

# 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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## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Tony Dixon RIP
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Ints: Edwina Pastor
	Church	10:30 am	Anniv: Thomas Alexander MacKinlay
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Private Intention
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken RIP
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Mr. Tony Dixon, Mr. John Sales, Mr. Eddie Caldeira, Mr. Ivan Norfolk, RIP
	Church	4.00 pm	Reception into Church: Ivan Norfolk RIP
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Marcelina (Sally) Widman RIP
		12.00 pm	Funeral Service: Ivan Norfolk RIP
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Jim McGinley RIP
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St. Osyth, Rel</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Mary Murphy RIP
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St John Henry Newman, Pr</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Josef Von Wrede RIP
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Memorial of BVM</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Frances Jane Hall RIP

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Brian James Scobey RIP
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	David Anthony Hill RIP
	Church	9.15 am	Parishioners
	Church	10:30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Donal Carey RIP
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Ints: Fr. Neil Brett
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Private Intention

**FACE MASKS. It is now a legal requirement that facemasks or coverings are worn when entering all places of worship (unless you are medically exempt or under 3yrs)**

There is no obligation for the faithful to attend Sunday Mass. You can attend Mass on any weekday.

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after morning or evening mass.
- ❖ Mass Intentions. These can be posted through the presbytery letterbox and they will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website).
- ❖ If you are self-isolating and would like to speak to a priest or have any worries, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317 and we will try to help you.

Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news + clergy photos and videos. Please remember to like our page in order to follow us.

For some people, perhaps many, religion is about going to church, saying prayers and trying to be nice to others; not a bad start really, we all need to practice them. However, it does leave out of account much of everyday life. In the second reading this Sunday, St. Paul exhorts his readers to 'fill your minds' and goes on with the characteristics of what he is encouraging Christians to do. If we are to fulfil his exhortation then we need to consider everything we do, since our conscious minds are on the go all the time we are awake. He doesn't split our lives into religious bits and the rest (usually the far larger part). It is a call to reflect on everything we do, especially what we might think of as, 'everyday life' and particularly on relaxation. The test is the goodness of what we are doing, not what we might loosely but inaccurately call its religious aspect. Of course, if we do attempt to do what he encourages us, we will discover that the separation of 'religion' and 'everyday' is false, we are called to live life entirely as Christians. Is the book I am reading in accord with the Gospel? The film I'm watching? The hobby I spend time on? Could my money be used for better purposes? We don't have to drop out of society, just ask about the truth, nobility, goodness, purity etc. of how we spend our time, especially how we choose to relax.

Fr. Chris

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**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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<b>DAILY</b>	Morning Prayer at 9.45 <sub>am</sub>	<b>from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<b>All Temporarily suspended</b>
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 <sub>pm</sub> )	

Dear Parishioners and Friends,  
Covid-19 still presents many challenges to us all. It can seem at times overwhelming but despite all the restrictions, let us be thankful that we can once again gather together, despite social distancing, as God's people.

Please note the following norms in order to promote a COVID 19 safe environment :-

- ♦ Churches will open 20 minutes before start of Mass as it will take longer than normal to enter the church, please make allowances
- ♦ Entrance to Church will be via the main door, exit by the side door
- ♦ Hand sanitiser is available at entrance and exit, though you may bring your own
- ♦ It will be essential that people sit where they are asked and do not move from there
- ♦ The use of face covering/mask in Church is now mandatory (please don't forget yours when attending mass) and that you wear it so that it covers both your mouth and nose.
- ♦ When chatting with people from outside your household (or bubble), before or after Mass, you must maintain social distancing. If you are wearing a mask, this means a minimum of one-metre distance. If you are not wearing a mask: two metres distance is essential.
- ♦ An Offertory Collection will be taken at each mass with 'collection bags' available on entry and exit; the donation station is also useable
- ♦ No touching of Statues or Images in Church
- ♦ Toilets will be closed except for genuine emergencies.
- ♦ We are still required to have stewards at every Mass and after the service; the church will be cleaned in readiness for the next Mass.

