

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 1st	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Sheila RIP
Sunday 2nd	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Elizabeth O'Karo RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: D + S O'Sullivan
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Pauline Carter RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Barry Fitzgerald RIP

Monday 3rd	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Feria
	<i>Church</i>	11.45 am	Ints: L. Joseph Funeral Mass: Peter Francis Kerins RIP

Tuesday 4th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	St Francis of Assisi, Rel Anniversary: Thomas Alexander Mackinlay
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Wednesday 5th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Feria Clarke Family
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Thursday 6th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	St Bruno, Pr Pat O'Keefe RIP
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Friday 7th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Our Lady of the Rosary Harvest Fast Day Mary McGinley RIP
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Saturday 8th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	St Osyth, Rel Thanksgiving (B+D)
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 8th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Deceased Members of the Hawken Family
Sunday 9th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Elizabeth O'Karo RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Hilda RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Andrew Morton RIP

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
 - ❖ Marriage Preparation: Please be aware that 6 months' notice of intention for Marriage is required especially if marrying outside the Parish. Couples who are planning to get married should contact us **at least 6 months** in advance. Thank you.
 - ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00pm Mass (Monkwick).
 - ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church entrance, please complete envelope & drop through presbytery door. A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass. The Mass Intention will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook or collection from Church).
- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

Please Note That There Will Be No Eucharistic Adoration On Thurs 6th October.



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St James the Less and St Helen Catholic Church, Colchester

TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR PRISONERS AND DEPENDANTS

WEEK COMMENCING 2ND OCTOBER 2022

Throughout the Gospels Jesus emphasises the importance of humility and the danger of pride. Today's passage approaches humility from a new angle. In a nutshell, we are all beggars in our relationship with God. What do we have that we have not been given? Life itself is God's gift, but it would be pointless without the salvation which comes from Christ's victory on the cross. Pride sneaks in if we begin to think God owes us something for what we are doing in the Church, though we might not put it exactly in those words. God wasn't obliged to come to our rescue, it is a loving gift. In the early church the posture when praying was to stand with arms outstretched, palms empty and facing upwards (as many do nowadays when praying the Our Father), a perfect expression of our dependence on God. We might also call to mind the title which the Popes have chosen to use for themselves from early centuries, 'Servant of the servants of God', though not all Popes have always lived up to that title. Coming to Mass isn't doing God a favour, it is a grace and privilege.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES		
DAILY (Mon-Fri)	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
ADORATION & PRAYER	Thursdays	at 7.30 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: *A Church Open to Everyone.*

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Hab 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4; 2 Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14; Luke 17: 5-10) *Guard our love.* Today St. Paul reminds us *"you have been entrusted to look after something precious, guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us"*. For us this means we are the guardians of each other! We live that out by always striving to be tender lovers, gentle and kindly friends, and courageous, loyal supporters of each other.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Darline + Peter Wyatt, Dorothy Golding, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need and for those who have recently died.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pawel Krzysztof Piskala who has recently passed away. The parish community offers his family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Funeral details to be advised.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal: Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. There will be a **second collection after all Masses on 8th & 9th October**. If you prefer to use the specially printed envelopes, there will be a supply of these in the Church porch.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: keeping our place of worship glorious for The Lord. Volunteers are desperately needed to keep our church looking clean and welcoming. If you can spare 1-2 hours per month to help clean the Church and would like to become a "heavenly duster" or a "hoover angel" Or form a new team with friends, community groups. Please contact the Presbytery (866317). As the saying goes,...Many hands make light work. Thank you.

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTION: A collection will be taken for PACT in respect of Prisoner's **Sunday on 16th October**. PACT is the national charity that provides support to prisoners, people with convictions, and their families through a range of family, court, helpline and prison and community-based services. Their vision of a society in which justice is understood as a process of restoration and healing, and where the innate dignity and worth of every human is valued.

VISIT OF ST BERNADETTE RELICS at Brentwood Cathedral on **Sunday 16th October**. We are looking into hiring a coach for this special event; with the coach departing from East Hill at 12^{pm} after 10.30^{am} Mass and leaving Brentwood Cathedral at 2.30^{pm}. If interested in going, please add your name to the Coach Seat reservation list in Church Porch.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES: The First Holy Communion Certificates are ready for collection from the Presbytery for all the children who celebrated their sacrament on 12th and 19th June 2022. Also available are the Certificates for those who celebrated this Sacrament in 2021.

SVP RACE NIGHT: This event will be held next Saturday **8th October from 7.30-10^{pm}**. Come and enjoy yourselves, try and win some money by picking the winners and raise money for the SVP. Tickets £5 an adult; children come free. Light refreshments provided. There will be a bar. Tickets available after each Sunday Mass or email Colchestersvp@gmail.com. There are only a few tickets left! Don't forget to bring cash for your 50p bets! Thank you.

BCYS YOUTH MASS: Thursday 6th October, Brentwood cathedral. Starting from 6^{pm} for pizza, we are then delighted to be joined by Fr Paschal Uche and others to share their vocations stories and answer any of your questions, before we begin Youth Mass at 7:30^{pm} where Fr Paschal will also be preaching. Open to all those in years 9 and above, no booking necessary.

RED MISSIO BOXES: If you have a full Red Missio Box please drop this into the Presbytery. Emptied boxes can also be collected from Presbytery.

SVP CUPPA CLUB: will meet every **Thursday from 10.00^{am} to 11.30^{am}** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games & crafts, etc., will be available.

LITTLE SAINTS TOTS: Our parish Tots group is **every Wednesday** during term time **8:50^{am}-11^{am}**. All welcome for play, crafts and a snack. Tea/coffee for adults. If you attend with your child, please consider volunteering, please contact Julia on 07854296437.

STUDY DAY – ST CHARLES DE FOUCAULD: Charles de Foucauld was one of ten new saints canonized by Pope Francis in May 2022. His journey in faith, preaching the Gospel to all with his life, ended with his death in his hermitage in the Sahara in 1916. Little Sister Kathleen McKee will lead a study day on 'St Charles de Foucauld – universal brother' on **Saturday 8th October from 11.00 to 13.00**. You may attend this free event in person at Gidea Park Catholic Church – RM2 6DH – from 11^{am} (Coffee available at 10.30). Please book your place by email to gideapark@dioceseofbrentwood.org The event is also live-streamed. Go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day. No booking necessary.

VOCATIONS: The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 4th October** at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Mgr Gordon Read. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

SCAM MESSAGES/EMAILS: Please beware of recent scam emails / WhatsApp Messages/Texts claiming to be from Fr Chris. They state that Fr Chris is going into a meeting and refer to an urgent "favor". Please ignore these as Fr Chris would never send this kind of message, and would only send emails from the Colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org address . Please see our Facebook page on how to report and block these messages.



PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE. We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide their choices.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Thursday 06/10/22: **Team 1** / Monday 10/10/22: **Team 2**
CBH COFFEE MORNING: 02/10/22: **SVP** / 09/10/22: **Matthew + Mariamma**