

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ([B])**

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| <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>8:00 am</b>  | Parishioners                                |
|                              | <b>10:30 am</b> | George M RIP                                |
|                              | <b>2:00 pm</b>  | Polish/English Mass                         |
|                              | <b>4.00 pm</b>  | Filipino Mass                               |
|                              | <b>6:30 pm</b>  | Holy Souls                                  |
| <i>West Mersea</i>           | <b>8:30 am</b>  |   |
| <i>Mile End</i>              | <b>9:15 am</b>  | Angela Jardim RIP                           |
| <i>Monkwick</i>              | <b>10:15 am</b> | 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Ints: Mary Davies |

**Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**N.B.** Church **9.30 am** **MONDAY – Feria**  
Canon John Bloomfield RIP

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Church **9.30 am** **TUESDAY – Feria**  
Chris Treby RIP

**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Church **12.15 pm** **WEDNESDAY – Feria**  
Ints: Sally Widman

Mersea **7.00 pm** Holy Souls

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Church **9:30 am** **THURSDAY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**  
Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Church **12.15 pm** Thomas & Bridget Lohan RIP

Church **7.30 pm**

**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

Church **9:30 am** **FRIDAY – Feria**  
Pat Lohan RIP

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

Church **9:30 am** **SATURDAY St John Houghton, Pr, M**  
Sean Lohan RIP

**6.15 pm** Darren Ledger RIP

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ([B])  
(World Communications Day)**

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| <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>8:00 am</b>  | Sean Steele RIP                   |
|                               | <b>10:30 am</b> | Selwyn Caldeira RIP               |
|                               | <b>2:00 pm</b>  | Polish/English Mass               |
|                               | <b>5.00 pm</b>  | Holy Hour (Eucharistic Adoration) |
|                               | <b>6:30 pm</b>  | Tommie Lohan RIP                  |
| <i>West Mersea</i>            | <b>8:30 am</b>  | Parishioners                      |
| <i>Mile End</i>               | <b>9:15 am</b>  | Derrick Leo Foley RIP             |
| <i>Monkwick</i>               | <b>10:15 am</b> | Holy Souls                        |

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 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 are available

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

### WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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Many people nowadays have a strong reaction to the word, 'Commandment'. Their attitude could be summed up as, 'I will not serve'. In effect they make a claim to absolute autonomy, absolute self-determination. This is false, and there are consequences to holding to something untrue. Claiming to be absolutely autonomous implies absolute responsibility, whatever the person does or omits to do, they alone are responsible. So there can be no forgiveness because that implies someone able to forgive and therefore someone to whom the person is responsible. The way out chosen by many today is also false. They cling to absolute autonomy, they will not serve, yet they deny responsibility for their actions by both denying they do anything wrong and by blaming others for whatever they don't like in their lives. In a word, narcissism. The reality? We are creatures, not absolutely autonomous, but our Creator is love itself so service can become an act of love.

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

|                                |  |               |
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| SUNDAYS:                       | Divine Mercy and Rosary <i>following</i> | 8.00am Mass   |
| CHRISTIAN MEDITATION           | Tuesdays in Crypt                        | 8:00pm        |
| DAILY:                         | Morning Prayer                           | 8:30am        |
| Rosary/Divine Mercy            |  | 8:50am        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY | Eucharistic Adoration                    | 5.00pm-6.00pm |

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers, Tony Allen, John Ashdown-Hill, Pat Banks, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jason McLean, Bernadette McLean, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Elizabeth Pace, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Alice White, Patricia Wiltshire.

**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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** In his message for the **World Communications Day 2018**, Pope Francis calls for a “journalism for peace” in response to the threat of fake news, which “thrives on the absence of healthy confrontation with other sources of information”. Please see Pope Francis address on poster and please take a prayer card (in porch).

