

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Missionary Appeal

<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Monkwick	5.00 pm	John Bloomfield
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Jim Lynas RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Peggy Barbet RIP
	Mile End	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Jean Harold LaBonne
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Irenaeus, Bp, M</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Holy Souls Especially Family Members
	West Mersea	7.30 pm	Private Intention
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>SS PETER AND PAUL, App</b> <span style="background-color: yellow;">Holyday of Obligation</span>
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Mary Sherry Lane Razon
	Church	12.15 pm	Private Intention
	Church	7.30 pm	Kelly Greer RIP
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Mary Kelly RIP
	Church	10.30 am	<b>FUNERAL SERVICE:</b> John James Lynas RIP
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>			<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Private Intention (SF)
			<b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.30 am	Edward Ashcroft 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](mailto:colchester@brcdt.org)
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)



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# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

### WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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### Week Commencing 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

It has been said that the phrase *Do not be afraid* is found 365 times in the Bible, while it may not be exactly that, what is quite clear from its frequent repetition is that God desires us to be men and women of courage. In today's climate of many challenges and changes financially, politically, morally and otherwise. Great courage is needed to be men and women of the gospel. Perhaps what lends a great helping hand to the pursuit of courage in difficulties is the presence and kindness of God our Father through it all. Not a sparrow falls to the ground without his knowledge; he says are you not worth more than many sparrows. In my life it has been the growing sense of God's presence and purpose that lends power to my will to do God's will in season and out of season. Courage, it has been written is not the absence of fear but the judgement that something else is more important than fear. It is God's perfect love that casts out the servile fear of what people might think, say or do. If we acknowledge Jesus before men, he tells us that he will acknowledge us before his heavenly Father on that great day, what dear friends could be greater than that. Be not afraid, have courage.

Fr. Paschal

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

<b>DAILY (Mon-Fri)</b>	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<b>at 8.45 am</b>
<b>DAILY</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>at 9.15 am</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 8.00 pm</b>
<b>ADORATION &amp; PRAYER</b>	Thursdays	<b>at 7.30 pm</b>



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: *For the abolition of torture***

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Jeremiah 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15 Matt 10:26-33) ***Fear conceals itself...*** How easy to become paranoid, to wonder what others might be saying about us. These aspects can be present outside our relationship and within it; at their core is fear! Jesus continuously exhorts the Twelve, "do not be afraid...every hair on your head has been counted". Living our life now in Christ, we will not fear what others think.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Diana Irvén, 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 souls of Iris Peggy Barbet (Peggy) and Roger Espjo who have both 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. Peggy's funeral service will take place at St Cedd & St Gregory Church on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am. Roger's funeral service is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am here.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** this weekend Fr. Emmanuel Ogunnaike and Fr. Franklin Achionye will visit us from the Missionaries of St Paul (MSP) they will make an appeal after each Mass. Through their Mission appeal, they hope to share with you their cross-cultural mission work in Africa and other parts of the world. As always, we are sure that you will give them a warm welcome.

**UPCOMING 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS:** Peter's Pence on 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

**GOING FORTH MASS** on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.30am, followed by light refreshments in hall afterwards.

**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\\_9Gn08WxvKfwJts](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Gn08WxvKfwJts) for more info.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The next Procession is on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm** followed by mass in Polish + Rosary.

**CAFOD:** Gemma our Parish Cafod Representative will be giving a talk at Mersea on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July and Mile End, Monkwick and Priory street on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING:** Anyone who has half-an-hour to spare after Mass is most welcome stay for coffee and biscuits after 10.30am Mass on Sundays. This is a chance to catch up in the spirit of friendship and community. Everyone is warmly invited.

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

**CELEBRATING FR CHRIS' RUBY (40 YEARS) JUBILEE OF ORDINATION:** A Mass will take place here on **23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 at 4.30pm**, which will be followed by a Ordination Anniversary Party in Cardinal Bourne Hall. We are asking people to '*bring a plate*' for this celebration. A poster is in the church porch and on our facebook page which lists some suggestions and if you could let Frances (01206 369568) or May (01206 867829) know what you would like to bring along, as they will be coordinating this event. Some general ideas are - *Wine, Soft drinks/Squashes, Finger Foods, Cakes/Pastries (individual or large), Sweet & savoury biscuits, various Salads*. We will also be happy to accept any ideas you might have. Please do join us in celebrating Fr Chris on his special day. Thank you

**NEXT RCIA COURSE (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** Journey in Faith or 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. **An initial meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.** If you are interested in attending this or would like to take part in the course but unable to make this date – please send us an email with your name, contact number to register your interest.

**TABLE TENNIS:** Every Thursday evening in Cardinal Bourne Hall from 7-9pm. Everyone is welcome to play socially at all levels, do come and join the fun!



**CUPPA CLUB:** will meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newcomers always welcome!

**CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: keeping our place of worship glorious for The Lord.** Volunteers are desperately needed to keep our church looking clean and welcoming. If you can spare 1-2 hours per month to help clean the Church and would like to become a "heavenly duster" or a "hoover angel" Or form a new team with friends, community groups. Please contact the Presbytery (866317). As the saying goes...Many hands make light work. Thank you.

**TALK ON THE OUR FATHER:** On **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm** in the parish hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Fr Adrian Graffy will give a short talk entitled '*The Prayer of Prayers: An exploration of the Our Father*'. The talk is free of charge, and tea and coffee will be available from 6.30 pm. Ample free parking, and easy access on the Elizabeth Line. The talk is available also by live stream on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) No booking necessary.

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE:** Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**YEAR 13 RETREAT AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE:** Will you be in Yr13 in September 2023? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? There will be two retreats on offer, either 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Sept or 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Sept. The cost is £35 and there is more info on the website [www.bcys.net/events/](http://www.bcys.net/events/) or email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org)

**CALAIS LIGHT, THE REFUGEE CHARITY:** invites you to join their 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> July convoy and help refugees directly by volunteering with the NGOs that support them. It's their 23<sup>rd</sup> trip and volunteers, experienced continental drivers (and cars) are urgently needed. Everything is booked for you - £95 all in. To register: [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com)

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Monday 26/06/23: **Team 2** / Monday 03/07/23: **Team 3**  
**COFFEE MORNING (HALL):** 25/06/23: **Diane & Adrian** / 02/07/23: **The O'Sullivans**