

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B] - [Education Day]

Saturday 8th		6.15 pm	
Sunday 9th		8:00 am	Parishioners
		10:30 am	Elevterio RIP
		2:00 pm	Polish Mass
		5.00 pm	Holy Hour
		6:30 pm	
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Veronica Smith RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Eileen Pooran RIP
	<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Catherine Spicer RIP
Monday 10th			MONDAY - Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Martin & Mercy - fruit of the womb
Tuesday 11th			TUESDAY - Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Mr Ginu & family
Wednesday 12th			WEDNESDAY - Feria
	<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	Ints: Mr Thomas (Tom) McElroy
Thursday 13th			THURSDAY - St John Chryostom Bp, D
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Deceased members of the Gordon family RIP
		6:30 pm	Fatima Procession & Mass [Polish/English]
Friday 14th			FRIDAY - EXULTATION [TRIUMPH] OF THE HOLY CROSS - Feast
	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	Ints: Mr Thomas (Tom) McElroy
Saturday 15th			SATURDAY - Our Lady of Sorrows
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Des Fuller RIP

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B] - [Home Mission Day]

Saturday 15th		6.15 pm	Hector Silva RIP
Sunday 16th		8:00 am	Thanksgiving
		10:30 am	Parishioners
		2:00 pm	Polish Mass
		6:30 pm	Ints: Mr Thomas (Tom) McElroy
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Veronica Smith
	<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	
	<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Leslie Hawken RIP

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

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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Today's Scripture readings offer us an invitation to become humble instruments of healing in Jesus' hands by giving voice to the voiceless, the needy and the marginalized in our society. The ailments listed by Isaiah are symbolic of our interior illnesses: blindness to the needs of our neighbour, unwillingness to hear God's voice and the inability to speak words of praise and gratitude. Jesus today invites us to open our ears to hear the word of God and to allow the Holy Spirit to loosen our tongues to praise and worship Him and to convey the Good News of God's love and salvation to others.

Fr John

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 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: Please join with Pope Francis in praying for **Young People in Africa:** That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Veronica Smith and Anne Renwick who have both recently passed away. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families and those that mourn: A requiem mass will be held for Veronica Smith at St Cedd and St Gregory Church, Mersea on Monday 17th September @ 12.30pm and a requiem mass will be held for Anne Renwick at St Theresa, Lexden on Friday 14th September @ 12.00pm.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism. **Naomi.** God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS: Education Day [Catholic Education Service] today, 9th September, and Home Mission Day next Sunday, 16th September.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Thursday 27th September 2018** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the Course. *[If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office].*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS [RCIA]: 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. Sessions are held weekly from 7pm to 8.30pm on Thursday evening in the Crypt of the church. They will run from October until Easter. The start date for 2018 will be October 4th at 7pm. To register your interest please, give your name and contact details to one of the priests or contact Cathy O'Connor 01206 735623 There will be an open evening for information on **September 20th at 7pm.** Entrance to the Crypt is through the Church. Cathy O'Connor cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CONFIRMATION COURSE: Confirmation classes will begin on **Sunday 16th September** with our first parent and candidate session at **12:00** after the 10:30 mass in the crypt (Entrance to Crypt via Cardinal Bourne Hall). Information packs are available at the back of church or from the parish office.

MERSEA NEWS: The next Coffee Morning will be held on **Tuesday 11th September from 10.30am til 12.30pm** at the home of Anne-Marie Jacobs, Rewalls Farm, E. Mersea. All are most welcome.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The next Procession is on **Thursday, 13th September, at 6:30pm** followed by Mass in Polish/English

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next showing is on **12th September with a start time of 1.15pm** screening "*Old Fashioned*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

THURSDAY SOCIAL GROUP: **Every Thursday from 10.30am to 1.30pm** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Current activities that take place - socialising, dancing, singing, gentle aerobics & Zumba. Please feel free to bring food to share with the group along with your suggestions for any social activities that you would like to take place. A £2.00 donation is much appreciated for the use of the hall and **Everyone is warmly invited into this friendly social group.**

ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND: **Fri 14th September** here in the Crypt [entry via the Church] at 7:30pm – talk given by Philip Wise [of Colchester & Ipswich Museums] - "St Helen and Colchester" & **Sat 15th September** here between 11am – 4pm: Various Talks on "Catholics in Colchester" .

AUTUMN SPIRITUALITY TALK: Conference Centre. Cathedral House, CM15 8AT. **Saturday 15th September 2018** - 10.30am-12.00noon. Topic: **One Bread One Body.** Speaker: Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus of Brentwood. For further details: tel. 01277 265285 email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IN BRENTWOOD invites you to join them for their festival meeting on Sunday **16th September**, starting at 2pm, with Mass in the Cathedral to be celebrated by Father Fergus Kelly. Then follows an afternoon of talks, discussions and a general Question and Answer session, providing more information on the work carried out by the Society in Brentwood and abroad.

ARE YOU AGED FROM 18-35? Are you intellectually curious about who God is and what the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection means? Do you want to be able to speak to others about Christ and the Catholic faith in a coherent and confident manner? If the answer is "**yes**" to any of the above questions, come along to an 8-week theological survey of the Catholic Faith. at Brentwood Cathedral Conference Centre every Wednesday from 7:30pm -9pm, beginning on **19th September.** For more details, please visit www.cathedral-brentwood.org

A DAY OF REFLECTION & ENRICHMENT FOR READERS: **Saturday, 20th October** 10am-3:30pm at The Becket Centre, St Thomas of Canterbury, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB. For info, contact adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org or Bernadette at richardebling@btinternet.com

BCYS ANNUAL YOUTH GATHER: 20th - 21st October 2018
Please see posters in porch for more event details or check our website under Events.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL: If you would like to help the current Stewards of the Gospel or just know more about their task, there are a series of events over the next 9 months. Please look on the parish Website or contact Jane Hargreaves; 01206 734241 ; jmowens@doctors.org.uk

100 CLUB AUGUST PRIZE-DRAW WINNERS: 1st: David Shand - £25; 2nd: Michael Wood - £15; 3rd: Anne Adkinson - £10. Congratulations!

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society): Telephone number - **07493 439427.**
CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com or Tel: 07758 805263
[answerphone only – please leave a message]

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: **Monday 10th September 2018:** Team 2.