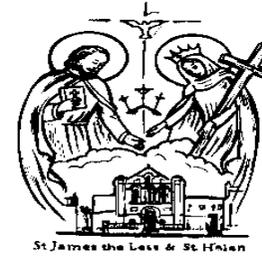


ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Remembrance Sunday			
Saturday 12 th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Anniversary: Rosalie Sutcliffe RIP
Sunday 13 th	Church	8.00 am	Agatha Nally RIP
	Church	10.30 am	November Altar List
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Ints: Mary Hazell
	Mile End	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP
Monday 14 th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Sidney Finch
Tuesday 15 th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Ann De Smith RIP
Wednesday 16 th			St Edmund of Abingdon (Rich), Bp
	Church	9.30 am	November Altar List
Thursday 17 th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Des Fuller RIP
Friday 18 th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Thanksgiving
Saturday 19 th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Church	9.30 am	Margaretta Wright
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (C) Youth Day			
Saturday 19 th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Margaret Hicks RIP
Sunday 20 th	Church	8.00 am	Richard & Betty O'Connell RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Jayne Howes RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Christopher Dum Dum RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Mary Jacob RIP

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Marriage Preparation: Please be aware that 6 months' notice of intention for Marriage is required especially if marrying outside the Parish. Couples who are planning to get married should contact us **at least 6 months** in advance. Thank you.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00pm Mass (Monkwick).
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church entrance, please complete envelope & drop through presbytery door. A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass. The Mass Intention will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook or collection from Church).
- ❖ 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).
- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com



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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)



Remembrance Day + World Day of the Poor

Week commencing 13th November 2022



As the end of the liturgical year approaches, I thought I'd share some musings on the Gospel in light of the end of time and the ultimate meaning of history. Jesus tells us of perilous times to come. One might ask, how is that supposed to influence our living today? In his book *The Lord*, Romano Guardini interestingly observes that, if a curve was drawn to mark the high point of history, some would argue that its peak lies behind us in a distant golden age; that we are on a downward plunge to ultimate catastrophe. Others would argue the best days are in front of us with technological and scientific progress the peak lies ahead. Finally some might suggest that time itself is a matter of chance and process we need to take a hold of it and give it meaning ourselves. Guardini then says that while all of these contain a degree of truth and error for God the meaning of history lies in the fulfilment of salvation the accomplishment of his will. When the fullness of time has been attained, the end will come. The fine stonework of time will collapse to reveal with great clarity that the purpose of our lives was all along to know, love and serve God, to be happy with Him in this life and then forever in the next. Regardless of when the end comes, our challenge is to live His meaning now.

Fr. Paschal

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY (Mon-Fri)	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
ADORATION & PRAYER	Thursdays	at 7.30 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: *Children Who Suffer*

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS. DURING THIS MONTH, PRAYERS AND MASSES ARE SAID FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED. *NOVEMBER ALTAR LISTS OF DEAD & ENVELOPES* ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH PORCH. PLEASE PUT THE NAMES OF YOUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON THE LIST AND PLACE THIS IN THE ENVELOPE ALONG WITH YOUR DONATION AND EITHER HAND THE ENVELOPE TO A PRIEST OR DROP THE ENVELOPE THROUGH THE PRESBYTERY LETTERBOX.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER: Each Sunday Evening of Advent (27/11/22 + 04/12/22 + 11/12/22 + 18/12/22) at St James the Less & St Helen we will be holding Exposition at 5.30pm, Evening Prayer at 6.00pm followed by Benediction. This is a chance to spend a short while each week in stillness, contemplation, and community.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Malachi 3:19-20; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19) ***Go on quietly working at our marriage, stand before God together.*** In marriage, one partner can work hard at the relationship, the other take it for granted. When both work at it, marriage can be the most marvellous relationship possible. Today, take time to stand before God together and *'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'*. We all need this healing. Let's reaffirm our vows today.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Ron Griffin, Colin Ffloyd-Thurgood, Mike Taylor, Darline + Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need and for those who have recently died.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Violet Dorothy Golding (*known as Dorothy*) and Monique Lianne Buckingham + Christine Mary Nock who have all recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Dorothy's funeral service will be here on Wednesday 7th December at 10.30am. Monique's funeral service will be here on Monday 5th December at 12.30pm. Christine's funeral will be on Friday 18th November at 9.30am in Colchester Crematorium.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend there will be a collection taken for World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis reminds us, *"If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor."* (As per previous years we will split the proceeds of this collection between Josie's Kitchen and the SVP, both of whom play such a vital role in our Parish with assisting those in need). Thank you.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a collection taken for World Youth Sunday on 20th November.