**FR PHILIP WILLENBROCK HEALTH UPDATE:** Fr Philip is continuing to recover and is making good progress, he is hoping to be back with us in a couple of weeks. Please continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to Michael & Urszula who were married at Priory Street this weekend.

**ROSARY ON THE COAST:** We would like to thank everyone who turned up at Mersea to pray the Holy Rosary – There was a very good turn out by all. Thank you

**RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH:** RCIA final meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm - 8.30pm (in the Crypt). Next course will be advertised in newsletter later this year.

**GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS:** There are ***still many boxes uncollected***. If yours is among them, please collect it from the porch in Priory Street. Thank you.

**MONKWICK NEWS:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> coffee morning of the season will be held at Grace McCartney's 20a Buxton Road on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 10am til 12 Noon. Everyone most welcome. p.s. realising that this is the Royal Wedding day the TV will be on!!

**PRIORY STREET:** We are looking for donations of any suitable plants, bushes incl. rose bushes for the garden and the hanging baskets at the front of the church – any donations either in plants or monetary would be most welcome. Thank you

**COLCHESTER FOOD BANK:** Please keep donating items of tinned/dry goods along with cleaning products & long life fruit juices, milk and squashes, hygiene & sanitary products as all goods are always greatly appreciated.

**MILE END COFFEE MORNING:** today (Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>) after Mass, at the Dog & Pheasant.

**THY KINGDOM COME:** This Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension and with it, we begin the global wave of prayer via ‘THY KINGDOM COME’ for the renewal of the Christian faith. Family kits will be given out at mass on a 1<sup>st</sup> come basis, please help us pray with the millions of other people for the renewal of our faith.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS):** has secured Tandem Skydiving places on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Headcorn Airfield in Kent and is inviting applications from adventurous people throughout the diocese who would like to experience the excitement of a 10,000 feet freefall parachute jump and can commit to raising £500 for bccs. For more info and an application pack, please contact Julie Abbott 07912 277413 / [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL:** Bishop Alan will be holding a Thanksgiving mass for Marriage and Family Life and we have x4 tickets available for any couples or individuals who would like to attend on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm. Mass at Brentwood Cathedral will be followed by a reception in the Cathedral hall. Have you a significant wedding anniversary? Or newly married Please let us know if you are interested in attending this event.

***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: -***

**St JOHN PAYNE PAINTING GROUP:** are holding their annual “Exhibition of Work” tomorrow on bank holiday **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** from 12 noon onwards. Cards & Paintings for sale + Free Refreshments – All are welcome (sales and donations are in support of Essex First Sight).

**MASS FOR MIGRANTS: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** (Bank Holiday Monday), 11am, St George's Catholic Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY. All are welcome. More details on the poster at the back of the church

**PARISH ROAD SHOW:** Our Parish will be holding a “Road Show” on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** from 10am til 4pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall (*Sunday will be after Mass*). We have at least 26 groups within our Parish and hopefully all groups will be represented at this Road Show. We would love everyone to come along and learn about these groups and the rewarding and invaluable work that they do within our community, also they can never have enough volunteers to help them! We would also be grateful if anyone has any display boards that we could use over this weekend. For more event information or to donate the use of display boards please contact Lesley on 01206 970960.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA:** KSC Southern Provinces Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June**, departing East Hill @ 8.30am, and leaving Aylesford @ 5.00pm. The day at this beautiful venue includes Mass at 12 noon, and Rosary Procession followed by Benediction in the afternoon. Light refreshments are available but please bring a packed lunch. Cost incl. coach is £17 per head for adults, children free. To book please contact Ron Griffin (571590) or Justin Nathan (241347).

**CARITAS Diocese of Brentwood:** send an Invitation to all people working within the community in any aspect of social justice ministry & charity to attend a meeting on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July** at Sacred Heart School, Upminster 10.30am – 3.30pm please see letter in porch for more details of the event.

**SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Telephone number - **07493 439427**.

**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:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018: Team 4.

