

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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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 3rd	Church	6.15 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Sunday 4th	Church	8:00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10:30 am	Patricia Urquhart RIP
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	Maleck Soormally RIP
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Matthew Johnston RIP
	Mile End	9:15 am	Lorna Komery RIP
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Leslie Hawken RIP
Monday 5th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Margaretta Wright RIP
	Church	11.00 am	REQUIEM MASS: Christine Mary Bueggeln RIP
Tuesday 6th			TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
	Church	9.30 am	Kathleen Shock RIP
Wednesday 7th			Feria
	Church	12.15 pm	Andrea L'Esperance RIP
Thursday 8th			St Dominic, Pr
	Church	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday 9th			ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, V, M
	Church	9.30 am	
	Church	12.30 pm	REQUIEM MASS: Dennis Stephen Furtado RIP
Saturday 10th			ST LAWRENCE, DEACON, M
	Church	9.30 am	

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 10th	Church	6.15 pm	Patrick Quinlivan RIP
Sunday 11th	Church	8:00 am	Deceased Members O'Grady Family
	Church	10:30 am	Bree Heffernan RIP
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	5:00 pm	Holy Hour
	Church	6:30 pm	
	West Mersea	8:30 am	
	Mile End	9:15 am	Holy Souls
	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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Last weekend, a number of pilgrims from the diocese returned from a prayerful and fruitful time in Lourdes. In reality, we never simply 'go back' from a pilgrimage or retreat, instead we have always been changed by the experience of encountering God in a different place and with a group of people that are perhaps new to us. This is especially true when we think of how we journey with those who are unwell or suffering in any way in Lourdes. As we become more aware of our own human frailty, we realise that Our Lady's request of 'penance' which she gave to St. Bernadette, is to draw us closer to God, so that he can heal and transform us into the caring, loving image of him that he intends us to be. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Deacon Adrian

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 AUGUST: *Families, Schools of Human Growth*

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *To love as God loves.* It's easy to be drawn into the world's plan for material success and lose sight of why we married each other. Slightly changing the words of the Gospel we might read, 'Fool, who will benefit from this hoard when your married love has died?' Let us work hard at making us rich in love for each other and with God.

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].*

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**

LENTEN TALKS 2020: We are pleased to advise that due to the success of this years Lenten talks and the positive feedback received, these talks will be held again next year. We are looking for a volunteer to front the event and work alongside a small team of people who will be assisting. If interested and to find out more info, please speak to Fr Chris.

REPOSITORY SHOP: Please note the Sunday Repository shop is now closed and will reopen on Sunday 8th September. There will still be a selection of cards available in church porch to purchase.

PARISH BBQ: THANK YOU to everyone who supported and attended our BBQ last weekend, it was a great success and enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Frances and Norah for their hard work in organising the event, to Armando who manned the BBQ and to the volunteers who assisted on the day. We are happy to advise that £265.43 was raised for Parish Funds.

MILE END NEWS: Coffee Morning on 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 at Jenny ODonnell, 8 Woodstock, CO5 on **Thursday 13th August from 10.30_{am} til 12.30_{pm}.** Everyone most welcome

CAN YOU SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS A MONTH TO CLEAN YOUR CHURCH?

Reliable and committed volunteers **URGENTLY REQUIRED** to help with cleaning the Church. Please contact the Presbytery on (01206) 866317 if you would like to volunteer.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on **Wednesday, 7th August**, with a **start time of 1.15_{pm}** screening "*The Agony and The Ecstasy*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments

PARISH PARTNERSHIP: Please note that the insert in the Clacton newsletter of 28th July does not reflect the thinking of the rest of the clergy and the stewards - it is only a suggestion put forward by Canon Peter. A proposal from the other clergy and the stewards will be presented for discussion in due course.

FR GARY DENCH: Please be advised that Sunday 25th August will be Fr Gary's last Sunday in our Parish before his move to Brentwood. We wish him every Blessing as he joins his new parish in a few weeks' time

BIBLE STUDY GROUP led by Sister Angela Morris; the new term will start on **Wednesday 11th September**, in the Crypt from **10_{am}-12_{pm}**. We will be exploring *Belief in the Spirit of God in the life of Israel and the world as expressed in the Bible*. Everyone welcome.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: On **September 7th**, the coach will depart from St John Payne Church, Greenstead at **8.30_{am}** arriving back at approximately 7_{pm}. Cost: Adults £20 / Children £10. Payment can be made on the day and will be collected on the coach. Bring a packed lunch and drinks with you. For further info and to book your seat, please contact Ann Roughan on 07889101762 who will be happy to help you.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER, Mersea Island, 26th-27th October 2019 (half term weekend). The Youth Gather is for anyone in school year 9-13, and includes a mix of inspiring speakers, reflection and prayer, together with outward bound activities like zip wires, high ropes and climbing walls. The cost of £50 includes coach from Stratford, Romford, Basildon, Brentwood, Chelmsford or Southend, as well as all meals and activities. Full details and online booking at <https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2019/>

CALAIS LIGHT: Ever wanted to help the refugees in Calais but unsure how? We run weekend convoys from Brentwood to volunteer with refugee charities there. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais - the fact is they are there - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them. Please think about this & volunteer. **Next Trips: 13-15th Sept; 22- 24th Nov; 31 Jan-Feb 2.** Sign up for a convoy or donate with compassion at www.calaislight.com

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: Food donations are especially welcome during the school holiday period- All donations are always gratefully appreciated. Please remember those in need in your prayers.

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 5th August: Team 3.