

# 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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**FOURTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME<sup>(B)</sup>**  
**WEEK COMMENCING 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024**

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	P. J. Anthonise 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	Cipriano Subibi

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas

<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Jerin Vakayil + R. Raju RIP

<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Bridget Lloyd

<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>ST BENEDICT, Ab</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Maureen Jobber RIP

<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Angela Geraghty RIP

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention (SF)
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Our Lady of Fatima Procession+ Polish Mass

#### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Sea Sunday

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Ints: Marco
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Dennis O'Sullivan RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Tony & Tessa Southon
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Baptism Godparents: A Godparent must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This means they have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. You only need one Godparent. It does not matter if they are male or female. There is no provision for more than two godparents.
- ❖ 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 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00pm 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.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** [colchester@brcdt.org](mailto:colchester@brcdt.org)
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)



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In the Gospel, we see Jesus returning to His hometown, where He faces rejection and disbelief from those who knew Him as a carpenter's son. This passage presents a lesson about faith and the danger of letting familiarity breed contempt. Despite witnessing Jesus' wisdom and hearing of His miracles, the people of Nazareth could not reconcile His humble origins with the things He did. Their scepticism and lack of faith prevented them from experiencing the fullness of His power and blessings. This passage encourages us to examine our own hearts and attitudes. How often do we let our "too much knowledge of the things of God" blind us to the extraordinary work of God in our lives? We might miss the real value of the spiritual exercises we do because we have become too familiar with the things of God. We must guard against closing our hearts to the Lord, no matter how familiar or "ordinary" he may seem. Let us pray for the faith that we may always appreciate His presence around us and especially in the Holy Eucharist.

*Fr. Philip*

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

<b>DAILY (Mon-Fri)</b>	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<b>at 8.45 am</b>
<b>DAILY</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>at 9.15 am</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 8.00 pm</b>
<b>LEGION OF MARY</b>	Fridays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 7.30 pm</b>



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY: *For the pastoral care of the sick:*** We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

**PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE.** Lord, we ask for your divine intervention and peace to prevail in Ukraine, Palestine and in every land wounded by war. We pray for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We ask that you guide leaders and nations to work toward lasting peace and stability around the world. *Amen*



**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Ezekiel 2: 2-5 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10 Mark 6: 1-6) **Recognising our real beauty.** When we married we became, together, a 'prophet', not predicting the future, but proclaiming the good news of marriage, here and now. Yet, there are times when we feel sorry for ourselves, blaming each other. Let's admit our own faults and weaknesses and remind one another of the beautiful qualities we found when we first fell in love.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Margaret Hawkins, Valerie Thurston, Jimmy Clarin, Grace McCartney, Diana Irven, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Jason Christopher McLean, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Maureen R. We also pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Brian McGilloway a retired Priest of the diocese and resident of Colchester who has recently passed away. We pray for Fr Brian's family, friends, his former parishioners and all who mourn him. May he Rest in Peace. Funeral details are to be advised.

**NEXT DIOCESAN 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection taken for **Stella Maris on 14<sup>th</sup> July.** Sea Sunday (Stella Maris). This is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue this important work.

**RCIA COURSE (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** For all those who have been in contact with us to register their interest in joining the next RCIA course and to any new applicants who are interested in becoming Catholic, we are happy to advise that the initial meeting will take place on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** in the Presbytery. No appointments necessary just turn up, If you are unable to attend, please let us know so we can hold a place for you on the course.

**LEGION OF MARY:** The Legion of Mary invites parishioners aged 18 and older to join our weekly prayer meetings which will be held in Cardinal Bourne Hall **every Friday at 7.30pm** offering a dedicated time for fellowship and growth. Membership in the Legion does not require specific skills or advanced spirituality. Please do join us in a meeting.



**CANON CLARKE STRAWBERRY TEA (KSC):** A strawberry tea will be held in Cardinal Bourne Hall on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July** for the elderly in the Parish **from 2-5pm.** To book a place, please see the poster in Church Porch or on our Facebook page for contact details and to arrange transport if needed.



**NEW LECTIONARIES FOR THE CHURCH:** From the First Sunday of Advent this year, a new translation of all the readings will be introduced in England and Wales. This means that we will have to purchase four volumes of the new lectionary for each Mass Centre that cover

1. *Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts of the Lord.*
2. *Weekdays: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time (weeks 1-9), Lent, Easter. Proper of Saints: December – June, Commons.*
3. *Weekdays: Ordinary Time (6-34). Proper of Saints: June – November, Commons.*
4. *Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, Votive Masses, Masses for the Dead.*

If you would like to purchase a volume in memory of a loved one or make a donation towards the cost of a volume, please contact the parish office or put your donation in an envelope marked New Lectionaries with your name and if in memory of someone - their name in full. Thank you.



- **CUPPA CLUB:** We meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in the Hall.
- **SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING** after 10.30am Mass in Cardinal Bourne Hall.

**A DAY WITH MARY - WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL:** Further info on A Day With Mary at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July (9.45am to 5.00pm)** [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org)

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND THE ELECTION:** An edited recording of the talks given recently at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, by Raymond Friel, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, is now available to view [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org).

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS, 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK:** Celebrate 40 years of team at Walsingham House with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at **12pm** followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

**PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE TO WALSINGHAM, SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST, TO BE LED BY BISHOP DAVID OAKLEY OF NORTHAMPTON.** Please consider joining this pilgrimage, if possible in person, or online at [walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/](http://walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/). The need for prayer to support life has been great since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. It is now increasingly needed as the pressures to allow abortion up to birth grow, along with a swelling campaign to introduce Assisted Suicide. A poster is displayed in the Church porch giving further information.

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE:** is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024 from 1:30pm - 4:30pm at St Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch, RM12 4TF. The Retreat will incl. teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration & Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more info.

**KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA:** To enquire about membership or requests for assistance. Please contact: George Johnson (BEM, Grand Knight) 07476 781885; George Benedict (Membership Officer) 07834 725890; Or email: [george.johnson@ksc.org.uk](mailto:george.johnson@ksc.org.uk)

**JOIN BISHOP ALAN ON THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> July).Book online <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/brentwood-lourdes>

**GIFT AID BOX SETS:** The last few unclaimed box sets to be collected from church porch

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTA FOR JULY 2024**

Friday 12/07/24: **Team 5** /Thursday 18/07/24: **Team 1** / Monday 22/07/24: **Team 2** / Monday 29/07/24: **Team 3**

**COFFEE MORNING ROTA FOR JULY 2024**

**07/07/24:** SVP / **14/07/24:** Matthew & Mariamma / **21/07/24:** African Community Group / **28/07/24:** Diane & Adrian