'WALK WITH ME' Booklets (ADVENT EDITION): in church porch at £1 a copy.
REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards, Diaries & Calendars are now available for sale in the Church Porch. All monies to go in Repository Box.

SAVE THE DATE! CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2022

IN CARDINAL BOURNE HALL from 11am to 3.30pm. There will be lots to see and do; Christmas Card making for children, Fr Christmas, Hot Chestnut Stall, Baked good stalls, Bar & Gift Tombolas, Tabletop sale (£10 per table – book early to reserve your table!) Raffle, Refreshments will be served (*Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks, and Mulled Wine*), assorted live and recorded music, All Day Breakfast & Baked potatoes in Crypt. From 4-5.30pm Children's film –from 6-8pm Carol Service in Church. **We would be grateful for any donations which will**

be collected on the following dates: -

13/11/22: (Drinks Tombola/Raffle) Bottles of wine, spirits, beer, soft drinks, cans etc.,

20/11/22: Unwanted gifts, toiletries, Scarves, Perfume, Trinkets

27/11/22: Non perishable goods suitable for hamper, cakes, biscuits, chocolates

04/12/22: Gifts for Raffle

JOSIE'S KITCHEN: Josie thanks all those who have kindly donated food and hygiene items for care packages for her *'boys and girls'*, you have really made a difference to their Christmas and shown how much they are cared for in our parish. *Thank you.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – SPRING 2023 : The next First Holy Communion classes will start in the spring term 2023. If your child is currently in years 3 or 4, please send the following information to fhcstjamescolchester@gmail.com to register your interest.

♦ Child's Name	♦ Name of School Attended
♦ Parents' Name(s)	♦ School Year Group

You will be contacted via email with further information. Thank you.

LOST & FOUND PROPERTY BOX: Are you missing anything?? Please check if they have been left in the *lost & found* property box in church porch. In addition, we have some prescription glasses & cases in the presbytery – to collect these, please phone and describe your missing item and we will check to see if we have received these, any items not collected before Christmas will be donated to those in need. Thank you.

SVP CUPPA CLUB: will meet every **Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in the Hall.

LITTLE SAINTS TOTS: Our parish Tots group is **every Wednesday 8:50am-11am** in hall.

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, Ireland, 29th May 2023, led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699 per person sharing. Price incl. Flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips: Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150. Contact Patricia 01268 762 278 email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

WALSINGHAM DOCUMENTARY, a new documentary hosted by Fr. Michael Kane of Being Catholic TV, was filmed during the summer of 2022. It is based on a series of interviews with people who currently live or work in Walsingham, or who visited Walsingham at the time of filming. Go to <https://www.walsingham.org.uk>

BCCS: This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to launch their virtual **Tree of Angels** which will allow you to light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of BCCS. Please visit <https://visufund.com/tree-of-angels-2022> to go directly to our Tree of Angels portal to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk



We pray for the people of Ukraine, for peace and the laying down of weapons.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 14/11/22: **Team 3** / Monday 21/11/22: **Team 4**
CBH COFFEE MORNING: 13/11/22: **Yolande + 1** / 20/11/22: **SVP**