

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

With MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday July 29th	6:15 pm	Philip Treby RIP
Sunday July 30th	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP
	10:30 am	Michael Banks RIP [F O'B]
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Marie Bastiampillai RIP/Xavier Swampillai RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Holy Souls RIP

Monday 31st **St Ignatius of Loyala, Pr**
Church **9:30 am** Holy Souls RIP

Tuesday 1st AUG **St Alphonsus Liguri, Bp, D**
Church **9:30 am** Canon John Bloomfield RIP

Wednesday 2nd **Feria**
Church **12:15 pm** Holy Souls RIP

Thursday 3rd **Feria**
Church **9:30 am** Holy Souls RIP

Friday 4th **St John Vianney [Curé d'Ars]**
Church **9:30 am** Intentions: Roger Kemp [PMcM]

Saturday 5th **Feria**
Church **9:30 am** Margaretta Wright RIP

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD [A]

Saturday August 5th	6:15 pm	Intentions: Virgilio Family
Sunday August 6th	8:00 am	Intentions of Andrew
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Melody Jeantet RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	John Kidney RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Lesley Hawken 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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Dear friends

The parable this weekend is from the Gospel of St. Matthew. It speaks about the kingdom of God and the theme is: "finding the treasure". It is really very true for we Christians to learn how to surrender all our earthly possessions for the sake of the kingdom of God.

If we look at this from the perspective of God, it's not easy to practise it. We are in the world, and very often we benefit from it for our daily life. However, if our considerations are only here and now, chances are we shall lose the best opportunity to gain the heavenly reward which is meant to be our main goal in life.

Actually, heaven is within the reach of all of us, and to consider it to be our true treasure is very important because it will lead us to perfect happiness if we find it. Heaven starts right here. If we follow the vocation for which we are called, we are really destined to be in heaven, so we should really try our best to pursue it diligentlyyes, even leaving everything totally beyond.

The world's joys and temporary treasures must always be seen within the framework of God's love and in the fulfillment of his Commandments.

Lastly, all these are not easy for human nature to achieve, and we should not rely on our weak nature. The Church is here to help us in our spiritual needs so that we can live our life to the full.

Remember where your treasure is, there your heart is as well.. We hope and pray

that we learn to consider the "Kingdom of God" as our greatest treasure or precious pearl of great price in our daily lives, because all the rest is just secondary. Amen.

Fr. Mike de Silva, Rogationist, Is already here with us. Let us welcome him with great joy. He will be here with us only for a period of time as a resident priest.

Fr Alex, rcj

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, 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, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Maureen Sheeran, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White.

FR PHILIP WRITES: *Walsingham 2017*

Well they printed 3000 copies of the Mass and I heard that they had all been given out. So I thought "Well that means about 2500 people" after all we see on Palm Sunday how people always need one for a friend. However Mgr Armitage told us that there were in fact 3500 pilgrims; perhaps someone did a head count as we walked along the Holy Mile.

We had been exhorted to walk in threes and "if some in front of you *****", we were to walk around them and not to stop. This was repeated but I never did hear the end of the "if"; several of us had visions of stepping over a collapsed person and thought "No good Samaritan here!" We were not to walk slowly, some of us in our eighth decade had to snigger. We were also exhorted to walk in the customary silence; well that did last for about twenty minutes, then some pilgrims seemed to forget they were not at Lourdes. Unfortunately by the end general conversation seemed to ensue. But I did admire the tenacity of those pushing chairs and one young lady who seemed to have completed the Mile on her small scooter, perhaps a first. And of course it was great to see the banner of St Benedict's school being carried by some of the students

We were welcomed at the Mass in the old Abbey grounds by the Bishop of East Anglia, our bishop was of course the chief Celebrant with many of the diocesan

priests concelebrating. Mgr Armitage gave an exhortatory homily. Toward the time for Communion rain was threatening and the priests administering communion had a server by them with an umbrella to serve as a canopy. Made me feel inadequate as my own umbrella was black and these others were in Papal colours! At the end of Mass the Bishop went over to the site of the original Holy House where the Statue of Our Lady had been placed and we finished singing Salve Regina.

All pilgrims I spoke with felt it was a good pilgrimage; though those at the shrine really must get their act together to provide adequate convenience for the ladies.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Juana Soliven** God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

FILMS FOR FAITH: Will resume in September. Further details to follow.

SVP – ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP FOR GIRLS AND BOYS: Now taking bookings for the St John Bosco Summer Camp at Aldham, just up the road. Visit info@boscocamp.co.uk ; svpboscocamp.org.uk for full details.

MEETING PRIOR TO FR TONY'S FAREWELL PARTY: Fr Alex will chair this meeting, to include those members of the Parish Council able to attend, on August 12th in the Crypt at 7:30pm.

PARISH FAMILY BARBECUE: On Saturday 19th August from 2:30pm until 5pm. Good food, tea, coffee, softg drinks and a raffle. Entry: Adults £6 and children [5-12 years] £3. Tickets available from Frances and Norah.

NEW HALL SCHOOL VACANCY: One-to-One Learning Support Assistant. Full details and application form from www.newhallscool.co.uk/job-opportunities

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.

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

PILGRIMAGE NEXT YEAR [DAGENHAM, Holy Family Parish]: Fr Stephen is leading a Pilgrimage to Poland next year from Monday 28th May to Saturday 2nd June 2018. Price is £546:00 per person [Half Board Accommodation.]. Please telephone Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 88444 for full details.

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CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: August 3rd – Team 4.