

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Mary McGilloway RIP
	Church	8.00 am	Peter Dean RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	John Smith RIP
	Mile End	9.30 am	Private Intention (m)
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	John Crawford RIP
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Josef Von Wrede
	Monkwick	6.30 pm	<b>POLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	*8.45 am	Patricia Laurido Morales
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Jimmy Ryan RIP
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Thanksgiving for my Family (LE)
	Church	12.30 pm	<b>&amp; 7.00pm: STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
	Church	8.45pm	<b>BENEDICTION</b>
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023</b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Private Intention (SF)
<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)</b>			
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Michael Morris RIP
	Church	8.00 am	Kathleen Jones RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Maria Da Gracia RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Fr. James Hannigan RIP
	Mile End	9.30 am	Private Intention

### \*PLEASE NOTE MASS ON WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH IS AT 8.45AM AND NOT 9.30AM

- ❖ 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@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org)
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# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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Week Commencing 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

A priest was once praying for a sick and old woman. In his prayer for her recovery, he added that If it be Gods will that the she should die may he call her to himself where she could rest with him in heaven. After the prayer the old woman scolded the priest never to pray like that again and that the priest himself would die before her. Thankfully she recovered and the priest was able to catechise her in a calmer climate of health about the Christian understanding of death enlightening her on how through our faith and grace we have been brought through death. In today's Gospel, Lazarus is raised back to life. Perhaps we would see this as the ultimate miracle. In actual fact the ultimate miracle is when God brings a soul back to life and light from sin and darkness in Baptism and confession. The soul is the life of the body and when the two separate it causes physical death. God however is the life of the soul when the two separate it causes spiritual death which is far worse and if not reconciled in this life has eternal consequences in hell. This lent our practices of prayer fasting and almsgiving bring us in to deeper communion with Jesus who is the resurrection and the life united to him in the sacrament of Baptism and Holy communion we share in and ever increasing way in the character, quality and reality of his indestructible life.

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 MARCH: *For Victims Of Abuse***

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45) ***The Lord will lead us back together.*** Ezekiel's words apply to us when we are going through tough times in our relationship, when intimacy, physical or otherwise, seems impossible. At such times, Jesus weeps for us as He did for Lazarus. He will bring us back together if we ask Him and are willing to be vulnerable enough to explore together the changes we need to make.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Joyce Wrobel, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

**LENT DAY OF MERCY:** On **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**, the Church will be open all day with Mass at 9.30am; Stations of the Cross at 12.30pm & 7.00pm; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession all Day; Benediction at 8.45pm. **Please do try to attend at some point during the day.**

**PARISH MEETING:** Today **at 2.30pm** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. This meeting is in reference to the Bishops Pastoral Letter. **All are invited** to attend so we can discuss as a Parish how we can work together in partnership in *Shaping our Future*.

**NEXT 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS:** The annual collection for the SVP is on Maundy Thursday (6<sup>th</sup> April), and on Good Friday (7<sup>th</sup> April) there will be a collection for the upkeep of the places in the Holy Land, Thank you.

**MILE END NEWS:** A 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be taken over the next 2 Sundays for Easter Flowers.

**COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS:** following an agreement by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales that this is now permitted at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. Unfortunately, for practical reasons we are not able to resume this yet and will advise when communion under both kinds can be given.

**CARITAS** Diocese of Brentwood is inviting people from the night of **March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 (9pm)** to the morning of April 1<sup>st</sup> (8:30am), to join this year's **Sponsored Sleepout** in one of our four locations; **Lexden**, Forest Gate, Hornchurch, and Southend. The Sleepout will assist in raising awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All info can be found at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout).

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their head office in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Catherine Munns [cmunns@bccs.org.uk](mailto:cmunns@bccs.org.uk) who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website: [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk)



Next Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> April) is Palm Sunday - the final Sunday of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. Blessed Palm Crosses will be given out.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2023**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30 am	Mass & Confessions	Priory Street
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am	Mass	Priory Street
Spy Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	8.30 am	Mass	Priory Street

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

<b>6<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	
9:30 am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
8.00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watching until Midnight	Priory Street

<b>7<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
9:30 am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
10:30am	Children's Stations of Cross	Priory Street
12.00pm	Stations of the Cross	Mile End
3:00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion of The Lord	Priory Street

<b>8<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY [NO CONFESSIONS]</b>	
9:30 am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
8:00 pm	Solemn Vigil of Easter	Priory Street

<b>9<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY (THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD)</b>	
	Masses at usual Sunday times [incl. Saturday 5.00pm at Monkwick + 6:30pm evening Mass at Priory Street]	

<b>10<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	
10.00 am	Mass	Priory Street

**EASTER FUNDAY:** The Knights of Saint Columba warmly invite you to join them for a day of activities at the Cardinal Bourne Institute, Priory Street. The day will start with Mass at 10am, and will then be a day of family friendly and children friendly activities. We will also see a return of our seasonal cinema. Entry is £2 Please see the program of events at: <https://1drv.ms/w/s!AhCUdpwtFCtx0UsokYQIZv99PS6x?e=aQCKyQ>

**MISSIO MAGAZINES FOR SPRING 2023** are available in the church porch, please take a copy. Emptied Red Boxes can be collected from the Presbytery.

**REPOSITORY:** New stock in which includes a lovely selection of Easter & Mass Cards.

**TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:** Both Caritas and CAFOD (*In partnership with DEC*) are fundraising to support those who have been affected by the devastating earthquakes. To donate to the appeal, please use this link to support your chosen charity <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/earthquakes/>

**UKRAINIAN EMERGENCY WINTER APPEAL:** To donate funds **Account Name: Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund Account Number: 20927317. Sort Code: 20-92-60** Or by cheques made payable to **Ukrainian Catholic Church** referencing *Winter Appeal* in both cases. The address for cheques is Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain, 22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Thursday 30/03/23: **Team 1** / Monday 03/04/23: **Team 2**  
**CBH COFFEE MORNING:** 26/03/23: **The O'Sullivan's** / 02/04/23: **Peggy & Anne**  
*Copies of the new Sunday Coffee Morning Rotas are available in Church Porch.*