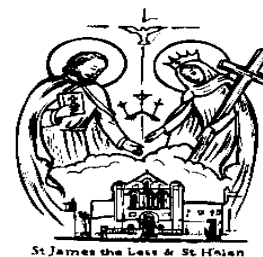


ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 11th	Church	6.15 pm	Ints.T.Mangundu
Sunday 12th	Church	8.00 am	Salvacion Naciongayo RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Private intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	John Sales RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield
	Mile End	9.15 am	Terry Hilton RIP
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Parishioners
Monday 13th			St.John Chrysostom
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas
Tuesday 14th			Exaltation of the Holy Cross
	Church	9.30 am	Ints Samuel B
Wednesday 15th			Our Lady of Sorrows
	Church	9.30 am	Ints Linda Ferpozzi
		11.00am	Funeral Mass of Daniel Milgate
Thursday 16th			Ss.Cornelius and Cyprian
	Church	9.30 am	Thanksgiving (SJ)
Friday 17th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Sarah Betts
Saturday 18th			Saturday memoria of Our Lady
	Church	9.30 am	Daniel Farrell RIP

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 18th	Church	6.15 pm	Hector Silva RIP
Sunday 19th	Church	8.00 am	Private intention
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private intention
	Mile End	9.15 am	Andrew Morton RIP
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Private intention

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 10am Mass and 5.30pm-6.00pm
- ❖ Mass Intentions. These can be posted through the presbytery letterbox and they will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook).
- ❖ If you are self-isolating and would like to speak to a priest or have any worries, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317 and we will try to help you.

LIVE STREAM: The Live Streaming of Masses is currently suspended

Please check out our Facebook page for Live Stream Masses and all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy/Church photos/videos. Please remember to [like](#) & [follow](#) our page!

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Week commencing 12th September 2021

It's great to be back and truth be told it was great to be away! The sunny picturesque views of western Ireland county Mayo greatly refreshed me! A holiday can be a good reminder that here on earth we are pilgrims on a journey, a journey to heaven our true home land. This Sunday we hear that Jesus on his way to Jerusalem takes his disciples to Caesarea Philippi an ancient sea port in Israel. Whilst it is not a holiday its green land and the beautiful springs made it an attractive place that many ancient people came to worship their gods. This is evidenced by the grottos, altars and shrines in and near the surrounding mountains. It is in this place and against this background that Jesus asks the million-dollar question "Who do you say I am?" In the midst of the many gods that there have been and are who do they say I am? The question penetrates to the heart of what it means to be Christian, who is Jesus? Through the power of the Holy Spirit Peter confesses that Jesus is not just one nice man out of many, or one more god out of many gods but he is the Christ and in the words of the Vatican II Fathers "Jesus is the key, the centre and the goal of man and all human history" To know him is the key to better know ourselves, each other, our journey and our destination. May we strive to better know Him, love Him and serve Him our whole life long. God Bless. Fr.Paschal

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	All Temporarily suspended
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: The Church
Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Relaxation of Covid restrictions: There will no longer be restrictions on group sizes for attending communal worship. Our collective challenge, as restrictions are lifting, is to make sure we all continue to keep ourselves and others as safe as possible. Please note the following changes that will be implemented:-

- ◆ There will be an expectation that face coverings are worn in the Church, as per the advice of the Government (*unless, of course, a person is exempt from doing so*).
- ◆ As Social distancing rules have changed there will no longer be Church Stewards at Mass guiding people to their seats, this means that people now have the option of choosing where they wish to sit.
- ◆ We will retain a section of the church roped off for those who wish to maintain the 2-metre social distancing.
- ◆ Weekday Masses have returned to their normal time of 9.30am with Morning Prayer at 9.15am.
- ◆ Entrance to Church will be via the main door (no one way system needed)
- ◆ The side door will remain open for ventilation and can be used for exiting if wished.
- ◆ Communion will remain under one kind.
- ◆ Sign of peace will remain not physical
- ◆ For the time being there will be no singing at Mass
- ◆ We will continue to supply hand sanitiser stations at entrance and side door.
- ◆ An Offertory Collection box will be situated at side door; the donation station in church porch is also useable
- ◆ There will be no restrictions on the number allowed to attend Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings

Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who has reason to believe that they have been in contact with someone who has, should not attend church or volunteer in any capacity until they have received medical advice that it is safe to do so.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Proverbs 9: 1-6 Ephesians 5: 15-20 John 6: 51-58) **Called to nourish each other.**

In marriage, we must try to lead intelligent lives as St. Paul reminds us in his letter. No one says you have to be clever, but the wisdom to see through ignorance, folly, thoughtlessness and so on will help us to nourish our love for each other. In this way our marriages will give thanks to God.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The Certificates are ready for all children who celebrated their special day with Fr Chris and Fr Paschal this year. Collection is from the Presbytery.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: There are still uncollected Gift Aid box sets in porch. Thank you.

BISHOP'S VISITATION Next Sunday Bishop Alan will be coming for his pastoral visit to the parish. He will celebrate the 10.30 Mass and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Afterwards there will be light refreshments in the hall to which all are invited.

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY for Catholic Education

CHURCH WELCOMERS: We would like to invite our "Church welcomers" to once again be an active presence at Mass. Please speak to Fr Chris if you are able to assist again. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS: We would like to invite back all the teams for the church cleaning, as we will be restarting the Rota's shortly. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Can you spare 1-2 hours per month to help clean the Church (dusting, vacuuming, polishing etc..) If you are able and willing, please contact the Presbytery. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: The Christian Meditation group started again on Wednesday 1st September at 8pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Please note the new venue and day. Arrivals from 7.30pm (the Hall doors will be closed from 7.55pm).

Annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral: Archconfraternity of St Stephen, invites all Altar Servers to the annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd October 2021 at 2.30pm**. Principal celebrant Rt. Rev. Nicholas Hudson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Servers from beyond the Westminster Diocese are welcome to this Mass if they can't attend the National Mass on 25th September in Wolverhampton. If MCs and Senior / Altar Servers would like to attend this event, please email johnmccormack528@gmail.com by **18th September 2021**. We will need to know how many Altar Servers (& families) will be attending from your Parish, so that accurate numbers can be established.

SEASON OF CREATION STUDY DAYS

During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1st September to the feast of St Francis on 4th October, thousands of Christians on six continents will unite to pray and take action in defence of our common home www.seasonofcreation.org Study days on Saturday 2nd October from 11.00 to 12.30 BST – 'The Cry of the Poor' will be given by Fr Ashley Beck, associate professor at St Mary's University, Twickenham. For access to these free live stream events go to www.whatgoodnews.org No registration needed.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION For those children who would have normally prepared for summer 2021, preparation will hopefully begin soon. Please submit details to the presbytery asap If leaving a message on the ansaphone, please speak clearly, especially your phone number!

PARISH FINANCES: If you wish to make an offering/donation this can be done in various ways:

- By dropping envelope through Presbytery door (please write on envelope Mass Offering or Parish Maintenance) or in the Donation Basket situated at Church entrance & Exit
- Diocesan Online Donation platform (where donations can also be gift aided):-
St. James the Less & St. Helen <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>
St. Cedd & St. Gregory: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>
St. Theodore of Canterbury: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: The new Cleaning Team Rotas are in the Church Porch, please take a copy and Thank you for all you do for our Parish. 16/9/21: **Team 1**