

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

With MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday August 19 th	6:15 pm	Julie Hykiel RIP
Sunday August 20 th	8:00 am	Chase & Ursula Harrison RIP
	10:30 am	Ronnie Hammond RIP
	4:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Kevin Doyle RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners
Monday 21st	St Pius X, P	
	Church 9:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 22nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	Church 9:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
	Church 1:00 pm	Wedding - Mariann and Michael
Wednesday 23rd	Feria	
	Church 12:15 pm	Daniel, Florence and Danny Farrell RIP
Thursday 24th	ST BARTHOLOMEW, Ap	
	Church 9:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 25th	Feria	
	Church 9:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
C.G.H.	Chapel 12:00 pm	Intentions of Patients and Staff
Saturday 26th	Feria	
	Church 9:30 am	Olive Crawford RIP
	Church 2:00 pm	Wedding – Cael and Samantha

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday August 26 th	6:15 pm	Julie Hykiel RIP
Sunday August 27 th	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Intentions of Kathleen Payne
Monkwick	10:15 am	Bert Hewitt RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

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Brothers and sisters reflecting on the Gospel story this Sunday, I can't but connect this to last Sunday's Gospel. St. Peter expressed to Jesus more or less a similar thing like the Canaanite woman did in the Gospel this Sunday. Peter exclaimed "Lord, save Me". the Canaanite woman said: "Lord help me".

Both of them ask help from Jesus. Now, just like anybody else we, too, very often express the same emotion of supplication over and above a situation when we feel helpless. We sometimes cannot handle pressures brought about by life's trials and difficulties. Therefore, we resort for help. Like them we need a person like Jesus to come to our rescue.

The trials of life, in great or in small ways, test the depth of our faith and trust in God. That is why the woman offers us an example on how we should keep our faith in God. First of all, she loved her daughter which is why she was determined to do everything for her. She is not asking favour for herself but for the sick daughter tormented by a demon. This was her motivation in wanting to speak with insistence to the loving, compassionate heart of Jesus; she believes that Jesus at that moment is the only person to turn to and no one else.

Yes, my dear friends, a person of great faith and love can always express a sincere prayer for God, and God is always ready to listen to it. He or she can only move the heart of Jesus if it is done with a full heart as well. That is why she didn't mind the disciples of Jesus who wanted to drive her away, rather she continued to ask him with persevering heart. She was not bothered either when Jesus refers to her

as a dog that eats the scraps from the masters' table. Instead, the Canaanite woman humbled herself. Great proof of her right intention, and genuine trust in the Master of life.

How about us, how do we ask? Like St. Peter who asks..."Lord save Me? And this woman "Lord help me"? Remember when man prays sincerely the compassionate heart of God becomes very soft. For our sincere and humble prayers are his weakness.

Fr. Alex, rcj

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes

[N.B. Hospital Mass on Friday]

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, Margaret Griffin, 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.

CAFOD; Today, a CAFOD staff member will be speaking at Masses at Priory Street to say "thank you" to parishioners for their generosity and to offer the opportunity to those who might be interested to become CAFOD Parish Representatives. We have been asked to make it absolutely clear that this will not be a request for donations.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Joseph and Monica** married here on Friday and the and on the baptism of their child, **Joshua Andrei**.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Axford who has recently died. May she rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of her bereaved family. Her funeral has taken place.

COLLECTION FOR FR TONY: A Leaving Collection for Fr Tony will be taken up on two Sundays: 27th August and 3rd September, after all Masses.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR TONY: This will take place on his last Sunday with us – 10th September at 6:30pm, followed the social get-together in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

FILMS FOR FAITH: On 6th September we start an 8 week Course on the Catholic Faith called "*Chosen*". It is designed to deepen our relationship with God. Each session is approximately 90 minutes long and uses DVDs and printed material. All are welcome and refreshments will be provided.

ENGLISH HERITAGE WEEKEND 9/10TH SEPTEMBER [CATHOLIC HERITAGE GROUP: Volunteers are required for Saturday, 9th September, at the Gatehouse; an hour or two will be fine. Open from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Priory Street is also in the programme, so if anyone would like to get involved please leave a message for Jenny Guthrie-Stevens via the Parish Office or have a word with Pauline Rook.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: The next baptism Course for newborns up to age six will take place on the 14th and 21st September here in the Crypt from 7:30-9pm. No appointment is necessary but both Sessions must be attended. The dates of the baptisms will be arranged during the Course.

PROLIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Takes place on Sunday, 17th September, led by Rt Rev Robert Byrne CO, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. For full details call 01858 571242 or visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: will be holding an exclusive **Ladies' Afternoon Tea** at The Rayleigh Club, Hulbridge, on Thursday 21st September. Afternoon Tea will be served at 2pm and to add some extra sparkle to the occasion, ladies will be greeted with a glass of Bucks Fizz. Tickets cost £20 per person and numbers are limited. Contact Libby on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk

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. **To register your interest please give your name and contact details to one of the priests or contact Cathy O'Connor 01206 735623 or cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org**

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

.DIOCESAN CENTENARY EXHIBITION: This touring exhibition of the Archives of the Diocese will be visiting our Parish on the weekend of the 14/15th October.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263
CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: August 24th – Team3.