

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Pat Keogh RIP
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Bridget + Adrian Collard FIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Elizabeth Okaro RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Kathleen Payne RIP
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	November Altar List
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving Int: Nancy Dixon 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Deceased relatives of Betts Family
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Leo the Great, P, D</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Michael + Ellen Kate Conlon RIP
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Martin of Tours, Bp</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Deceased relatives of Farrell Family
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Josaphat, Bp. M</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Dudley Bath RIP
			<b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Remembrance Sunday</b>
<b>Saturday 12<sup>h</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Anniversary: Rosalie Sutcliffe RIP
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Agatha Nally RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	November Altar List
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Ints: Mary Hazell
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP



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St James the Less and St Helen Catholic Church, Colchester

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**  
**WEEK COMMENCING 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

The Sadducees, mentioned in today's Gospel, were one of the major sects within Judaism at the time of Jesus. They were associated with the Temple and therefore the priesthood, and were of high social status. One aspect of their belief was a literalist approach to the Law, in other words, claiming that one just had to read the text and follow what was written; and they would only believe what was literally written, on their understanding. The encounter with Jesus shows the basic weakness of this approach, such literalists project onto the written word their own presuppositions and prejudices. We see something similar today with those who claim to be Christian fundamentalists. A classic example would be Jesus' words at the last supper, 'This is my body'. Fundamentalists won't accept the obvious, literal meaning (real presence!) despite the absolute clarity of the words, because of their pre-existing prejudice against the real presence. Mis-reading of the Bible lies at the root of virtually every split between groups claiming to be Christian, hence the Catholic insistence that studying the scriptures is something to be done with humility and guidance. We might also remember that the devil quotes scripture, when Jesus is being tempted in the desert. PS the Sadducees became extinct with the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD.

Fr. Chris

- ❖ 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 9.30<sub>am</sub> Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00<sub>pm</sub> 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 Enquiries/Bookings:** [colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org)  
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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 NOVEMBER: *Children Who Suffer***

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS.** DURING THIS MONTH, PRAYERS AND MASSES ARE SAID FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED. *NOVEMBER ALTAR LISTS OF DEAD & ENVELOPES* ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH PORCH. PLEASE PUT THE NAMES OF YOUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON THE LIST AND PLACE THIS IN THE ENVELOPE ALONG WITH YOUR DONATION AND EITHER HAND THE ENVELOPE TO A PRIEST OR DROP THE ENVELOPE THROUGH THE PRESBYTERY LETTERBOX.

**ADVENT EVENING PRAYER:** Each Sunday Evening of Advent (27/11/22 + 04/12/22 + 11/12/22 + 18/12/22) at St James the Less & St Helen we will be holding Exposition at 5.30pm, Evening Prayer at 6.00pm followed by Benediction. This is a chance to spend a short while each week in stillness, contemplation, and community.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Macc 7: 1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38) **Rejoice, our reward is great in heaven.** Today we are asked to believe in God's untiring love. When we married we said ... 'til death us do part'; this helps us live in sure and certain hope of eternal life as He promised. We seek to not be distracted by outside pressures, but to turn to each other in our difficulties and to listen with open hearts.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Ron Griffin, Mike Taylor, Darline + Peter Wyatt, 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.

**NEXT DIOCESAN 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for World Day of the Poor on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022 with the theme *"let us love, not with words but with deeds."* The Christian is called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and neighbour, especially the most vulnerable. Pope Francis reminds us, *"If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor."* To read the message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the sixth World Day Of The Poor: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20220613-messaggio-vi-giornatamondiale-poveri-2022.html> (As per previous years we will split the proceeds of this collection between Josie's Kitchen and the SVP, both of whom play such a vital role in our Parish with assisting those in need). Thank you.

**REPOSITORY:** Christmas Cards & Calendars are now available for sale in the Church Porch along with a new selection of Mass Intention cards – prices on items; please leave monies in Repository Box. Thank you

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES:** The First Holy Communion Certificates are ready for collection from the Presbytery for all the children who celebrated their sacrament on 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Also available are the Certificates for those who celebrated this Sacrament in 2021.

'WALK WITH ME' Booklets (ADVENT EDITION): in church porch at £1 a copy

RED MISSIO BOXES: Please collect your emptied boxes from the Presbytery Office.



**SAVE THE DATE! Christmas Celebration on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022 in Cardinal Bourne Hall** from 11<sup>am</sup> to 3.30<sup>pm</sup>. There will be lots to see and do; Christmas Card making for children, Fr Christmas, Hot Chestnut Stall, Baked good stalls, Bar & Gift Tombolas, Tabletop sale (£10 per table – book early to reserve your table!) Raffle, Refreshments will be served (Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks, and Mulled Wine), assorted live and recorded music, All Day Breakfast & Baked potatoes in Crypt. From 4-5.30<sup>pm</sup> Children's film –from 6-8<sup>pm</sup> Carol Service in Church.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – SPRING 2023 :** The next First Holy Communion classes will start in the spring term 2023. If your child is currently in years 3 or 4, please send the following information to [fhcstjamescolchester@gmail.com](mailto:fhcstjamescolchester@gmail.com) to register your interest.

♦ Child's Name	♦ Name of School Attended
♦ Parents' Name(s)	♦ School Year Group

You will be contacted via email with further information. Thank you.

**JOSIE'S KITCHEN:** Josie is looking for donations of various items to make her care packages for the Homeless at Christmas. If you can spare any of the following food items: - Cup-a-soups, sachets of instant drinks i.e. coffee, hot chocolate, long life milk. Tins of ready meals e.g. Chilli-con-carne, pies, casserole, minced beef, hot dogs, baked beans, macaroni cheese, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit + puddings, small multipack snacks (penguin/club/twix), crisps, biscuits. These items make a big difference to their lives and show them that they are cared for in our community. Please drop your donations into the Presbytery. Thank You for your continued generosity and support.

**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.

**SVP CUPPA CLUB:** will meet every **Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games & crafts, etc., will be available.

**LITTLE SAINTS TOTS:** Our parish Tots group is **every Wednesday** during term time **8:50am-11am**. All welcome for play, crafts and a snack. Tea/coffee for adults. If you attend with your child, please consider volunteering, please contact Julia on 07854296437.

**DIVINE MERCY RETREAT:** The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Teresa's RC Church, Brook Road, Newbury Park, Ilford, Essex, IG2 7JA on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 from 1:30<sup>pm</sup> to 4<sup>pm</sup>. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.



**PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE.** We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide their choices.

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Monday 07/11/22: **Team 2 /** Monday 14/11/22: **Team 3**  
**CBH COFFEE MORNING:** 06/11/22: **Peggy & Anne/** 13/11/22: **Yolande + 1**