

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

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]
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In the second reading, St. Paul is giving the Church one example of the importance of Tradition. It's all very well saying that Christians should follow Scripture alone, as Protestants do, but such a position is impossible of fulfilment. Many people talk about, 'The Bible' as if it has no origin and no setting. What we call the Old Testament was a selection, by the people/authorities of that time, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (unbeknownst to them) of what God wished to be authoritative, a standard. Much else was written in Old Testament times, yet it is not recognised as part of Scripture, in other words, the people/authorities did not see in it what they knew to be true about themselves and their relationship with God. This process of discernment continued into the Apostolic times. There were many groups around in the early years after Jesus' death and Resurrection, all claiming to preach the truth about him and particularly how his followers should live. What we call the New Testament was selected by one of those groups because they recognised in what was written, the message they preached, the preaching and practice came first, the written word came later. That particular group is what we call the early Church and it chose the content of the New Testament, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We, as the Catholic Church, claim to be the direct continuation of that early Church, faithful to the teaching and practice of the Apostles. Ever since Apostolic times, any group which has claimed the name, 'Christian', ought to be able to demonstrate that there is unbroken continuity in its message, from earliest days to their own times; if this can't be done, then the message they preach is not the message of St. Paul and the other Apostles.

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Saturday October 28 th	6:15 pm	Roger Thurlow RIP
Sunday October 29 th	8:00 am	Bridie Markham RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions: Eddie Caldeira
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Guiseppe Cangemi RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Intentions: Fr Tony McKentey
Monkwick	10:15 am	Intentions: Pauline Carter

Monday 30th **Feria**
Church 9:30 am Rose Hatton RIP

Tuesday 31st **Feria**
Church 9:30 am Intentions: Mary Beattie
Mersea 7:30 pm Holy Souls RIP

Wed. NOV 1st **ALL SAINTS** **Solemnity – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**
STM – School Mass Church 9:30 am Intentions: Patricia Harrington
Church 12:15 pm Alphonse Knapp RIP
Church 7:30 pm Intentions: Tony Lunn

Thursday 2nd **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED [All Souls]**
Church 9:30 am Sidney and Rose Castell RIP

Friday 3rd **St Martin de Porres, Rel**
Church 9:30 am Maria Teresa Cerruti RIP

Saturday 4th **St Charles Borromeo, Bp**
Church 9:30 am Michael and Ellen Kate Conlon RIP

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday November 4 th	6:15 pm	Edward Lenton RIP
Sunday November 5 th	8:00 am	Dec/Rels: Farrell & Fuller Families RIP
	10:30 am	James, Mary and John Galvin RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Maria Adelaide & Antonio Alfana RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Sheila Kittell RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken RIP

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

[Feast of all Saints – Wednesday – see below]

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,, 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.

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS ON WEDNESDAY is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are as follows:- Vigil Mass at Mersea on Tuesday, 31st October, at 7:30pm; at Priory Street on Wednesday: 9:30am [School Mass]; 12:15pm and 7:30pm.

BAPTISM TODAY: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Noah Pasquale Long.** God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the repose of the soul of baby Sampson Craddock and Patricia Davies who have recently died. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families. The funeral of Tony White has been arranged for Thursday, 2nd November, at Colchester Crematorium, at 11:45am. The funeral of Patricia Davies will take place on Thursday, 9th November, at 12:30pm, also at Colchester Crematorium.

CHRISTMAS MARKET NOVEMBER 25th: There is a meeting today, Sunday, 29th October, in the Cardinal Bourne Hall after the 10:30am Mass. This coming week we are asking for unwanted gifts, perfumes, toiletries and gifts for the Food Hamper. More helpers needed. Thank you. Norah 50341; Frances 369568

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PREPARATION COURSE: Begins today, Sunday, 29th October, from 12noon to 2pm in the Crypt. Information packs will be available at all Masses. Please pass names to the Priests, Parish Office, Andrew or Elspeth Johnson . andrew.johnson@uwclub.net Confirmation will be on Wednesday, 18th July 2018, at 19.30 by Rt .Rev. Bishop Alan Williams, SM.

MILE END NEWS - COFFEE MORNINGS: This Sunday, 29th October, and next, 5th November, we will meet for coffee in the Dog & Pheasant Public House after the 9:15am Mass.

HOLY SOULS: November is the month of Holy Souls. If you wish to remember your loved ones, special envelopes are available in the porch and Masses will be

offered for them during the month.

ADRIAN LOWE – SEMINARIAN – WRITES: My sincere thanks for your kindness and generosity when a second collection was taken for me a few weeks ago. I have now returned to seminary in Rome and lectures are just beginning! Please be assured of my prayers and keep me in yours.

SVP: The first meeting of the new St Vincent de Paul Society [SVP] will be tomorrow, 30th October at 7pm in the Crypt. Anyone is welcome to attend.

HEALING MASS: Fr Eamonn Power's first Healing Mass at St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels in Kelvedon is this coming Friday, November 3rd at 3pm. beginning with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.. Refreshments available after Mass. For more information please contact Angie Hart on 07719-577923 or email mahart66@outlook.com. All welcome!

FILMS FOR FAITH: The next showing will be on Wednesday, 8th November, and will be "St Francis of Assisi". All are welcome, and refreshments will be provided in the Crypt at 1pm for a 1:15pm start. Each session lasts for approximately 90 minutes.

letterCAFOD will be holding a Memorial Mass at Brentwood Cathedral on Thursday 9th November at 9.15 am. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Alan Williams. A Book of Remembrance will be presented and blessed by Bishop Alan at the Mass. If you would like to add a name to the Book of Remembrance you would be very welcome, whether or not you can attend the service itself. Please get in touch with our Volunteer Centre at brentwood@cafod.org.uk or call 01277 218730 if you'd like to know more. Refreshments will be provided after the service.

MEETING THE LIVING GOD AUTUMN SEMINARS: The second of three Seminars takes place on November 11th in Cathedral House Conference Centre, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT, 10:30am-12noon. Topic: *Endings and Beginnings*. Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon. For more info: 01277 265285; jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST from all four Mass centres are invited to attend a meeting in the Church at Priory St. on Saturday December 2nd, 4pm. There will be some spiritual input and also discussion on practical matters. The gathering will end by 5pm, probably earlier. I hope that as many Ministers as possible will attend

Fr Chris

CATHOLIC AND STUDY OR WORK AT UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX?: There is Mass each Sunday - and many other events - for University students and staff. For more information: www.EssexCatholic.org.uk

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263
CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: THURSDAY, November 1st – Team 1.