**THE PARISH STEWARDS ARE HERE TO HELP AND DIRECT YOU TO YOUR SEAT(S), PLEASE BE POLITE TO THEM AS THEY CAN ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND DIOCESAN REGULATIONS.**

*Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who has reason to believe that they have been in contact with someone who has, should not attend church or volunteer in any capacity until they have received medical advice that it is safe to do so.*

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**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER** **The Laity's Mission in the Church**  
We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

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**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, Valerie Thurston, Joan Jeal, Jimmy Clarin. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leslie MacDonald who has recently passed away. May he rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of his bereaved family and friends. Leslie's funeral details are to be advised.

**READERS:** Currently there is no Readers rota in force - can volunteers please arrive early and make it known to stewards/clergy that they would like to read. Readers are to sit in first row as directed by Stewards. Thank you

**CONTACT REQUEST:** We have received a cheque from M. T. Williams - please can you contact the presbytery on 01206 866317. Many thanks

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**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Isaiah 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Matt 21:33-43) ***Loving and honouring each other and the Lord.*** When you married you took each other *for better, for worse*. God experienced the 'worse' when his 'bride', the Jewish people, rejected him by worshipping other gods. The 'worse' for you may be when your spouse mocks your beliefs. Have you shared your hurt, let them know your pain? Remember, though, that God has loved the 'worst' in you

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**MERSEA NEWS:** Mass Bookings will continue at Mersea in order to control numbers attending. Please use the following links for masses over the next 5 weekends (right click booking form and open hyperlink) alternatively, links for booking forms are on website under mass times: -

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October [Booking Form](#) Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October [Booking Form](#)  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October [Booking Form](#) Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November [Booking Form](#)

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** We would like to invite a Eucharistic Minister (from our existing team) to assist the priests with Holy Communion at our masses with larger attendances (i.e. 8<sub>am</sub> and 10.30<sub>am</sub> Sunday masses). On the day, please speak to the priest before mass if you would like to volunteer to assist for that service. Thank you.

**CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY:** Envelopes are situated at entrance and exit, please leave your donation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection box on the table by church exit. Thank You.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS:** A basket is at the church exit for your donations. CAFOD: 04/10/20; Prisoner's Sunday: 11/10/20; World Mission Sunday: 18/10/20. Please give what you can to help those less fortunate. Thank You.

**NHS COVID-19 APP:** This is now available to download on your mobile device for free <https://covid19.nhs.uk/>. It is part of the NHS Test and Trace service to help stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The app includes contact tracing, local area alerts and venue check-in. It is available in multiple languages to people over 16 years old. The Government is urging people across England and Wales to download it to help control the spread of coronavirus and protect themselves and their loved ones as case numbers rise. The QR Code is on a poster at entrance to church for scanning via the app.

**SVP NEWS:** During this Coronavirus crisis, we have continued to respond to the needs of our beneficiaries, helped with practical issues and providing food for the homeless, using Beacon House as a distribution hub, while relying on the kindness of our volunteer sandwich makers. We are unable to carry out fund raising events and still need to raise money to keep our vital work going. We are therefore asking you to give as generously as you are able – there is an SVP box in the church porch. We are most grateful for your help.

**PARISH FINANCES:** Some people have experienced financial hardship during the lockdown and face uncertain financial futures. Our parish has also experienced the challenge of much reduced finances, which is a serious concern. We thank you in advance for the offering that you give today.

If you wish to make an offering/donation this can be done in various ways: -

- By dropping envelope through Presbytery door (please write on envelope Mass Offering)
- Donation baskets are situated at entrance and exit of church
- Setting up a regular gift by Standing Order, (please contact Presbytery office for form).
- The Donation Station (in Church porch)
- Diocesan Online Donation platform (where donations can also be gift aided):-  
St. James the Less & St. Helen <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>  
St. Joseph, Mile End: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-c>  
St. Cedd & St. Gregory: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>  
St. Theodore of Canterbury: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

**Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you**

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**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL:** The hall is closed and all group activity suspended until further notice.  
**SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)

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