

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ^(B)

Saturday 12th	Live Stream Church	6.15 pm	Jean Silk RIP
Sunday 13th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intentions
	Church	10.30 am	Peter Edwards RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
		3.30 pm	African Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Howard Ashcroft RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Olive Hewitt RIP

Monday 14th FERIA

Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
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Tuesday 15th FERIA

	Church	10.00 am	Pauline Morreale RIP
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Wednesday 16th St Richard of Chichester

Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Salvatore Morreale RIP
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Thursday 17th FERIA

Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Anniv: Mary Proudfoot
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Friday 18th FERIA

Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Maria Bradshaw RIP
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Saturday 19th Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary

Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Des Fuller RIP
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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ^(B) Day for Life

Saturday 19th	Live Stream Church	6.15 pm	Ints: Jim Lynas
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Sunday 20th	Church	8.00 am	John Dolamore RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Werner Oswald
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Ints: Jane & David Hopgood
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Private Intention

FACEMASKS. It is now a legal requirement that facemasks or coverings are worn when entering all places of worship (unless you are medically exempt or under 11yrs)

- ❖ 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: DAILY MASSES AND A SUNDAY MASS
(Weekdays 10am, please see Schedule for Sunday Live Stream Mass Time)

 [St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester](https://www.facebook.com/stjamescolchester)



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Week Commencing 13th June 2021

When a baby is baptised they enter into a state of grace which remains until they reach the age of reason, at which point they may remain in grace or choose to sin and damage that state. We might consider what happens during those approximately seven years before the age of reason, in the light of the Gospel parables this Sunday. The child would be growing and developing in what is really an astounding way; what would influence that development? On the one hand, the mustard seed of the Kingdom, fostered by learning to pray, regular attendance at Mass, and culminating when the age of reason is reached with the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. On the other hand, worldly influences, such as school where the curriculum is increasingly driven by a secular government, and nowadays various forms of media, e.g. TV, cinema and apps galore. Of course, it doesn't stop there, throughout the rest of life there are so many influences for good or bad. Food for thought.

Fr. Chris

 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!

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer at 9.45 _{am}	All Temporarily suspended
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
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2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 _{pm})	



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: The Beauty of Marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34) **The seed that grows to become a shelter.** Each of us has a 'seed' of love in us at our birth. This is fostered as we grow to value others through our relationships. Learning to love ourselves and each other more deeply helps our seeds of love to swell. Eventually our unified love becomes a 'shelter' for our children, our families and all those whose lives we touch.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Despite all the restrictions, let us be thankful that we can once again gather together, despite social distancing, as God's people. Please note the following norms which remain in place in order to promote a COVID 19 safe environment :-

- Churches will open 15 minutes before start of Mass
- Facemasks must be worn when entering all places of worship (unless medically exempt)
- Entrance to Church will be via the main door, exit by the side door
- Hand sanitiser is available at entrance and exit, though you may bring your own
- It will be essential that people sit where they are asked and do not move from there
- The use of face covering/mask in Church is now mandatory (please don't forget yours when attending Church) and that you wear it so that it covers both your mouth and nose.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times within Church.
- An Offertory Collection box will be situated at entrance and exit; the donation station is also useable
- No touching of Statues or Images in Church
- Toilets will be closed except for genuine emergencies.
- We are still required to have Church Stewards in attendance at each Mass and the Church will be cleaned after each Service in readiness for the next Mass to be held.
- No mingling with other people you do not live with after Mass outside the Church.

THE PARISH STEWARDS ARE HERE TO HELP AND DIRECT YOU TO YOUR SEAT(S), PLEASE BE POLITE TO THEM AS THEY CAN ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND DIOCESAN REGULATIONS.

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.

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, Valerie Thurston, Jimmy Clarin, Jim Lynas. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

SAVE THE DATES!

- **PARISH DAY ON SUNDAY 18th JULY.** Subject to any regulations which may be in place, we are hoping to host a parish lunch. It would be a way of thanking many people for their involvement during the pandemic and also a way of getting back together as a community. We have some ideas about the format but would like your input and suggestions; also, anyone willing to help put the day into practice. Please contact the presbytery.
- **SVP News:** The SVP would like to invite you to a **Tea Party on Saturday 21st August 2021** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. More details to follow nearer the time. We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. All monies will be used to help those in need.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection on the 20th June for **Day for Life.** *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. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.

MERSEA NEWS: Please use the following links for reserving seats at Mass (right click booking form and open hyperlink) alternatively, links for booking forms are on website under mass times: **Sun 20th June** [Booking Form](#) **Sun 27th June** [Booking Form](#) **Sun 4th July** [Booking Form](#)

AFRICAN MASS: There will be an African Mass this Sunday at 3.30_{pm} and on the Second Sunday of each month thereafter.

COLCHESTER CATHOLIC HERITAGE GROUP RE GATEHOUSE MASS: This will be celebrated on Thursday 24th June at 12.00_{pm} on the feast day of St John the Baptist who was the patron saint of the former abbey. Numbers are restricted at the Abbey and the Mass will be played to Cardinal Bourne Hall. The Abbot is willing to see parishioners in the Hall after the Mass. Tea and coffee will be available in the hall.

FAITH FOR THE FAMILY: This will be a short friendly interactive discussion with Fr Paschal on each Sundays Gospel readings on Mondays at 5_{pm} (via Zoom) lasting approx. 30 mins. It would be great if all family members (all ages) could drop by, you don't have to commit to weekly! If interested in participating - Meeting ID: 843 2602 2208/ Passcode: 883004. We hope to see you there.

ORDINATIONS FOR ORDERS/MOVEMENTS: **Rev Callum Young** will be Ordained a priest for the Neo-Catechumenate at St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, on 29th June 2021 and **Rev Joseph (Shaun) Bailham, OP** will be Ordained a priest for the Dominicans at St Dominic's Church (Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary), London, on 4th July 2021. Please pray for them.

THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD VICARIATE FOR ADULT FORMATION will launch a new website this week. The website is called "Thresholds of Hope" and is inspired by St Pope John Paul II's appeal to humanity to cross the threshold of hope and come to know the living God. See The Thresholds of Hope Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Thresholds-of-Hope-107248234841702> As a "taster" of the website please have a look at Fr Paschal Uche's video <https://youtu.be/gMBHsuQRbTE>

RED MISSIO BOXES (APF): Please remember to collect your emptied "Red Boxes" from the Presbytery. Thank you.

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