

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

**WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK**

**1 PARISH , 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY**

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>6.15 pm</b>	
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Catenians</i>	<b>8:00 am</b>	David Anthony Hill RIP
		<b>10:30 am</b>	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
		<b>4.00 pm</b>	Filipino Mass
		<b>6:30 pm</b>	
	<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Nora McKenna RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Ints: Kathleen Payne
	<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Barry Fitzgerald RIP
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Francisco Javier De Stefano Perez RIP
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
		<b>12.15 pm</b>	Francisco Javier De Stefano Perez RIP
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>ST BENEDICT, Ab</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

### Sea Sunday

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>6.15 pm</b>	
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>8:00 am</b>	Bridgid Lowe RIP
		<b>10:30 am</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
		<b>5.00 pm</b>	Holy Hour
		<b>6:30 pm</b>	
	<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Barry Donovan RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Anniv: Barry Fitzgerald
	<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession):</b>	Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm		
<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:</b>	At least six months' notice is required		
<b>BAPTISM COURSE:</b>	<a href="http://www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org">www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org</a> under Events where a list of course dates are available		

**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 patients so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.



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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**  
**WEEK COMMENCING: 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE 105**

We tend to focus on the Gospel when it comes to the Sunday readings, and the psalm in particular is often not mentioned. The psalter, however, can be called the hymn-book of the church. The psalms form the heart of what is called the Divine Office, the prayers offered by the church at various times throughout the day. It is good to see in this parish the number of parishioners who take part in Morning Prayer during the week. This Sunday's psalm is an invitation to joyful praise, and the exhortation. 'Let our joy then be in him'. I have often found that if I have been tired, saddened or otherwise downbeat, then turning to God with praise has resulted in a sense of great joy; this shouldn't be surprising, God is love and therefore joy usually follows when we turn to him. If we try to find our joy in worldly things we will always be disappointed whereas God is an unending spring.

Fr.Chris

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**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15 <sub>am</sub>
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35 <sub>am</sub>
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00 <sub>am</sub> Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00 <sub>pm</sub> - 6.00 <sub>pm</sub>
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00 <sub>pm</sub>

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**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY: *The Integrity of Justice***

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

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**MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Romance is at the core of our calling*** The theme of today's readings is rejoicing. Those who have had to be away from home know the thrill of returning – the hug, the kiss and perhaps making love. But when every day is much like any other, we can lose the spark and we need to remember that romance is at the very core of our calling.

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Peter Ledgley, Hilda Morah, Patrick Kehoe.

**PARISH RENOVATION FUND:** After all masses this Sunday there will be a collection for the Parish Renovation Fund (1 of 4). Donations to the Renovation Fund are vitally important as they help us provide for the necessary maintenance of our existing church buildings in this parish. Our next upcoming project is to replace all the seating in both the hall & crypt as well.

**NEXT DIOCESAN 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** Next week is Sea Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> July), when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. A short 7-minute Sea Sunday video can be found on this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cwc-rpDU2KA>

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The next Procession is on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July** at 4<sub>pm</sub> followed by mass in Polish/English.

**MILE END NEWS:** Coffee Morning **today** after the 9:15<sub>am</sub> Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

**MERSEA NEWS:** The next Coffee Morning will be held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 10.30<sub>am</sub> till 12.30<sub>pm</sub>** at the home of Margaret Kimberley, 3 Rosebank Road. All are most welcome

**MONKWICK NEWS:** Our next coffee morning is on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 10<sub>am</sub> until 12 noon**, and will be hosted by Grace McCartney at 20<sup>A</sup> Buxton Road, Colchester. All are very welcome.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019** here in the Crypt from **7:30<sub>pm</sub>-9.00<sub>pm</sub>** (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary. *[If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office].*

**GATEHOUSE MASS: Details & Photos are now on the Diocese Website**  
<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/historic-mass-marks-feast-day-colchester-abbey-site/>

**WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP:** The next Film showing is on Wednesday, **10<sup>th</sup> July**, with a **start time of 1.15<sub>pm</sub>** screening "*October Baby (Every Life is Beautiful)*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments

**SAVE THE DATE - PARISH FAMILY BBQ:** This will be held on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July from 3<sub>pm</sub> -5<sub>pm</sub>** in the Church Presbytery garden. Excellent food as always and a raffle on the day. Adults £6 and under 12's £4. Contact Norah (01206) 503410 or Frances (01206) 369568 for tickets in advance. Everyone is welcome

**CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE:** Quiet Day at 74 Howe Close, CO4 3XD on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 10:00<sub>am</sub> - 3:00<sub>pm</sub>**, come for the day or part of the day. Bring lunch, tea and coffee provided. Please contact T: 01206 867296 or email [crssuk@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:crssuk@canonesses.co.uk) to let us know if you are coming. An opportunity to be quiet and reflective in summer time.

**COLCHESTER FOOD BANK:** As more working families turn to Foodbanks for assistance in feeding their families we would like to thank everyone who donates and kindly request that you please keep donating items of tinned products incl. tinned fruit + veg, tinned tomatoes, dry goods, small bags of rice and pasta, sauces, along with cleaning products & long life milk and fruit juices, squashes, hygiene & sanitary products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, razors, shaving foam, small washing powder/liquids, tea + coffee, peanut butter + jams, small multi-pack snacks. Please remember those in need in your prayers.

**COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL: LONELINESS** is a painful emotion, with one in 20 adults in the UK describing themselves as feeling lonely. Colchester Borough Council is taking steps to tackle this issue, by launching a new scheme to encourage people to come together and get talking. CAFÉ is a free event with free teas/coffees and is aimed at people struggling with isolation and loneliness who would like to meet for refreshments and a friendly chat for two hours once a week. There are already ten venues around Colchester. Please see our website for more info [www.colchester.gov.uk/cafe](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/cafe), includes CAFE locations /days /times

**CARDINAL NEWMAN:** The Vatican has announced that on **13<sup>th</sup> October 2019**, Pope Francis will be canonising Blessed John Henry Newman, along with four other Blesseds, in Rome. This will make Cardinal Newman the first English person who has lived since the 17<sup>th</sup> century officially recognised as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

**SVP NEWS:** The SVP would like to thank the anonymous donor of £100 for the "*needy children in Colchester*". Your kind donation will be put to good use.

**VACANCY:** The SVP is seeking to recruit a full time permanent Administrative Assistant for the Young Vincentians Team at National Office, London. Closing date: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Interviews: W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019. For more details & an application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk) or email the Young Vincentians Programme Manager : [moirad@svp.org.uk](mailto:moirad@svp.org.uk)

The SVP turning concern into action - If you know of someone who is lonely, housebound or simply in need of a friend, please contact us, using the details below. If you would like to join us the details of our next meeting are at the back of the church, along with a collection box

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❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com)

or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message with contact number].

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**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July: **Team 2.**