

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 5th	Church	6.15 pm	John Hynes RIP
Sunday 6th	Church	8.00 am	Donor's Intention (Baby)
	Church	10:30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Donor's Intention (Colyer)
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Athol Brown RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners	
Monday 7th			Feria
	Church	10.00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Tuesday 8th			THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
	Church	10.00 am	Marcelina (Sally) Widman RIP
Wednesday 9th			Feria
	Church	10.00 am	Canon John Bloomfield
Thursday 10th			Feria
	Church	10.00 am	Donor's Intention (C.F-T)
Friday 11th			Feria
	Church	10.00 am	Edward John Caldeira RIP
Saturday 12th			Feria
	Church	10.00 am	Rosemary Lamare RIP

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

Saturday 12th	Church	6.15 pm	Marie Allan RIP
Sunday 13th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10:30 am	Vivien Clancy RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Monkwick	10:15 am	Athol Brown RIP	

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)

It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- ❖ 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.

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, subject to hospital restrictions due to virus.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
WEEK COMMENCING 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE

In certain types of film one often finds a protagonist confronted with some kind of evil creature and they defend themselves by holding up a cross, with the evil creature forthwith retreating in disorder. Occasionally the film producer is more realistic, and the creature is not repelled but instead indicates that something more is needed than just holding up the cross, faith. In today's Gospel we are given what seems to be a simple formula for asking for blessings, whereas it is not so simple as first appears. To ask, 'in Jesus' name' is to be of one mind and heart with Jesus and to do so in communion with one or two others who are of the same disposition. Further, there is the matter of what is being requested. There needs to be discernment, is the request in itself in accord with the mind of Jesus and secondly, is it his will that the request be made? We could refer, yet again, to the phrase in the Our Father, 'Thy will be done on earth'.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	All Temporarily suspended
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 _{pm})	

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.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: *Respect for the Planet's Resources.* We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Ezek 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20) ***To listen is to Love.*** Matthew reminds us of Jesus' promise "...where two or more meet in my name I will be with them". In all the practical ways we look after each other, we are saying; 'your concerns are my concerns'. Nothing is too small or insignificant in our marriage, and my beloved is beside me to call me back to our life together.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially, John Sales, Tony Dixon, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Valerie Thurston, Joan Jeal, Jimmy Clarin. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

FR PASCHAL UCHE: We welcome Fr Paschal to our Parish as assistant priest. Please pray for him as he takes up this position, and that he will help our parish to grow in faith and in numbers!

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Edward (Eddie) Caldeira, and Atholl Edward Colin Brown who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Atholl's graveside service will take place on 11th September at Colchester Cemetery. Eddie's funeral mass will take place here on 25th September at 11.00_{am} then onto Colchester Cemetery.

MERSEA NEWS: Mass Bookings will continue at Mersea in order to control numbers attending. Please use the following links for masses over the next 3 weekends (right click booking form and open hyperlink) alternatively, links for booking form are on website under mass times: -
Sunday 6th September @ 8.30_{am} [Booking Form](#)
Sunday 13th September @ 8.30_{am} [Booking Form](#)
Sunday 20th September @ 8.30_{am} [Booking Form](#)

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society): The SVP are here to provide help for our local community. As schools prepare to reopen in September we are aware that some families are struggling with the cost of necessities such as uniforms etc. If this is you or anyone you know, please contact us and we will see what help we are able to provide. Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

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

FACEBOOK: Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, photo's etc. Please like our page to follow us.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – 2020 VIRTUAL FUN/WALK. This year, instead of walking 2k or 5k around the Barleylands site in Billericay, we are joining in the fun walk trust's virtual walk and asking our supporters to walk anywhere, anytime in September in support of our work for further info <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/2020-virtual-fun-walk> . we would be very happy to hear from parish or family groups who would like to walk for us – please email Libby: lphillips@bccs.org.uk

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: During these difficult times, more people are turning to Foodbanks for assistance in feeding themselves and their families. If you are able to take essential items to them, they would be greatly appreciated. For more info & their address <https://colchester.foodbank.org.uk/locations/> Please remember local people in crisis in your prayers.

SCAM WARNING: for all the latest info on fraudulent scams and how to protect yourself, please check out Action Fraud: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news>

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: cb.hall@btinternet.com
or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message with name + contact number]
