

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday September 16 th	6:15 pm	Hector Silva RIP
Sunday September 17 th	8:00 am	Sarah Betts RIP
	10:30 am	Julietta Seewoonundun RIP
	4:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Win Robinson RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick	10:15 am	Leslie Hawken RIP

Monday 18th *Feria*
STM-School Mass Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

Tuesday 19th *St Theodore of Canterbury*
Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

Wednesday 20th *St Andrew Kim Tee-Gon, Pr & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Comps, Mm*
Church 12:15 pm Holy Souls RIP

Thursday 21st *ST MATTHEW, Ap, Evangelist* *Feast*
Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

Friday 22nd *Feria*
Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

Saturday 23rd *St Pius of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio]*
Church 9:30 am Olive Crawford RIP

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday September 23 rd	6:15 pm	Ronald Wheeler RIP
Sunday September 24 th	8:00 am	Pat Kelly RIP
	10:30 am	In Thanksgiving [LS]
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Eileen Pooran RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Catherine Spicer RIP

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Last weekend we all expressed our gratitude, goodbyes and best wishes to Fr Tony McKentey as he transferred to his new parish in Halstead. In the evening of that Sunday after the Holy Mass, we also gathered as one family in the parish hall for a simple party. Yes! My dear friends, the ambience was indeed full of mixed emotions from all the people who loved him so dearly. We also obviously noticed the sadness from well-wishers on their faces who wanted him to stay for more years, if possible. But this is it! Life must move on. He started well and finished well. To him go our prayers of support in his new parish.

As the assistant priest of this parish of St James the Less and St Helen, on behalf of all the parishioners, we welcome our new Pastor, Mgr. Chris Brooks. It is indeed our great joy to have you with us. Let this be a journey of a good shepherd together with his new flock, and leading them to a place where faith, hope and love are nourished and live always in the humble and beautiful parish community like this.

To you Mgr Chris a very warm WELCOME, and our promise of support and love from all of us will always be assured. May the Blessed Virgin Mary guide and protect you, and the intercession of St James and Less and St Helen be always your inspiration at all times.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:50am
FILMS FOR FAITH: Please see below

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, John Ashdown-Hill, Pat Banks, Frank Campbell, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Margaret Doorish, Jennifer Guthrie-Stevens, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Roger Kemp, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Canon Anthony McKentey, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Elizabeth Pace, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Maureen Sheeran, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White.

SINCERE THANKS FROM FR TONY: For the wonderful farewell Mass on Sunday and for all your generosity in your gifts and good wishes, which mean so much. My new address is: 90 Colchester Road, Halstead, Essex, CO9 2EW. Till we meet again

PARISH SEMINARIAN: Adrian Lowe, our Student for the Priesthood, will be going back to the Beda College in Rome to start his second year of training. If you would like to support him in his next phase, there will be a collection after **Masses at Priory Street and Mile End only.**

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Lauren Robinson.** God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL: Open Meeting today from 12-1pm In the Hall.

FILMS FOR FAITH: The next showing will be on **20th September** and will be Lesson 3 of the “*Chosen*” Course. All are welcome, and refreshments will be provide in the Crypt at 1pm for a 1:15pm start. Each session lasts for approximately 90 minutes.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Sloneem who has recently died. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family. His funeral has been arranged for 27th September at 11:45am at Colchester Crematorium..

JOURNEY IN FAITH - RCIA 2017/18: 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. Sessions are held weekly from 7pm to 8.30pm on Thursday

evening in the Crypt of the church. They will run from October until Easter. The start date will be published in the parish newsletter in due course.

MONKWICK NEWS: Our final Coffee Morning for this year is being held on Saturday, 23rd September, 10am to 12 noon. Our host is Mike Firmin, East View, Langham Lane, Boxted, CO4 5HY. All very welcome.

KSC – CLARE PRIORY RETREAT: The Knights of St Columba, Colchester, are organizing their annual retreat to Clare Priory from the 23rd September from 10am-4pm. All parishioners are welcome. Cost - £16 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. The theme of the Day will be “Our Lady of Fatima”. For more information, please contact Stefan on 07948 148531.

DAY OF REFLECTION: 23rd September: “Because I’m Worth It”. As usual, September’s event is a one-off and not tied to the liturgical year. It’s a workshop this time, on affirmation and self-worth – lots of discussion, light-hearted and otherwise. 11.00am – 3.00pm. In the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Please bring a packed lunch. Poster in the porch. Further info Valerie Q – 079419023227.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE, ABBOTSWICK FUNDING APPEAL: Fr Dominic Howarth writes: Each year over 5000 young people across the Diocese enjoy a retreat with the Walsingham House team. In January 2018 this work is moving to Abbotswick, which is in need of significant refurbishment. An appeal will be made on the 23rd/24thSeptember. Please support it as generously as you can. In the words of Bishop Alan: “this project builds a prayerful and inspiring future for the young people of the Diocese”. Thank you.

MEETING THE LIVING GOD AUTUMN SEMINARS: The first of three Seminars takes place on 7th October from 10:30am to 12:00 noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Ingrave Road, CM15 8AT. *Topic: The Legacy of Saint Pope John Paul II. Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Cathedral Dean.*

DIOCESAN CENTENARY EXHIBITION: Will be visiting our parish on 14/15th October

PARISH COUNCIL AGM: Takes place on Sunday, 15th October, at 7:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

BRENTWOOD NEWS: The latest edition is available, free, and with a very good write-up of our Centenary Celebrations on Page 6!

FOOD BANK: An appeal for donations of tinned/dry goods for Colchester Food Bank. Thank you.

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CHURCH CLEANERS’ ROTA: MONDAY, September 18th – Team 4 .