

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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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

WEEK COMMENCING 9TH JUNE 2024

As we return to Ordinary Time in our liturgical year, I invite you strive to discover the extraordinary presence of God in the everyday moments of our lives. After the season of Advent, we had a little break before we entered the Lenten season, then the Easter season. And since Pentecost we have celebrated one Solemnity or the other. Ordinary Time of the year is a period when God meets us in the routine and familiar. In this season, we are called to open our eyes and hearts to the divine in the ordinary. It's in the simple acts of kindness, the morning sunrise, the shared meal, and the quiet moments of reflection where we can truly encounter God. This time reminds us that our faith is not just about grand celebrations but also about living out our beliefs in the daily rhythms of life. Finding God in the ordinary encourages us to see each moment as a gift, an opportunity to experience His love and grace. Whether it's in a smile from a stranger, the laughter of children, or the beauty of nature, these are all signs of God's presence among us. It challenges us to be more attentive, more grateful, and more loving. May our everyday experiences be transformed into profound encounters with the divine.

Fr. Philip

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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| Saturday 8th | <i>Monkwick</i> | 5.00 pm | Robert Bradshaw RIP |
| Sunday 9th | <i>Church</i> | 8.00 am | Private Intention |
| | <i>Church</i> | 10.30 am | Mrs. Victoria M. Odili RIP |
| | <i>Church</i> | 2.00 pm | Polish Mass |
| | <i>Church</i> | 3.30 pm | First Holy Communion Mass |
| | <i>Church</i> | 6.30 pm | Maria Latacz RIP |
| | <i>West Mersea</i> | 8.30 am | Parishioners |
| | <i>Mile End</i> | 9.30 am | Private Intention |

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| Monday 10th | | | Feria |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Roger Espejo RIP |

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| Tuesday 11th | | | St Barnabas, Ap |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Ints: Marco |

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| Wednesday 12th | | | Feria |
| | <i>Church</i> | * | No Mass |

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| Thursday 13th | | | St Anthony of Padua, Pr, D |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Deceased Relatives of the Betts Family |
| | <i>Church</i> | 6.30 pm | Our Lady of Fatima Procession+ Polish Mass |

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| Friday 14th | | | Feria |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas |

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| Saturday 15th | | | Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Mr. Walter Frederick Colyer RIP |

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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| Saturday 15th | <i>Monkwick</i> | 5.00 pm | Robert Renford + Joyce Wrobel RIP |
| Sunday 16th | <i>Church</i> | 8.00 am | Mr. Romeo Reverente RIP |
| | <i>Church</i> | 10.30 am | 50 th Wedding Anniversary (F&A) |
| | <i>Church</i> | 2.00 pm | Polish Mass |
| | <i>Church</i> | 3.30 pm | First Holy Communion Mass |
| | <i>Church</i> | 6.30 pm | Private Intention |
| | <i>West Mersea</i> | 8.30 am | Parishioners |
| | <i>Mile End</i> | 9.30 am | Howard Ashcroft RIP |

* PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO MORNING MASS ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE

- ❖ 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.



Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy/Church photos/videos. Please remember to like and follow our page!

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

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| DAILY (Mon-Fri) | Rosary/Divine Mercy | at 8.45 am |
| DAILY | Morning Prayer | at 9.15 am |
| CHRISTIAN MEDITATION | Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall) | at 8.00 pm |



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: For migrants fleeing their homes. We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

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: (Genesis 3:9-15 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35) *Together in Christ.* Blaming each other is easy when pressures and emotions are running high. We too can feel exposed and naked in our hurry to justify ourselves, just like Adam and Eve when they were 'in trouble'. Never forget the fact that God's grace is continually being poured upon us through our Sacrament of Marriage and the sacramental life of the Church.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Valerie Thurston, Jimmy Clarin, Grace McCartney, Diana Irvén, 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 Mary Wynne, who has recently passed away. The parish community offers Mary's family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Mary will be having two funeral services on Wednesday 03/07/24. A Tridentine Mass (Latin) at Our Lady Immaculate and St Edmunds Church, Withermarsh Green at 12.45pm and a service at Colchester Crematorium at 3.15pm.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTIONS IN JUNE: A 2nd collection will be taken for *Day for Life on 16th June.* Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's theme is *The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.*

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 8th July at 7.30pm** in 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.

REPOSITORY: First Holy Communion cards, girls communion veils and booklets are now available for sale in the Church Porch along with a good selection of Rosaries and Mass intention cards.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We congratulate all the children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion this Sunday and next Sunday. We ask God's blessing on those children and their families that they may grow in love for Jesus as they receive Him at Mass now and for the rest of their lives. **We would like to convey our gratitude to all the Leaders and Catechists for their hard work, they have provided a first-class preparation course. Thank you.** The Going forth Mass will take place on Sunday 23rd June at 10.30am followed by celebration in Cardinal Bourne Hall.



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.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is pleased to host their first Charity Tribute Night featuring ABBA Chique at the Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre in Rayleigh on **Friday 12th July from 7.30 to 11pm.** Tickets cost £20 plus a small booking fee and can be purchased via Eventbrite details can be found on the BCCS website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS, 31ST 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.

THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP is now open for bookings! Children age 9 – 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from 27th July – 3rd August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and this year there is space for just 100 children – book early! All details are www.boscocamp.co.uk, including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IN AN ELECTION YEAR: On Saturday 15th June Raymond Friel OBE, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, will lead a Study Day, reflecting on Catholic Social Teaching and what the Church says about democracy and voting. Talks will be at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Coffee will be available from 10.30 am and the talks begin at 11am and conclude by 2pm. This is an in-person event, also available online at www.whatgoodnews.org If you intend to be present please email gideapark@brcdt.org Please bring a packed lunch. No booking necessary for online participation. Simply go to the website. Talks will be available on the website after the event.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, 20TH – 27TH JULY 2024: There are a handful of last-minute places available if anyone in school year 10+ still wishes to join this pilgrimage with the BCYS. Full details on the pilgrimage and how to apply can be found [BCYS Summer Lourdes 2024 - Brentwood Catholic Youth Service](#) or email gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org

PARKING: If parking in St Augustine Mews, we kindly ask you to respect our neighbours drives and **do not** block them or park on the pavements blocking their street access.

GIFT AID BOX SETS: The last few unclaimed box sets are situated in the church porch – please remember to collect yours next time you are in church. Thank you.

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

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTA FOR JUNE

Thurs 13/06/24: Team 1 *** Mon 17/06/24: Team 2 *** Mon 24/06/24: Team 3

New Church Cleaning Rota's are available in the Church Porch.

COFFEE MORNING ROTA FOR JUNE

09/06/24: Diane + Adrian / 16/06/24: The O'Sullivan's / 23/06/24: Peggy & Anne / 30/06/24: Yolande + 1