

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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sea Sunday		
Saturday 13 th	6.15 pm	
Sunday 14 th	8:00 am	Bridgid Lowe RIP
	10:30 am	
Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5:00 pm	Holy Hour
	6:30 pm	
West Mersea	8:30 am	Barry Donovan RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Anniv: Barry Fitzgerald
Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners
Monday 15 th		St Bonaventure BP, D
Church	9.30 am	
Tuesday 16 th		Feria
Church	9.30 am	Francisco Javier De Stefano Perez RIP
Wednesday 17 th		Feria
	12.15 pm	
Thursday 18 th		Feria
Church	9.30 am	
Friday 19 th		Feria
Church	9.30 am	
Saturday 20 th		Feria
Church	9.30 am	
Church	4.00 pm	Our Lady of Fatima Procession followed by mass in Polish/English

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 20 th	6.15 pm	Anthony Southon RIP
Sunday 21 st	8:00 am	Joseph + Bridget Loftus RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	
West Mersea	8:30 am	
Mile End	9:15 am	Paul Williams RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Wilga Lyons 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 are 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 patients so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

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Sea Sunday
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In today's gospel, the interesting conversation takes place between Jesus and the scholar of law and he asks the Lord with the view of inheriting the kingdom of heaven, "Who is my neighbour?" In his compassion, the Samaritan in Jesus' parable reveals the boundless mercy of God - who came down to us when we were fallen in sin, close to dead, unable to pick ourselves up. Like the Samaritan, He pays the price for us, heals the wounds of sin, pours out on us the oil and wine of the sacraments, entrusts us to the care of His Church, until He comes back for us. Because His love has known no limits and this is the love that leads to eternal life, the love Jesus commands today of each of us - "Go and do likewise."

Fr. John Victor

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 JULY: *The Integrity of Justice*

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Bandaging each other's wounds.* The Good Samaritan 'went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring wine and oil on them'. On the journey of life, we wound ourselves and each other by our words, actions and omissions: our angry words, the withdrawal of affection, the broken promise. Open, honest dialogue 'oils' intimacy and we bind up each other's wounds by asking and granting forgiveness.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Anthony Lodge who has recently passed away. May he rest in peace and we also pray for the comfort of his bereaved family and friends. John's funeral service will be held at Colchester Crematorium on Thursday 25th July at 2.00^{pm}.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

PROCEEDS OF RECENT 2ND COLLECTIONS: SVP £636.50, Holy Land £287.40, Promotion of Vocations £588.22, World Communications Day £637.47, Day for Life £570.48, Sick & Retired Clergy Fund £889.60. All proceeds have been sent to the relevant charities. THANK YOU. The commitment and generosity of our parishioners is inspiring.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The next Procession is on **Tuesday 13th August at 6.30^{pm}** followed by mass in Polish/English.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on Wednesday, **24th July**, with a **start time of 1.15^{pm}** screening "*The Crusades*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments

ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY BBQ: On **Saturday 27th July from 3^{pm} -5^{pm}** in the Church presbytery garden. This is a chance to catch up with friends old and new ones whilst enjoying delicious food hot off the grill at the parish BBQ! A raffle will also be held on the day. Adults £6 and under 12's £4. Contact Norah (01206) 503410 or Frances (01206) 369568 for tickets in advance. All most welcome.

LENTEN TALKS 2020: We are pleased to advise that due to the success of this years Lenten talks and the positive feedback received, these talks will be held again next year. We are looking for a volunteer to front the event and work alongside a small team of people who will be assisting. If interested and to find out more info, please speak to Fr Chris.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: Quiet Day at 74 Howe Close, CO4 3XD on **Friday 19th July from 10:00^{am} - 3:00^{pm}**, come for the day or part of the day. Bring lunch, tea and coffee provided. Please contact T: 01206 867296 or email crssuk@canonesses.co.uk to let us know if you are coming. An opportunity to be quiet and reflective in summer time.

THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN was announced last week. This great theologian and man of outstanding faith and virtue will be recognised as a saint by Pope Francis on 13th October. Would you like to attend the canonisation? The plan is to stay outside Rome at the villa Palazzola (see <https://www.palazzola.it/>) Planned departure date will be Friday 11th and returning on Monday 14th. The present cost is £250 for return flights with bags to Rome Ciampino and, staying at Palazzola, £315 for a standard room and £68 more per person in an en-suite. That includes 3 nights full board and coaches into Rome. Further details to be confirmed in due course. This will be an incredible experience but please remember that Rome will be very busy with pilgrims and therefore, you will need to be mobile, healthy and fit especially as we will be travelling into Rome. Please contact Clergy House on 01277 265235 or email cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com to register your interest.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will feature on Lourdes TV (www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/) at 22.00 (UK time) on Monday 22nd July when we are part of the Marian (Torchlight) procession and at 09.30 (UK time) on Tuesday 23rd July, when we celebrate Mass at the Grotto. In addition, each day from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July the **BCYS (Brentwood Catholic Youth Service)** will be offering "Virtual Pilgrimage" clips and highlights from Lourdes, including homilies from Bishop Alan and priests of the Diocese. You will find all these on the website www.bcys.net. **The website is being refreshed this Friday, 19th July, with new resources and links for youth leaders and catechists:** have a look!

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: Food donations are especially welcome during the school holiday period, items of tinned/dry goods along with cleaning products & long life milk and fruit juices, squashes, hygiene & sanitary products, small multi-pack snacks, small washing powder/liquids, tea + coffee, biscuits, peanut butter + jams, mini chocolate bars. Please remember those in need in your prayers.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL: LONELINESS is a painful emotion, with one in 20 adults in the UK describing themselves as feeling lonely. Colchester Borough Council is taking steps to tackle this issue, by launching a new scheme to encourage people to come together and get talking. CAFÉ is a free event with free teas/coffees and is aimed at people struggling with isolation and loneliness who would like to meet for refreshments and a friendly chat for two hours once a week. There are already ten venues around Colchester. Please see our website for more info www.colchester.gov.uk/cafe, includes CAFE locations /days /times

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 contact number].

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 15th July: **Team 3.**