

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 2nd	Church	6.15 pm	Edward Lenton RIP
Sunday 3rd	Church	8:00 am	David Anthony Hill RIP
	Church	10:30 am	Thanksgiving Mass
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
West Mersea		8:30 am	
Mile End		9:15 am	Ints: Bernie Ashcroft
Monkwick		10:15 am	Parishioners

Monday 4th	Church	9.30 am	St Charles Borromeo, Bp November Dead List
Tuesday 5th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Ints: Rose Robinson
Wednesday 6th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Tony McDaid RIP
STM School Mass	Church	12.15 pm	Victor Ike Iduwe RIP + Family
Thursday 7th	Church	9.30 am	Feria David Moor RIP + Family
Friday 8th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Deceased relatives of the Betts Family
Saturday 9th	Church	9.30 am	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Mr. Nunn RIP + Family + Associates

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

			Remembrance Day
Saturday 9th	Church	6.15 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Sunday 10th	Church	8:00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10:30 am	Dudley Cecil Bradshaw RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	5.00 pm	Holy Hour
	Church	6:30 pm	
West Mersea		8:30 am	Anniversary: Sid Ashmore
Mile End		9:15 am	Yadi Khodaverdi + John Mauger RIP
Monkwick		10:15 am	Victoria Conti 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 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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THIRTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
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We have a lot in common with Zacchaeus: We pay our taxes to the Government (HMRC) once a year. The tax collector Zacchaeus collected road tolls and taxes for goods being transported along local roads and sent these tolls to Rome once a year (*Palestine was governed by Rome at the time of Jesus*). However, what tax collectors like Zacchaeus paid was never checked by Rome to determine if the amount paid was correct which made this profession notorious for corruption. Therefore, it is no surprise that tax collectors at the time of Jesus were considered sinners! The people of Jericho were outraged with Jesus when he visited Zacchaeus in his home. This did not prevent Jesus from welcoming sinners; He is always waiting for you to turn to him. At the end of the passage today, Jesus said, *"The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost."* (Luke 19:10). When you meet Jesus, you will never be the same again, you will want to give up any wrongdoings and live a new life of grace. This is what happened to Zacchaeus, he would no longer be dishonest. Let us turn to the mercy of Jesus and be healed of our sins, renewed and transformed.

Fr. Nixon

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 NOVEMBER: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East. That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS. During this month, prayers and Masses are said for the Faithful Departed. *November Altar Lists of dead & Envelopes* are available in the Church Porch. Please put the names of your deceased family and friends on the list and place this in the envelope along with your donation and either hand the envelope to a priest or drop the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *The call to praise and affirm each other.* Jesus affirmed Zacchaeus by going to his house for a meal. How often is our focus on what we want our spouse to do rather than on how can we bring him/her life and joy? A daily reflection on where we need ask for forgiveness and on how we can affirm our spouse for something, brings us both new life.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pedro Daguio and Bridget Ann Irvine who have both recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Pedro's Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 11th November at 11.00^{am} and Bridget's Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 25th November at 11.00^{am}.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Friday 15th November 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].*

CONFIRMATION COURSE 2019/20: The confirmation classes for young people aged 13yrs to 18yrs old will commence on the **Sunday 17th November** after the 10:30^{am} mass, from 12:00^{pm} (noon) to 1:30^{pm} in the church crypt. They will then continue monthly on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Please contact Andrew or Elspeth Johnson with the names of candidates Andrew.johnson@uwclub.net or tel: (01206) 618846.

"CUPPA CLUB" The SVP coffee morning will be starting on **7th November** in Cardinal Bourne Hall from 10.00^{am}. Please do come along and join us.

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.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on **Wednesday 13th November** with a **start time of 1.15^{pm}** screening "*Father Brown*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard in porch for future films and screening dates.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **PARISH GIFT DAY:** Fr Chris and Fr Nixon invite you to join them on **Saturday 30th November** from **11.00^{am}-12.30^{pm}** in Cardinal Bourne Hall for our parish Gift Day, to help raise funds for your parish church. We are privileged to be members of this parish where our faith is nurtured and where we are passing it on through our children to future generations. We have four fine buildings in which to worship (and which need upkeep) and we are committed to reach out to our community and beyond, sharing our faith in word and deed, as Christ commissioned his disciples to do. For this ministry to be maintained and to flourish we need sufficient funds. We would urge everyone to join us and feel part of the move to put us back on an even keel on our Gift Day, whatever your level of giving (every penny counts!). Please hand your '*Parish Gift*' (cash or chq) to the clergy who will also be attending the Christmas afternoon Tea at 3^{pm}.
 - **CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA:** Please join us on **Saturday 30th November at 3^{pm}** in Cardinal Bourne Hall for a delicious, mouth-watering "Afternoon Tea". More info to follow.
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MISSION TODAY: Mission Today 2020 Calendars are available in the church porch. Red Box holders particularly are urged to take one. Free to all

CLIMATE CHANGE – NO PLANET B! The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre warmly invite you to a presentation by *Jack Wakefield, Campaigner at Tearfund Action*, at St John Payne Parish Hall, Colchester CO4 3QD on **Saturday, 30th November 2019 at 2^{pm} for 2.15^{pm} start**, finishing with tea and Evening Prayer to mark the beginning of Advent (end time 5.30^{pm}). To book a place email crssuk@canonesses.co.uk or call 01206-867296.

VOCATIONS (PRIESTHOOD): The next "*Enquirers' Evening*" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 5th November at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. For further info please contact Fr Mark Swires - vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CAFOD's diocesan Memorial Mass in honour of supporters, friends and loved ones who have died will take place this year on **Wed 13th November at 12^{pm}** at St Edward the Confessor RC Church, 5 Park End Road, Romford RM1 4AT at 12pm. You are warmly welcome to attend the mass followed by a short reception hosted by the Golden Club in the parish hall. For more info, please contact Chris Driscoll at brentwood@cafod.org.uk or call 01268 551293 or 07776 493162

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES is growing in numbers and we are looking to recruit pilgrims who can offer medical support, either doctors or nurses, but also pilgrims who would be happy to assist in other ways such as acting as a companion to a pilgrim during the week. We will be holding an information evening at St Augustine's Church, Springfield, Chelmsford on 26th November at 7.30^{pm}. For further info, contact Cathy O'Connor; tel.01026 735623 Email: cathy@brentwoodlourdes.com , Patrick Parsons; Tel. 01621 851875 email: Patrick.parsons@btinternet.com .

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: a fantastic offer from Joe Walsh Tours. (they come highly recommended) 7 Nights. Half board. Flights etc. Flying from Southend 19 May 2020. £645 or £545 if paid by 6 Dec. For full details, Itinerary and booking form please contact Alex McArthur on 07712812473 or preferably email: mcarthur77@outlook.com so I can send you the info.

PAN-AFRICAN MASS FOR THE AFRICAN COMMUNITIES: Pan-African Annual Mass for the African Communities will be celebrated on 10th Nov at 3^{pm} at St George's Catholic Church, 132 Shernhall Street, London E17 9HU. The theme of the Mass is "African Catholic Youth in the Church, today and tomorrow". Reception after the Mass in the Parish Hall. All are cordially invited.

❖ **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 4th November: **Team 1**
