

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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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ^(B)

Saturday 6th	Church	6.15 pm	Doris O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday 7th	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Holy Souls (M.T.)
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Bernard Richardson + Joy Richardson RIP
	Mile End	9.15 am	Thomas Harrison RIP
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Private Intention

Monday 8th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Deceased Relatives Betts Family
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Tuesday 9th	Church	9.30 am	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
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Wednesday 10th	Church	9.30 am	St Leo the Great, P, D Joel + Filomena Jimenez RIP
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Thursday 11th	Church	9.30 am	St Martin of Tours, Bp Int: Maureen + Tom McElroy
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Friday 12th	Church	9.30 am	St Josephat, Bp, M Holy Souls (MT)
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Saturday 13th	Church	9.30 am	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Brigida Balagtas RIP
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ^(B)

Saturday 13th	Church	6.15 pm	Canon John Bloomfield
Sunday 14th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Grazyna Omsolski RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Maria Nila Tavera + Lisa Cagadas RIP
	Mile End	9.15 am	Yadi + John RIP
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Parishioners

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, Please contact the Presbytery.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 10_{am} Mass and 5.30_{pm}-6.00_{pm}
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ Repository in Church Porch: Mass Intention Cards available in Church Porch; All items purchased - Monies to be left in Repository Box.
- ❖ 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



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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ^(B)
Week commencing 7th November 2021

As a boy each week my parents would give me money to put in the offertory box at church. On occasion, I recall thinking to myself I could buy so many sweets with this money! Thankfully age and grace have made me more mindful that almsgiving is a good thing and an essential part of our Christian life. In fact, we will all be judged on our generosity to those in need. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus stops the disciples to see a sight he clearly deems praise worthy. A poor widow places two coins in to the treasury and Jesus says, "She has put in more than all the others" more than the others? Yes, because as St Jerome comments, God does not look at what we have given but the store from which it came. The catechism tells us that a sound moral act has three integral parts. Firstly the intention, why do I do the act, the object, what is it I actually do and The circumstance, what are the surrounding factors when I do the act. All three aspects need to be good for an act to be good. If I give to charity huge amounts because I am forced to by my mum or dad that diminishes the goodness of the act. The poor widow reminds us to purify our hearts intentions, to give generously and yes to give even when the circumstances are hard. God loves a cheerful giver and since he cannot be outdone in generosity he makes the genuine, generous giver truly cheerful. May the Lord bless you abundantly!

Fr. Paschal

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
DAILY Mon-Fri	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	Temporarily suspended

Please refer to the Website Home Page or External Church Notice Board for details on the **Relaxation of Covid restrictions**.

As a Reminder: 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 POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: People Who Suffer from Depression. We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44) **Giving from what little we have:** Considering the context of today's readings, we see the 'holiness' inherent in the 'sacrifices' of all those involved. The reality of life's experiences indicates that it is through giving that we receive. The small things we do each day produce wonderful and fruitful consequences in our marriage. Our graced daily 'yes' to one another is what ultimately 'makes us holy'.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Jill Jarvis, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Teresa Ann Southon, Alistair John Day, Paul Graham Booth & Patrick Fintan Cusack who have all recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Teresa's funeral Mass will be on Thursday 25th November at 10.30am followed by refreshments in Cardinal Bourne Hall and Alistair's funeral mass will be on Wednesday 17th November at 12.30pm. Paul & Patrick's funeral details are to be advised.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection for World Day of the Poor on Sunday 14th November 2021. This the 5th World Day of the Poor, initiated by Pope Francis in 2017 with the theme of *"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."* (This year 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.

HOLY HOUR AND VESPERS: This will be held on the on the following Sundays from 5-6pm, 28th November /5th December /12th December /19th December. Please do try to come.

PARISH COUNCIL: There will be a brief meeting in the crypt, after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 5th December, for those who were members when we last met, to discuss present situation and a way forward.

SAVE THE DATE! Christmas Afternoon Tea on Saturday 11th December from 1.30pm onwards. Further details to follow in due course.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNING IN CARDINAL BOURNE HALL: We will be restarting the Tea & Coffee mornings after the 10.30am Mass today and weekly thereafter. All Welcome.

MILE END NEWS: The coffee morning today will be after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's and will be held at the Dog & Pheasant. All welcome.

SVP NEWS: Every year the SVP give Christmas presents to the young people in Brett House. Bernard Brett House is a specialist supported housing scheme for young homeless people at risk in the Colchester area. This year we are asking for your help. Are you able to donate a few chocolates or toiletries that can be wrapped up and give someone a lovely surprise this Christmas? There will be a box in the church porch for these to be collected in. Thank you.

JOSIE'S KITCHEN: Josie is looking for donations of Men's Toiletries' to make food + care packages for the Homeless at Christmas. If you can spare any of the following items: - Deodorant/Body Spray, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Face Flannels, Toiletry Gift Sets, dried Milk Powder + Dried Mashed Potato's, etc. 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. Josie has sufficient Lady's Toiletries. Thank you.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: On **Sunday 12th December** at Walsingham House, Abbotswick for our annual Advent Carol Service. We will have Christmas carols both classic and contemporary performed by our incredibly talented BCYS musicians, accompanied with readings from scripture and Christmas poems & stories. This year we are running two concerts, at **3pm or 7pm**. Tickets are £10 and the money will go towards supporting our pilgrimages to Lourdes. To book your place please contact Joe Beattie, Walsingham House manager on josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 373 959

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN BRENTWOOD DIOCESE AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Saturday 20th November at 11am, Brentwood Cathedral, Small Hall. This is open to any MCs or Senior Altar Servers in Brentwood Diocese. To keep everyone safe, we would ask those attending the AGM to have had the COVID vaccination. If you wish to attend the AGM, please email John McCormack johnmccormack528@gmail.com before 13th November.

LAUDATO SI' COMMITMENTS: Following on from the Bishops letter regarding Laudato Si' we are looking to form a working group of volunteers to see what we can do as a Parish in response to this. If you would be interested in being part of this group, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCES: If you wish to make an offering/donation this can be done by: -

- Dropping envelope through Presbytery door (please write on envelope Mass Offering or Parish Maintenance) or in the Donation Basket situated at Church entrance & Exit
- Diocesan Online Donation platform (where donations can also be gift aided):-
 - Priory St:** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>
 - Mile End:** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-c>
 - Mersea:** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>
 - Monkwick:** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: 11/11/21: **Team 1**

CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 07/11/21: Frances + Nora (Rotas in Church porch).
