

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRISONERS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS

Saturday 12 th	Church	6.15 pm	
Sunday 13 th	Church	8:00 am	Hugh McGrath RIP
	Church	10:30 am	Anniversary: Ester Mombelli
	Church	1.30 pm	Rosary + Our Lady of Fatima procession
	Church	2.00 pm	followed by Polish Mass at 2.00pm
	Church	5.00 pm	Holy Hour
	Church	6:30 pm	Luigi Ferpozzi RIP
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Maria Nila Tavera + Anna Liza Barraca RIP
	Mile End	9:15 am	Derrick Foley RIP
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners
Monday 14 th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Thanksgiving Mass
Tuesday 15 th			St Theresa of Jesus (Avila) V, Rel, D
	Church	9.30 am	Prayers Answered
Wednesday 16 th			Feria
STM School Mass	Church	9.30 am	
	Church	12.15 pm	
Thursday 17 th			St Ignatius of Antioch, Bo, M
	Church	9.30 am	
Friday 18 th			St Luke, Evangelist
	Church	9.30 am	Alphonse Knapp RIP
Saturday 19 th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

WORLD MISSION DAY

Saturday 19 th	Church	6.15 pm	Hector Silva RIP
Sunday 20 th	Church	8:00 am	
	Church	10:30 am	
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	3.00 pm	Rosary
	Church	6:30 pm	
	West Mersea	8:30 am	
	Mile End	9:15 am	
	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	

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This month has been unusually exciting for me. Firstly returning from my holidays, which had given me invaluable time with my family (especially my mother), visiting family friends that I know.

Then, it is the mixed emotions of joy and sadness when I finally announced the news of my plans to move to another parish. The overwhelming feeling of gratitude to God filled my heart, and then with thankfulness to God who accompanied me during my journey as I set out once again into the unknown.

I was born in Goa, India and raised in a humble catholic family. As a boy, the village church bells would punch the silence, reminding me of prayers and Sunday Mass. I joined the Seminary as a teenager and was ordained a priest in 1997 (now 22 years a priest). This led me to serve the mission dioceses of India and having served at St Georges, Walthamstow, I look forward to my new appointment here in the Parish of St James the Less and St Helen.

Holidays helped me retrace my steps to the church, cherish my friends and make new acquaintances.

In all things, give Thanks to God. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Fr Nixon

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.

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 OCTOBER: A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Healing miracles in our marriage...He is there!* God knows we need healing! Daily He performs, through the Holy Spirit, large and small healing 'miracles'. When we look carefully and sensitively at what happens in our marriages, we can detect God alive and active within us. As we learn to choose to co-operate with His grace and mercy, He becomes evident in our lives. Let's always thank Him.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Thomas MacKinlay and Aloisia Maria Wija who have both recently passed away. May they rest in peace and we also pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Thomas funeral service will be held at Colchester Crematorium on Friday 18th October at 2.45_{pm} and Aloisia Requiem Mass will be held here on Thursday 24th October at 1.00_{pm}.

2nd COLLECTION After all masses this weekend there will be a 2nd collection for Prisoners Sunday. The Next 2nd Collection will be APF World Mission Day on 20th October.

FR. NIXON GOMES: Please give a warm welcome to Fr Nixon Gomes our new assistant priest, who brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience.

ROSARY: Please note that the Rosary today is at 1.30_{pm} only. This will return to 3pm next week.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Friday 15th November 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].*

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The children's liturgy sessions are run by volunteers and take place every Sunday during the 10.30_{am} family mass. We are looking for helpers to assist. If interested, please speak to Shiv (member of the church choir).

SVP SOUP RUN: The SVP need your help. We need volunteers to make sandwiches for our soup run once a month. We will put together a rota and reimburse you for the ingredients. If you can help, please use our contact details below leaving your phone number and/or email address. Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on **Wednesday 16th October** with a **start time of 1.15_{pm}** screening "*Lead Kindly Light & A Time to Revive*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard in porch for future films and screening dates.

MISSION TODAY: AUTUMN 2019 Edition - free magazines are available for all parishioners on the table in church porch.

"CUPPA CLUB" The SVP coffee morning will be starting on **7th November** in Cardinal Bourne Hall from 10.00_{am}. Please do come along and join us.

ACN CREAM TEA: Come and join us for a friendly and yummy cream tea **on Saturday 2nd November at 3_{pm}** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. All proceeds to Aid to the Church in Need. £5 per person. Bring some friends along and a little something for the raffle. To help with the preparation, do let us know you are coming by calling Anne on 07880852738.

BEETLE DRIVE: The SVP will be holding a Beetle Drive, in Cardinal Bourne Hall on **Saturday 19th October, at 7_{pm}**. This is a fun night for all the family with a free buffet and bring your own bottle. Tickets £5.00 per adult with accompanying children free. Tickets will be available after the 10.30_{am} & 6.30_{pm} Masses this Sunday. Please see the poster in Church porch or notice on the parish website for further details.

JOSIE'S KITCHEN: Please help support Josie's Kitchen and their volunteers work with the homeless by giving a donation towards their running costs and joining her in December for a bake sale – date to be advised in due course. Thank you for your support on Sunday 6th October.

CATECHIST TRAINING DAY: This years' event will be on **Saturday 9th November 2019** from **10_{am}-3:30_{pm}** at Sacred Heart of Mary School and will include some exciting new workshops from providers such as The Bible Society, Young Vincentians, Sycamore and Godly Play! This day is free of charge, thanks to National Youth Sunday contributions. For more details and info on how to reserve your place, please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org with your name, parish, current role and a contact email address or visit www.bcys.net/events

DEANERY MUSIC DAY: A day has been organised for all singers, musicians, psalmists and anyone else who is interested in the music that is provided in our churches. It will take place on **Saturday 19 October** at St Monica's Catholic Church, De Vere Lane, Wivenhoe, CO7 9AU, from 10_{am} until 4_{pm}. Refreshments provided but please bring a packed lunch. There is no charge but it would help the planning if you could let the diocesan music office know if you are planning to attend. Please email music@dioceseofbrentwood.org or ring 01277 265288.

THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED (CARDINAL) JOHN HENRY NEWMAN takes place in Rome today, Sunday 13th October. To mark this historic occasion, Fr Stewart Foster, the Diocesan archivist, has kindly agreed to give a free lecture entitled "*St John Henry Newman: His Life and Times*" on **Thursday 17th October** at 7.30_{pm} in the Cathedral Conference Centre. All are welcome.

CELEBRATING INTERFAITH WEEK: The Essex Faith Covenant Two Years On ... Its Impact on our Communities - Thursday 14th November 6.45_{pm}-9.30_{pm}, Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford. This event is an opportunity to hear from speakers Stephen Timms MP & Daniel Singleton, Executive Director at Faith Action on the importance of interfaith engagement. The event will conclude with a curry/refreshments and the chance to visit the showcase stands. Free parking at the venue. Follow this link to book a place <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inter-faith-week-celebration-the-essex-faith-covenant-two-years-on-tickets-71774703069>

NEW TO THE PARISH? Then please complete one of our Parish Registration forms, which can be found in the porch at the back of the church.

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 14th October: **Team 2.**