

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD [C]

Saturday 12th		6.15 pm	Fr Allen RIP & Family
Sunday 13th		8:00 am	Patrick, Miriam and Dolores Murray RIP
		10:30 am	
		2:00 pm	Polish Mass
		5:00 pm	Holy Hour
		6:30 pm	
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Douglas and David Finch
	<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Wright and Wrobel Families
Monday 14th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Intentions of Mary O'Toole
Tuesday 15th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mauree & Peter Ahern & Family
Wednesday 16th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	Norah Hewitt RIP
Thursday 17th			St Anthony, Ab
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Intentions: Maureen & Tom McElroy
Friday 18th			Feria [Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity]
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Anthony Brookes RIP
Saturday 19th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Joe and Ray Canty & Family

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) - [Peace Day]

Saturday 20th		6.15 pm	Intentions: Charles Lynch
Sunday 21st		8:00 am	Kay Knight RIP
		10:30 am	
		2:00 pm	Polish Mass
		6:30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Michael Hoban RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Donor's Intentions
	<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Michael 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 is 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
1 PARISH , 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



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WEEK COMMENCING: 13TH JANUARY 2019 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE 118

Some thirty years have passed between this Sunday and last. Last week we celebrated the visit of the Magi and today our Gospel presents us with his baptism in the Jordan. The years between are called the 'hidden years'. The only story we have from this period is the journey of the Holy Family to Jerusalem for the Passover where, on noticing Jesus is not with them, they return to the city to find him in discussion with the teachers in the temple. One story in thirty years. Part of this is to show that he lived an ordinary life like us – the same joys and hardships. He took on the fullness of our human experience. They also present us with a lesson that, in our own lives, God can sometimes seem hidden and silent. Jesus experienced that too on the Cross when He asked why he had been forsaken by His Father. It can be a comforting thought, when we feel that God is far away, to know that he chose to experience that for Himself as well.

Deacon Gary

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
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 JANUARY: Please join with Pope Francis in praying that young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

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

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION FOR PAX CHRISTI is next Sunday, 20th January: The work of *Pax Christi – the Peace of Christ* – is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form. They support teachers, chaplains and youth workers in promoting a culture of peace in schools and amongst young people and develop solidarity between people who are working non-violently for justice and peace throughout the world.

MILE END NEWS: Our gratitude to Colin Whittle's family who have kindly donated his Organ to St Josephs Church to be played during Sunday Mass. **VOLUNTEER REQUEST:** We are looking for an organist (s) to play at the 9.15am mass every Sunday – Please can any volunteers contact Stewart on 07545829333 if they are able to volunteer their services. Thank you.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Thursday: 28th February 2019** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (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].*

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. **Also looking for a Cleaning Team Leader.**

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The 1st Film showing for 2019 is on **16th January 2019** with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening *"The Lady in the Van"*. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates

100 CLUB DECEMBER DRAW: : 1st Prize – Una Coyle; 2nd Prize – Ann Irvine; 3rd Prize – Jon Vencarto.

100 CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW: 1st Prize – Linda Chapman; 2nd Prize - Cathy O'Connor; 3rd Prize - Chris Wenlock; 4th Prize – Pat Prager. Congratulations to one and all!

100 CLUB: The annual subscriptions (£12) for 2019 are now due. These can be renewed at Priory Street after all Masses this weekend. Arrangements for renewal of subscriptions at Mersea, Mile End and Monkwick to be advised.

SPRING SPIRITUALITY TALK: Mgr David Manson will be giving a talk on **"The Spirituality of Pope Francis"**- Saturday 19th January 2019 - 10.30am-12.00noon at Cathedral House

Conference Centre, Brentwood. Contact details: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel. 01277 265285.

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP: presents their annual pantomime *Cinderella* written by Justin Rowan, on **Friday 25th January 7.30pm and Saturday 26th January 3pm & 7.30pm** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, Colchester. Admission: Adults £5.00, concessions £2.50. For more information contact Lesley 01206 628003.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: On Wednesdays 23rd and 30th January at 7 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Luke, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2019. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR? The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre warmly invite you to join them to examine the parable of the Good Samaritan, with reference to today. Fr Michael Winstanley SDB will lead the session at St John Payne Parish Hall, Colchester CO4 3QD on Sunday 27th January 2019 at 2.15pm for 2.30pm start. See our website for details www.canonesses.co.uk/news-events/who-is-my-neighbour-fr-michael-winstanley-sdb/ or call 01206-867296.

WALSINGHAM SILENT RETREAT DURING FEBRUARY: Has been cancelled.

ANNUAL LOURDES MASS will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh on Sea, on **Sunday 10th February at 3.00pm**. All welcome

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGETO LOURDES: 21- 26 July, under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams. For details see leaflet or contact Pilgrimage Administrator, Mrs. Cathy O'Connor (01206) 735623 or email cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: As more working families turn to Foodbanks for assistance in feeding their families we would like to thank everyone who donates and kindly request that you please keep donating items. *Please leave with the Parish Office, if possible during office hours, but please NOT in the porch.* All goods are always greatly appreciated by those in need and remember these people in your prayers. Thank you.

KSC CHRISTMAS DRAW PRIZES: There still remain a few prizes awaiting collection. Please call at the Presbytery, during office hours if possible.

CALLING ALL PARENTS: Please would you try to avoid feeding your children actually during Mass. If they are hungry, a snack before you enter church or obviously afterwards when you've left would be a solution. Thank you for your consideration.

MESSAGE FROM 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:** cb.hall@btinternet.com
or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message]

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: *To be advised.*