

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

World Communications Day

Saturday 28th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Sunday 29th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Cathleen Keenan RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Raymond + Helen O'Neill RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Anna Liza Cagadas RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Parishioners
Monday 30th	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Rev. L. Matthews
Tuesday 31st	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARY & ST HELEN, BRENTWOOD		
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Michael Treby RIP
Wednesday 1st June	St Justin, M		
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Henry Stewart
Thursday 2nd	Feria		
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Joe Parkinson RIP
Friday 3rd	St Charles Lwanga & Comps, M		
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention (JF)
Saturday 4th	Feria		
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Denis Keohane
PENTECOST SUNDAY (C) DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH			
Saturday 4th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Robert Bradshaw RIP
Sunday 5th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Ints: Mary Carey
Confirmation Mass	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Joy & Bernard Richardson RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Vivian 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. 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).
- ❖ Visiting the housebound + Care Home residents to receive Sacrament of the Sick and or Holy Communion is possible, please contact the Presbytery.



Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy/Church photos/videos. Please remember to like & follow our page!

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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WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

WEEK COMMENCING 29TH MAY 2022

The first reading this Sunday relates the culmination of the encounter of Stephen with the Jewish authorities. It could be seen as an example of prejudice (the people block their ears and shout out so as not to hear what he is saying) resulting in mob violence in which Stephen is murdered. Although that would be true, it's not how it comes across. I find that the passage radiates serenity and joy. Stephen throughout is serene, peaceful, rejoicing in wonder at what he is seeing. He doesn't fight or even defend himself, rather he imitates Christ on the Cross, accepting his persecution, entrusting himself to God and praying for his attackers (a clear parallel with what Jesus says). The Church in this account is also joyful, not critical or judgmental. Stephen, as a word, means 'crown'; the church is confident that he is in heaven, crowned with glory. We see in the world around us so much anger and violence, let's not add to that but instead imitate St. Stephen, and thereby of course Jesus himself, and so win crowns for ourselves.

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 7.00 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE for Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *The Ascension* (Acts 7: 55-60; Rev 22: 12-14 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26) **Open to receive.** 'That the love with which you loved me may be in them and so that I may be in them' – the prayer of Jesus before returning to the Father. God made us to be channels of His love – wife to husband, vice versa, parents to children. Our openness to His love enables it to flow out through us to others.

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.

ADORATION & PRAYER: This will take place every Thursday evening at 7pm with Fr Paschal.


DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend a collection will be taken for World Communications Day. The title of this year's message, "*Listening with the ear of the heart*," invites us to reflect that listening involves more than simply the sense of hearing. True listening is a foundation of genuine relationships, and is foundational to the relationship between God and humanity. To read the Pope's message in full https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Newsletter+May+2022

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The next Procession is on **Monday 13th June** at **6.30pm** followed by mass in Polish + Rosary.

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS MAY 2019: If you haven't been contacted about your photos please get in touch with the photographer, Brian Porter (07906 162852 or brianfidel@yahoo.co.uk) by 31st May. Thank you.

CHURCH CHOIR: The next Choir Practice will take place on **Saturday 04/06/22 at 12.30pm**. Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members always welcome.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are looking for volunteers to assist with the sessions, if you would like to find out more, please contact Kelly via email - kelmariel979@gmail.com

SVP:  CUPPA CLUB: will meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games & crafts, etc., will be available. Please come along and join us!

VOCATIONS: The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 7th June** at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Mgr John Armitage. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

RED MISSIO BOXES: Please collect your emptied Missio box from the Presbytery.



PARISH COMMUNITY FETE: SUNDAY 5TH JUNE FROM 12PM-4PM. This will be held at St Thomas More's School field and will be a day of great fun for all the family! There will be 'light bites', BBQ, Stalls, Bouncy Castle, Live Entertainment, dancing, Raffle and lots more! As a parish we can come together to celebrate, the Queens Platinum Jubilee; Fr Chris 70th Birthday; Fr Philips Silver Anniversary of Ordination and relay our thanks for his long serving ministry in our Parish; as well as being joined by the confirmed children on their special day. Free entry, food and drink (*except BBQ, Candyfloss + Ice Cream*). If you can donate items for raffle & tombola, food, salads etc., please contact Frances on 369568. Thank you.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23: GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY STARTING SEPTEMBER 2022, FOR THOSE IN CURRENT YEAR 13, UP TO AGE 22. Details on www.bcys.net or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN – A STUDY DAY FROM GIDEA PARK: On Saturday 18th June from 11am Fr Gerard Bradley will lead a study day entitled 'Your sins are forgiven: exploring the sacrament of pardon and peace'. To follow this free live streamed event please go to www.whatgoodnews.org. Our speaker, Fr Gerard Bradley, is a parish priest in the archdiocese of Southwark and taught Liturgy and Spirituality at St John's Seminary, Womersley. Two sessions will be followed by the opportunity for questions. The event will end by 1pm. Recording of the study day will be made available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: on Sunday 12th June at 3pm. The procession starts at Our Lady of Immaculate School and finishes with Benediction at Our Lady of Immaculate School playground, Chelmsford.

LAUDATO SI WEEK 22-29th May: 'Listening and journeying together'. 24th May marks the 7th anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si'. A series of activities, focusing on one of the seven Laudato Si goals each day, are planned over the week. More information, including resources for prayer, study and action at: <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA need you! We are looking for Catholic men, aged 16 + over, to join us in our good works of Charity through the spirit of Unity and Fraternity. We aim to support and help as many parishes as possible as well as the good causes that we have continued to help throughout the recent pandemic, but can only do so with Volunteers. For more info: George Johnson on 07476781885 or rd-region6@ksc.org.uk

CARITAS BRENTWOOD: Helping those in the Ukraine, and Ukrainian Refugees. Caritas Brentwood are regularly updating information on their website, covering donations, prayer, and welcoming those who are fleeing the Ukraine. You will find everything at: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine/>

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: Please can you collect your new box sets from the church porch. Box sets are laid out in alphabetical order. Thank you.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Bookings:** colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 30/05/22: **Team 3** / Monday 06/06/22: **Team 4**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 29/05/22 (**Diane & Adrian**) / 05/06/22 (**KSC**)



WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE TODAY. FOR PEACE AND THE LAYING DOWN OF WEAPONS.

