

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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Saturday 10th	Church	6.15 pm	Patrick Quinlivan RIP
Sunday 11th	Church	8:00 am	Deceased Members O'Grady Family
	Church	10:30 am	Bree Heffernan RIP
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	5:00 pm	Holy Hour
	Church	6:30 pm	
West Mersea		8:30 am	
Mile End		9:15 am	John Francis Mauger RIP
Monkwick		10:15 am	

Monday 12th	Feria		
Church	9.30 am	Intentions: Marie Smith	

Tuesday 13th	Feria		
Church	9.30 am	Intentions: Fr Gary Dench	
Church	6:30 pm	Fatima Procession and Mass	

Wednesday 14th	St Maximillian Mary Kolbe, Pr, M		
Church	12.15 pm	Intentions: Deacon Adrian Lowe	

Vigil Mass	West Mersea	7:30 pm	
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Thursday 15th		Holiday of Obligation	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Eliabeth and Angelo Lucas RIP	
Church	12:15 pm	Intentions: Mary Lohan	
Church	7:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP	

Friday 16th	Feria		
Church	9.30 am	Bill Guild RIP	

Saturday 17th	Feria		
Church	9.30 am		

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)				
Saturday 17th	Church	6.15 pm	Intentions: Kathleen Oates	
Sunday 18th	Church	8:00 am	Parishioners	
	Church	10:30 am		
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass	
	Church	6:30 pm		
	West Mersea		8:30 am	
Mile End		9:15 am	Henerato Santiago RIP	
Monkwick		10:15 am		

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 patients so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

The greatest commandment is to love God and neighbour, as we know. However, how people understand the word, 'love' can vary enormously. So it is that we need faith and hope also, in order that we may discern what God is asking us to do in any particular situation. If an individual has faith, itself a gift from God, then the way they look at the world will be very different from unbelievers. We ourselves will assess the value of actions, words, thoughts, not by human standards but by God's standard in order that love may be seen. Today's second reading illustrates how faith leads to very different outcomes from a merely worldly viewpoint. Let us allow our faith and hope to give structure to our love.

Fr Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15 _{am}
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35 _{am}
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 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 AUGUST: *Families, Schools of Human Growth*

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Too tired to love! Where is our treasure? Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.* It is easy to get life out of balance and let other activities be more important than loving our spouse, and then falling into bed too tired to talk or make love. If our love is the most important thing in our lives, we must spend prime time together daily.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Mauger who has recently passed away. May he rest in peace and we also pray for the comfort of his bereaved family and friends. John's funeral will take place here on the 19th August at 11:30am.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Friday 6th September 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].*

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. Sessions are held weekly from 7_{pm} to 8.30_{pm} on Thursday evening in the Crypt of the church and they will run from October until Easter. 2019 course details will be advised within the next few weeks. **To register your interest, please give your name and contact details to one of the priests. Thank You**

REPOSITORY SHOP: Please note is now closed and will reopen on Sunday 8th September. There will still be a selection of cards available in church porch to purchase.

MERSEA NEWS: The next Coffee morning will be held at Jenny O'Donnell, 8 Woodstock, CO5 this **Tuesday, 13th August from 10_{am} till 12.30_{pm}**. Everyone most welcome

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on **Wednesday, 21st August**, with a **start time of 1.15_{pm}** screening *"Demetrius and the Gladiators"*. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments

CAN YOU SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS A MONTH TO CLEAN YOUR CHURCH? Reliable and committed volunteers URGENTLY REQUIRED to help with cleaning the Church. Please contact the Presbytery on (01206) 866317 if you would like to volunteer.

MONKWICK NEWS: Our next Coffee Morning is on Saturday, 17th August, from 10am – 12pm and is being hosted by Teresa Bradshaw, 7 Chestnut Avenue, CO2 OAL. All very welcome.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ALTAR LINEN TEAM: The Cleaning of Altar Linens involves washing and ironing the purificators that are used for wiping the sacred cup during communion, and the towels that are used on the altar by the Priests and the Eucharistic Ministers for washing their hands. The linens are taken home weekly after the Sunday Masses, and then returned to the sacristy before Mass the following week. If you are interested in volunteering for this "behind the scene" ministry of cleaning the Altar Linens. Please contact the Presbytery on (01206) 866317.

CALAIS LIGHT: Ever wanted to help the refugees in Calais but unsure how? We run weekend convoys from Brentwood to volunteer with refugee charities there. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais - the fact is they're there - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them. Please think about this & volunteer. **Next Trips: 22- 24th Nov & 31 Jan-Feb 2.** Sign up for a convoy or donate with compassion at www.calaislight.com

FR MICHAEL REAR, the author 'WALSINGHAM Pilgrims and Pilgrimages', will be giving an illustrated talk about Walsingham in St John Payne Hall, Greenstead, CO4 3QD, on **Wednesday 21st August at 7.30_{pm}**, and afterwards will sign copies of the 2nd edition of his book for anyone who would like one. He has co-authored an article about Walsingham in this weekend's Catholic Herald (26 July). Fr Michael has known and loved Walsingham since he was 7yrs old. He was Anglican Vicar of Walsingham and later, as a Catholic Priest, on the staff of the Shrine at the Slipper Chapel. This promises to be a very interesting evening.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: On **September 7th**, the coach will depart from St John Payne Church, Greenstead at **8.30_{am}** arriving back at approximately 7_{pm}. Cost: Adults £20 / Children £10. Payment can be made on the day and will be collected on the coach. Bring a packed lunch and drinks with you. For further info and to book your seat, please contact Ann Roughan on 07889101762 who will be happy to help you.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER, Mersea Island, 26th-27th October 2019 (half term weekend). The Youth Gather is for anyone in school year 9-13, and includes a mix of inspiring speakers, reflection and prayer, together with outward bound activities like zip wires, high ropes and climbing walls. The cost of £50 includes coach from Stratford, Romford, Basildon, Brentwood, Chelmsford or Southend, as well as all meals and activities. Full details and online booking at <https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2019/>

JULY '100' CLUB DRAW WINNERS: 1st prize of £25 – Jon Vencarto; 2nd prize of £15 – Edel Rew and 3rd prize of £10 – David Kelly. *Congratulations!*

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: Food donations are especially welcome during the school holiday period- All donations are always gratefully appreciated. Please remember those in need in your prayers.

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 12th August: **Team 1.**