

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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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Saturday 31st	Church	6.15 pm	Sophia Maria Vencato RIP
Sunday 1st Sept	Church	8:00 am	David Anthony Hill RIP
	Church	10:30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	Ints: Tom Smith
West Mersea		8:30 am	
Mile End		9:15 am	Fr. Hennessy RIP
Monkwick		10:15 am	
Monday 2nd			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Tuesday 3rd			ST GREGORY THE GREAT, P, D
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Wednesday 4th			Feria
	Church	12.15 pm	Sisenando + Rosario De Jesus RIP
Thursday 5th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Otunba Wale Adeoly RIP
Friday 6th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	De Belen De Jesus RIP
Saturday 7th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 7th	Church	6.15 pm	Douglas + David Finch RIP
Sunday 8th	Church	8:00 am	Thanksgiving
	Church	10:30 am	
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	5.00 pm	Holy Hour
	Church	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving
West Mersea		8:30 am	
Mile End		9:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick		10:15 am	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession): Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE: www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org under Events where a list of course dates are available

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. We can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit patients so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

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In his parables, Jesus generally takes situations familiar to the people of his day and then often brings in an unexpected variation, challenging the hearers to reflect and discern the teaching itself. So it is in today's passage, the method of seating at banquets would have been well-known, but Jesus turns the custom on its head because he is focussed on true humility rather than merely human ideas of honour. He then takes things further, raising more questions for us to answer. Thus, instead of holding banquets which most likely would be taken up with human pride, he is suggesting we focus on looking after those in need – the regular meals in the Cardinal Bourne hall, and the contributions to the local food-bank, would be examples of how we locally are seeking to put his teaching into practice.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15 _{am}
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35 _{am}
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00 _{am} Mass
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00 _{pm} - 6.00 _{pm}
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00 _{pm}

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: *The Protection of the Oceans*

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Raised by our love.* We live in a world where self-promotion is at the heart of many superficial relationships. But ours is a New Covenant of love – Jesus refers to this in the Gospel. In this unique relationship, we seek to encourage and raise each other higher. When we fail, as inevitably we do, He calls us to ask forgiveness of each other.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Peter Ledgley, Hilda Morah, Patrick Kehoe.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Friday 6th September 2019** here in the Crypt from **7:30_{pm}-9.00_{pm}** (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary. [*If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office*].

2nd COLLECTION: After all masses this Sunday, there will be a 2nd collection for Education Sunday. Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in this country's liturgical calendar, its main purpose is to celebrate the work of Catholic education and to enable it to continue to flourish with the support of the whole Catholic community.

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS: Medical Mission Sisters on **8th September**. We are pleased to advise that Sr. Daphne & Sr. Gertrud will be visiting our Parish on behalf of the Medical Mission Sisters to share their experiences. The Medical Mission Sisters calling is for the promotion of health, healing and wholeness in the spirit of Jesus the Healer and they live out this mission in 17 countries across Europe, Africa, Asia, and North & South America.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): 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 7_{pm} to 8.30_{pm} on Thursday evening in the Crypt of the church and they will run from October until Easter. 2019 course details will be advised within the next few weeks. **To register your interest, please give your name and contact details to one of the priests. Thank You**

PRESBYTERY CLEANER REQUIRED: An opportunity has arisen for a cleaner to work at the Presbytery on a part time, permanent basis. The hours of work required are 6hrs per week split over 2 mornings with days and time to be mutually agreed with applicants. The purpose of this role is to provide an efficient and comprehensive cleaning service for the clergy living in the Priests house. If you are interested in this salaried position, please contact the Presbytery on (01206) 866317 to discuss further.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The next procession will take place on **Friday 13th September** at **6.30_{pm}** followed by Mass in Polish/English.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Reconvenes on the **Thursday 5th September** at **7.30_{pm}** in the church to commence at 10.30_{am} Mass on the 8th September. If you can sing or play an instrument, please come and join us. For more info, contact Lesley on 07886672394.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on **Wednesday 4th September;** with a **start time of 1.15_{pm}**, screening "*Bravery under Fire*" the story of Fr. Willie Doyle, SJ. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard in porch for future films and screening dates.

MILE END NEWS: Coffee Morning today after the 9:15_{am} Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

MERSEA NEWS: The next Coffee Morning will be held on **Tuesday 10th September** from 10.30_{am} til 12.30_{pm} at the home of Margaret Ashmore, 18 Mersea Avenue. All are most welcome.

BIBLE STUDY sessions for the new term will be on Wednesdays 10.00-12.00 in the Crypt, starting on 11th September. Topic; The Spirit of God in the Bible. Join us with your Bible and an open heart. Details from Sister Angela on 01206 867296

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: -

- **ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND:** On **Saturday 15th** at St James the Less and St Helen and at the at St John's Abbey Gate (Gatehouse). We are pleased to announce that once again our church is part of the English Heritage tour on the above weekend. Please come along and show your support whilst also learning the fascinating history of our church and Colchester. **VOLUNTEERS:** We are seeking all Catholic history enthusiasts who are willing and able to spend a couple of hours down at the Gatehouse, everything you need to know will be provided beforehand. This is a good experience for those who enjoy meeting and greeting people. Please leave your contact details with the church office.
- **RIDE & STRIDE:** on **Saturday 15th September** from 9.00_{am} – 5.00_{pm}. It's that time of year and once again St James the Less will be participating in this popular national annual Event. Organised by Essex Churches, sponsored participants make their way around as many churches in the area that they can either by biking or walking and signing in at each church they visit. All money raised by the participants goes to Essex Churches who will then divide it up and send a donation to all the churches involved. Essex Churches also have a fund to which participating churches can go for financial help for repairs and support. There will be sponsorship forms available next week and if you would like to go striding please leave your contact details with the office.
- **MEXICAN NIGHT:** In aid of the Gurka Trust on **Saturday 7th September** in Cardinal Bourne Hall – doors open at 6_{pm} for food at 6.30_{pm}. Tickets are £10 per adult & £5 per child for a 3 Course meal. Kate will also be doing a charity walk of 100km in under 30 hours. Tickets are available from Kate Zepeda 07952645185 or Juan Zepeda 07745253606.

SVP: *turning concern into action* - If you know of someone who is lonely, housebound or simply in need of a friend, please contact us, using the details below. If you would like to join us the details of our next meeting are at the back of the church, along with a collection box

❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: cb.hall@btinternet.com

or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message with name + contact number].

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 2nd September: **Team 4.**