

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 14th	Church	6.15 pm	Hector Silva RIP
Sunday 15th	Church	8:00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10:30 am	Wyn Robinson RIP
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea		8:30 am	
Mile End		9:15 am	
Monkwick		10:15 am	Leslie Hawken RIP

Monday 16th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Private Intention
Tuesday 10th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Jack Baldwin RIP & Family
Wednesday 11th			Feria
	Church	12.15 pm	Ruth Ellis RIP & Family
Thursday 12th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Arthur Woollett [Anniversary]
Friday 13th			St John Chrysostom, Bp, D0
	Church	9.30 am	Intentions: Fr Paul Dynan
		6.30 pm	Our Lady of Fatima Procession followed by Mass in Polish/English
Saturday 14th			EXALTATION (TRIUMPH) OF THE HOLY CROSS
	Church	9.30 am	

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

			(Home Mission Day)
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Church			
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession):	Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:	At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE:	www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org under Events where a list of course dates are available



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TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
WEEK COMMENCING: 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE133

The importance of responsible planning is the main theme of today's Gospel: anyone who begins an important project without knowing if he has the means and energy for the task, risks ending up with a mess on his hands. As the two protagonists of the parables should *sit down* to reflect, we too need to sit ourselves down and gather our thoughts, reflect together and decide on the path to follow, to discover God's call today, to awaken charisms, and cultivate a renewed style of following Jesus.

In our times we are living through major socio-cultural change. We cannot spread faith in this new phase of our world, without knowing it well and understanding it from within. What access to the Gospel can we offer, if we despise or ignore the thinking, feelings and language of our own times? We cannot respond to today's challenges with yesterday's strategies.

Fr John Victor

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.

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15 _{am}
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35 _{am}
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	following 8.00 _{am} Mass
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00 _{pm} - 6.00 _{pm}
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00 _{pm}

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: *The Protection of the Oceans*
That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Consent to love God above all else; seek to not force anything*

Today, Jesus sets out the cost of discipleship: "*none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions*". Throughout His life and in dying for us, Jesus demonstrated a self-emptying way of loving. As His disciples, our call is to follow Him by putting each other first; thereby dying to selfishness and setting ourselves free.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Peter Ledgley, Hilda Morah, Patrick Kehoe.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Friday 15th November 2019** here in the Crypt from **7:30_{pm}-9.00_{pm}** (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*].

2nd COLLECTIONS: We welcome Sr. Daphne & Sr. Gertrud who are visiting our Parish on behalf of the Medical Mission Sisters to share their experiences. The Medical Mission Sisters calling is for the promotion of health, healing and wholeness in the spirit of Jesus the Healer and they live out this mission in 17 countries across Europe, Africa, Asia, and North & South America. There will be a special collection for the **Medical Mission Sisters**. After all masses

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS: Home Mission Day 15th September,

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Journey in Faith or RCIA is the process developed by the Catholic Church for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, teachings and practices with a view to becoming Catholics, or for those who have a background in the Catholic Faith but who have not yet been confirmed, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. *The first session will take place on Thursday, October 10th at 7pm in the Crypt.* **To register your interest, please give your name and contact details to one of the priests. Thank You**

BIBLE STUDY sessions for the new term will be on Wednesdays 10.00-12.00 in the Crypt, starting on 11th September. Topic; The Spirit of God in the Bible. Join us with your Bible and an open heart. Details from Sister Angela on 01206 867296

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on **Wednesday 18th September** with a **start time of 1.15_{pm}**, screening "*The War Room*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard in porch for future films and screening dates.

MERSEA NEWS: The next Coffee Morning will be held on **Tuesday 10th September** from 10.30_{am} til 12.30_{pm} at the home of Margaret Ashmore, 18 Mersea Avenue. All are most welcome.

PRESBYTERY CLEANER REQUIRED: An opportunity has arisen for a cleaner to work at the Presbytery on a part time, permanent basis. The hours of work required are 6hrs per week split over 2 mornings with days and time to be mutually agreed with applicants. The purpose of this role is to provide an efficient and comprehensive cleaning service for the clergy living in the Priests house. If you are interested in this salaried position, please contact the Presbytery on (01206) 866317 to discuss further.

MONKWICK NEWS: Our final coffee Morning for this year is being held on Saturday September 14th from 10am to 12 noon, and will be hosted by Mike Firmin, East View, Langham Lane, Boxted, CO4 5HY. All welcome - do come and spend some relaxing time in Mike's lovely garden. [Weather permitting!].

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: -

- **ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND:** On **Saturday 14th** at St James the Less and St Helen and at St John's Abbey Gate (Gatehouse). 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. ***N.B. There will not be Benediction on this day.***
- **RIDE & STRIDE:** on **Saturday 14th September** from 9.00_{am} – 5.00_{pm}. It's that time of year and once again St James the Less will be participating in this popular national annual Event. Organised by Essex Churches, sponsored participants make their way around as many churches in the area that they can either by biking or walking and signing in at each church they visit. All money raised by the participants goes to Essex Churches who will then divide it up and send a donation to all the churches involved. Essex Churches also have a fund to which participating churches can go for financial help for repairs and support. Sponsorship forms available in church porch.
- **SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT: 'SILENCE & THE SCRIPTURES'. FRI 11TH - SUN 13TH OCTOBER 2019.** Led by Canon David Oakley, Rector of Oscott Seminary. Venue: Sion Community, Brentwood. The theme flows from the Bishops of England and Wales announcing 2020 as a year of celebrating, living and sharing God's word in celebration of two important anniversaries in the life of the Church this coming year. This silent weekend retreat offers the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, guidance & ministry included. For more information or to book, email allegra.mutanda@gmail.com or call 0790 3648639. Alternatively, e-mail admin@sioncommunity.org.uk or call 01277 215011.

WALSINGHAM ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE, Sunday 6th October, led by Bishop Mark O'Toole. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For further details, please see poster in porch.

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

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

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: cb.hall@btinternet.com , or Tel: 07758 805263 [**answerphone only** – please leave a message with name + contact number].

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 9th September: **Team 1.**