

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 3rd	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Fr Philip Willenbrock RIP
Sunday 4th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Ints: Samantha + Jon Hume
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	W. Robinson RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Anniversary: Maeve McAleer
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Donor (EE)

Monday 5th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Margaret Murray

Tuesday 6th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Bridget Ann Irvine RIP

Wednesday 7th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Dave Green + Family

Thursday 8th			THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Tony Dixon RIP
	<i>Church</i>	11.00 am	Funeral Mass: Kevern Percy Flanagan RIP

Friday 9th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving
	<i>Church</i>	1.30 pm	Funeral Mass: Bernadette Maria Mirza RIP

Saturday 10th			The Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Lino Pedro

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) EDUCATION DAY

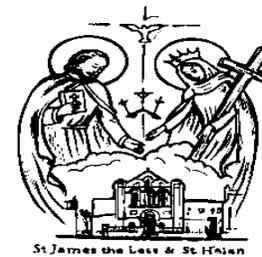
Saturday 10th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Ints: Mary Davies
Sunday 11th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Ints: Margaret + Family
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Mrs. Andrea L'Esperance RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Sarah Wall RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Rosakutty Thomas 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).
- ❖ 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).

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Bookings:** colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) WEEK COMMENCING 4TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Fresh back from my holidays, I put my bags down and headed for the kitchen for a much-needed refreshment, a drink, a biscuit... No sooner had I entered the kitchen when I was met by the disarray of everything everywhere, instantly I remembered, after many many years we are finally getting our old and tired kitchen renovated! Before ever a hammer was lifted or a paintbrush dipped, Fr. Chris and the builders sat down to examine the entire situation. How bad were things? What kind of outcome would they like to see? Finally, and maybe most importantly, how much would it all cost? This Sunday's Gospel is that kind of a moment. Jesus has just finished speaking about the great banquet of Heaven and now he wants to renovate the kitchen that is our spiritual life our souls to get us ready for Heaven. Jesus asks what builder would begin a work without counting the cost? Before we can know how much it will cost, we too must make a thorough examination of the state of play. We are called to live nothing less than the holiness of Christ! This is a supernatural ask needing supernatural grace. An examination of conscience is a very practical way of becoming aware of what is lacking, what is leaking, what does not work? With eyes illumined by truth and hearts warmed by a genuine desire to love, we enter the dialogue with Jesus and through the door of a contrite examination of conscience, we let Jesus in to our hearts for the welcome renewal and regeneration that he brings in the sacrament of confession.

Fr. Paschal

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 SEPTEMBER: Abolition of the Death Penalty. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Wisdom 9:13-18; Phil 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33) **Consent to love God above all else; seek to not force anything.** Today, Jesus sets out the cost of discipleship: “*none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions*”. Throughout His life and in dying for us, Jesus demonstrated a self-emptying way of loving. As His disciples, our call is to follow Him by putting each other first; thereby dying to selfishness and setting ourselves free.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially 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 souls of Peter Francis Kerins, Alberto Armando Cardente & Pauline Carter (*Eucharistic Minister at Monkwick*) who have all recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Peter's funeral service will be at St James the Less & St Helen on Monday 3rd October at 11.45am. Pauline's funeral service will be at St Theresa's, Lexden on Thursday 8th September at 10.00am. Alberto's service will be at Colchester Crematorium on Tuesday 20th September at 12.30pm.

DEC PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL: A 2nd Collection will be taken this weekend for the devastating floods that have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SACRAMENTAL COURSES. Our Faith Formation Programs rely on good Catechists and Volunteers to model God's love to the children and assist the parents in bringing them knowledge and understanding of the faith. We are looking for parents/volunteers to help run the Confirmation + Holy Communion courses beginning in September. **Please consider adding your name to the list 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.

NEXT 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken for Education Day on 11th September. This takes place at the start of the academic year; and offers us an opportunity to pray to Almighty God for all people involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead.

FIRST COMMUNION APPLICATION FORMS: If your child will be starting in Year 4 or above in September and would like to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion - application forms are in the church porch, please complete and drop through Presbytery door. The Programme begins with the **Parents Meeting on 10th September 11am in the Hall.** All parents must complete a **Candidate Application form in Church porch and drop the form through Presbytery door.**

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS: There is usually an annual celebration of this Sacrament for young people in Year 9 or above. Application forms are in the church porch, please complete form and drop through Presbytery door. The Programme begins early September– details to follow.

LITTLE SAINTS TOTS: Our parish Tots group is starting back up on Wednesday 7th September 2022 and every Wednesday during term time 8:50am-11am. All welcome for play, crafts and a snack. Tea/coffee for adults. Any questions please contact Julia on 07854296437.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: The Deanery is organising a day of input and prayer for all present Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. This will take place on a Saturday from 10am to 4pm (date to be confirmed next week) at St. Sabina, Brightlingsea, CO7 0LP, please bring a packed lunch. If attending, please confirm by email to Colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org Thank you.

SVP RACE NIGHT 17th September 7.30-10pm. 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

BCYS + LOURDES: This is always the highlight of our BCYS calendar and, despite just returning, we are already planning for our 2023 pilgrimage! The applications will open from 24th October and you can apply online where you will find all the details of next Summer's trip www.bcys.net

SVP CUPPA CLUB: will meet every **Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in Cardinal Bourne Hall.

VOCATIONS: The next “Enquirers' Evening” for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 6th September** at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Bishop Alan. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

RIDE & STRIDE: Saturday 10th September 9-5pm. ENGLISH HERITAGE DAY: Saturday 17th September 10.30am-5pm

PARLIAMENT IN YOUR PARISH (CAFOD): Last year, in the lead up to COP26, St Teresa of Lisieux took part in an on-line discussion with our MP, Will Quince, supported by Chris Driscoll from CAFOD. Mr. Quince has very kindly agreed to meet with us again, this time face-to-face in our parish hall, on **Friday 30 September at 2.00pm.** If you are interested in attending this event, please email Peter Johnson maryandpeter13@btinternet.com for more info and advise that you are attending event.



Prayer For Peace In Ukraine. Give comfort to those who suffer because of the violence. Give comfort to those who mourn their dead, and strength to neighboring countries to welcome the refugees. Convert the hearts of those who resort to arms and protect those who work to promote peace

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Thursday 08/09/22: **Team 1** / Monday 12/09/22: **Team 2**
CBH COFFEE MORNING: 04/09/22: **Diane + Adrian** / 11/09/22: The O'Sullivan's