

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Noreen Downes RIP
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Dec. Members of Murray family
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Parishioners
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>4.00 pm</b>	Filipino Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Intentions of the Stammers Family
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Georg Dimech RIP

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b> Ints: Anne O'Connell
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>St. Agatha, V,M</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b> Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>St. Paul Miki and Comps, Mm</b>
		<b>12:15 pm</b> V. Rev Canon Joseph Whitfield
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b> Canon John Bloomfield
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b> J. Lennon RIP + Fam
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.15 am</b> Dec. Rels. Betts Family

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Richard Lambe RIP
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	David Anthony Hill RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>5.00 pm</b>	Holy Hour
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Kawkab Mati RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Marie Pisani RIP

**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](http://www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org) under Events where a list of course dates is 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 the patient so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

# 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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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]**  
**WEEK COMMENCING: 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE132**

The central theme of today's readings is that we should have the courage of our Christian convictions in our daily life amidst the hatred and rejection that we face. In both the first reading and the Gospel, Jeremiah and Jesus are presented as prophets, chosen, consecrated and sent to their brothers and sisters as emissaries of the Word of God. The first reading tells us how God called Jeremiah as His prophet and equipped him to face opposition and rejection in his prophetic vocation and he anticipates Jesus, the greatest of all prophets. Today's Gospel shows us how Jesus faced scepticism and criticism with prophetic courage. Along with Jeremiah, Jesus and Paul believed that they were commissioned by God to proclaim a disturbing prophetic message. No matter how strong the opposition, the three had the conviction that God was with them.

Fr. John

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: "Human Trafficking"**

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS: *We reflect God's love.*** Through our marriage we become a living flesh and blood sacrament of our Church! Saint Paul says 'be ambitious for the higher gifts'. Our love isn't just a warm feeling but an action; it flourishes in being given attention to and nurtured. In this way we become a sacramental 'sign' of God's love for our children, family, friends and Church.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Peter Ledgley, Hilda Morah

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Francis McCormack and Odette Close who have both recently died. Francis funeral has been arranged for Thursday 14th February at 12:30pm in the Cemetery Chapel at Colchester, followed by burial at Colchester Cemetery and Odette's requiem mass will take place here on Wednesday 13th February at 11.00am. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved family and friends.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Thursday: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (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*].

**RED BOX THANK YOU AND APPEAL:** Fr Kevin Hughes MHM wishes to thank everyone in the parish for our welcome last weekend. If you did not get a chance to take a Red Box and you wish to do so, or you would like to find out more about Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, please speak to Ron Griffiths our Local Secretary for the Red Boxes. You can find more information or set up a Direct Debit online at [mission.org.uk/about-apf](http://mission.org.uk/about-apf)

**DIOCESAN 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTIONS:** Next Sunday (**10<sup>th</sup> February**) there will be a 2nd collection for the Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund – used to fund doctors and nurses on the pilgrimage as well as to provide assistance for individuals who are facing particular financial hardships especially those who also have medical needs.

**COLCHESTER LENT TALKS:** (with guest speakers) will be held at St James the Less and St Helens church **every Friday starting on 8th March - 12th April 2019** at 7.30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street. Admission Free. All are welcome.

**PARISH MEETING (Priory Street):** A meeting will be held in Cardinal Bourne Hall today (3<sup>rd</sup> Feb) at 12.00 (noon) to discuss the Church Balcony Extension – All Parishioners welcome.

**MILE END COFFEE MORNING:** today after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's, at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

**WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP:** The next Film showing is on **13<sup>th</sup> February** with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening 3 short films: "*Why do I have to go to Mass?*" "*Hostia*" (From St. Anthony's Communications). "*Blessed Dominic Barberi*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

**CATHOLICS IN COLCHESTER GROUP:** Meeting in crypt on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February** after morning mass.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY- ST PATRICKS DANCE: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** from 7.30pm - 10.30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall with live entertainment, dancers. More info to follow.

**GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK BOXES:** Calling all supporters of the Good Counsel Network who have a box. It has been 2 years since we appealed for boxes to be emptied. Please do get in touch to organise the collection and emptying of your box for this very good cause. On behalf of the Good Counsel Network we thank you for your support. Contact Anne on 01206-865717

**ST SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT: Open Day on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February.** The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £491pcm more information on the poster and from The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy – Princes Risborough (01844) 344437. Email: [info@stscholasticas.co.uk](mailto:info@stscholasticas.co.uk) [www.stscholasticas.co.uk](http://www.stscholasticas.co.uk)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21- 26 July**, under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams. For details see leaflet or contact Pilgrimage Administrator, Mrs. Cathy O'Connor (01206) 735623 or email [cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org](mailto:cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org)

**COLCHESTER FOOD BANK:** As more working families turn to Foodbanks for assistance in feeding their families we would like to thank everyone who donates and kindly request that you please keep donating items. *Please leave with the Parish Office, if possible during office hours, but please **NOT in the porch.*** All goods are always greatly appreciated by those in need and remember these people in your prayers. Thank you.

**SPRING SPIRITUALITY TALK - NEW DATE:** Mgr. David Manson will be giving a talk on "**The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Healing and Conversion**"- **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019** - 10.30am-12.00noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. Contact details: [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Tel. 01277 265285.

**VACANCIES: (1) BCCS** have a vacancy for a Head of School Services - please visit website [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) or email [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk) for further info or to arrange an informal chat. **(2) Mark's Catholic Primary School**, Ipswich, has vacancies for a Part Time Reception Class Teacher and Full Time Year 3 Class Teacher (maternity cover). Please visit the school's website: [www.stmarkscatholicprimary.co.uk](http://www.stmarkscatholicprimary.co.uk) **(3) Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School**, Chelmsford have a vacancy for a Headteacher - for an appointment call: 01245 353755

**MESSAGE FROM SVP:** If you know of someone who is lonely, housebound or simply in need of a friend or to join our group, please contact us, using the details below. To support SVP in their work a collection box is at the back of the church.

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

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com)  
or Tel: 07758 805263 [**answerphone only** – please leave a message]

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February: Team 1. 2019 Cleaning Rota's in porch.