time as you wish to enjoy the peace of the Cathedral before we celebrate Mass with Fr Michael at 7:30pm. Anyone who wishes is very welcome to bring instruments or sing with our Youth led music group, or if you would like to serve, read, or be involved in the Mass in any way you would be incredibly welcome!

CALAIS LIGHT the refugee charity, invites you to join their 7-9th July convoy & help refugees directly by volunteering with the NGOs that support them. It's their 23rd trip and volunteers, experienced continental drivers (& cars) are urgently needed. Everything is booked for you - £95 all in. You'll never regret helping refugees. Especially now. To register: www.calaislight.com

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE EASTER TALKS explore what it means to have an intimate friendship with Jesus Christ. The next talk, "Holiness in our local Saints and Martyrs", will be given by Fr Stewart Foster on **Wednesday 24th May** at St Francis of Assisi, Stratford, E15 1NS from **7.30 - 9.00pm**. All very welcome.

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: Please can you collect your new box sets from church porch.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE: It's now only 4 Days until the launch of the new print edition. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact Michelle Jones on 07436 617650.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Thursday 25/05/23: **Team 1** / Monday 29/05/23: **Team 2**
CBH COFFEE MORNING: 21/05/23: **Peggy & Anne** / 28/05/23: **Yolande + 1**