

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]***(Sea Sunday)*Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July

6.15 pm Mrs Mary Durack RIP  
 8:00 am Joseph & Bridget Loftus RIP  
 10:30 am Parishioners  
 2:00 pm Polish Mass  
 5.00 pm Holy Hour  
 6:30 pm Ints: Fr. Tom Coffey  
 8:30 am  
 9:15 am 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Teresa Verrecchia RIP  
 10:15 am Holy Souls

West Mersea

Mile End

Monkwick

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>****MONDAY – Feria**

9.30 am Frederick, Elizabeth &amp; Angelo Lucas

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>****TUESDAY – Feria**

Church 9.30 am Ann Thomas RIP

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>****WEDNESDAY – ST BENEDICT, Ab**

Church 12.15 pm Holy Souls

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>****THURSDAY – Feria**

Church 9.30 am Holy Souls

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>****FRIDAY – Feria**

Church 9:30 am Barry Fitzgerald RIP  
 6.30pm Our Lady of Fatima procession, followed  
 by mass in Polish/English

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>****SATURDAY – Feria**

Church 9.30 am John McGinley RIP

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

6.15 pm C. May RIP

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July

8:00 am Bridgid Lowe

10:30 am Parishioners

2:00 pm Polish Mass

6:30 pm Maria McGee RIP

8:30 am

West Mersea

Mile End

Monkwick

9:15 am Mr Peter Egeoli RIP

10:15 am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

At least six months' notice is required

**BAPTISM COURSE:**

[www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](http://www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org) 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 the patient so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

**ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN**

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

**WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK**

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A common criticism of God is that he doesn't deal with the problems of the world, as defined by the critic e.g. why does God allow people to starve? The person doing the criticism usually then goes on to say that they won't believe in such an 'inactive' God. If we reflect on today's readings, we can see how such people have got things the wrong way round. The problem is their lack of faith, which they then seek to justify by putting God on trial on their terms. Jesus visits his home town and is unable to do much because of the townspeople's lack of faith, which is linked to their ideas about who Jesus is. One can imagine, after Jesus has left the town, the unbelievers agreeing among themselves that he wasn't anything special and that was 'proved' by his lack of miracles and so they remained in ignorance.

Fr Chris

## PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	8:30am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:50am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00am Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Under the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which came into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May, we are unable to print any names on the Prayer list without the sick persons written permission. Written permission can be sent to us either by email or letter – Our contact details are on the front of Newsletter.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Vicky Culham

**SECOND COLLECTION:** After all Masses this weekend there will be a collection for “**SEA SUNDAY**” (Apostleship of the Sea - AoS), the Church’s official maritime welfare agency when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually and this collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, please remember seafarers in your prayers.

**HOLY FATHER’S MISSION STATEMENT FOR JULY: Priests and their pastoral ministry:** That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

**CLERGY APPOINTMENTS:** The following moves will take effect on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in September: - Fr Alex Poblador to Westcliff-on-Sea (*Parish Priest*)  
Fr John Victor to Colchester (*Assistant Priest*)

Gary Dench after his diaconal ordination in July to Colchester (*Deacon*)  
We wish all our Priests every success and happiness in their new parishes, and we kindly request that you please keep all the Priests of the Diocese in your prayers at this time.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The next procession will take place on Friday 13th July at 6.30pm followed by mass in Polish/English.

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND:** We welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism Reuben John Benedict Cairo Davis. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

**GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR):** Consent forms will be issued to various groups who assist within the parish shortly. When received, please complete and return to presbytery office asap to ensure we are compliant. Thank you for your assistance.

**MERSEA NEWS:** The next Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 10.30am til 12.30pm at the home of Margaret Ashmore - 18 Mersea Avenue. All are most welcome.

**WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP:** First showing is on **11th July with a start time of 1.15pm** - screening “*The Darkest Hour*”. All are most welcome. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

**OPEN EVENING:** At St Benedicts Catholic College on **Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> August** from 6pm -8.30pm. for further info please see posters in church porch or [www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk](http://www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk)

**GK CHESTERTON PILGRIMAGE (8th Annual):** on **Saturday 28th July**, for details see; [www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk](http://www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk).

**ST JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP 2018:** For boys aged 8-13yrs + girls aged 9–12yrs. The St John Bosco Centre (organised by the Society of St Vincent de Paul) provides an opportunity for children to have an exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in the Essex countryside setting. For further details: [www.svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk)

**(YCA) YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS WEEKEND:** on **7-9<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2018**. More info: [Please see poster in porch](#) or to book go to <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2018>

**CALAIS LIGHT:** Ever felt you’d like to help the destitute migrants in Calais but not known where to start? We run regular weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral to chop veg & sort Refugee donations at the amazing Help Refugees UK Warehouse in Calais. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais -the fact is they are there now - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them one way or another. Please think about this & volunteer with us. If you can’t, please donate with compassion at [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight). **Next Trip 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Sept**. Sign up to volunteer on our Facebook page ‘Calais Light’, email us at [calaislight@yahoo.com](mailto:calaislight@yahoo.com) or check out the Brentwood Cathedral Website.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: -**

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE:** The date of the “official opening” is **Saturday September 1st**, when you are very welcome to Midday Mass with Bishop Alan, and then to stay for the afternoon, enjoying the beautiful grounds. Do save the date! [Please see poster in porch](#).

**ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND:** On **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> +Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** at St James the Less and St Helen and at the Abbey of St John the Baptist on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> + Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** We are pleased to announce that once again our church is part of the English Heritage tour on the above weekend. Please come along and show your support whilst also learning the fascinating history of our church and Colchester. [Please See poster in porch for more event details or check our website](#). under Events.

**RIDE & STRIDE:** will be taking place on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September** from 9.00am – 5.00pm [Please see poster in porch or check our website](#) under Events, to participate contact Helena Gibson via church office. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you would like to be involved in this worthwhile event, but cannot physically take part on the day we are happy to advise that Jane Owens has volunteered to be our Parish representative and she will “Ride & Stride” on your behalf : To sponsor Jane in her worthy efforts – please see her sponsorship form in porch.

**ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND** For the first time, English Heritage has offered a second Open Day weekend (**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> & Sat 15<sup>th</sup> of September**) with the assistance of the Catholic Heritage Group, we wish to use this to time to promote a “**Catholics in Colchester**” weekend with talks, tours and displays starting from St Helena, whose feast day of the Triumph of the Cross is on the 14<sup>th</sup> with a talk in her honour which will be given in the Crypt that evening by Philip Wise the Heritage Manager of Colchester and Ipswich Museums at 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Entrance to Crypt is via the church). On Saturday there will be Saxons, Medieval, Reformation. Recusants, fugitive Priests and Victorian Catholic Emancipation.

**SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Telephone number - **07493 439427**.

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message]

**CHURCH CLEANERS’ ROTA:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018: Team 1.

