

# 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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St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Canon John Bloomfield
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Grazyna Omsolski RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Maria Nila Tavera + Lisa Cagadas RIP
	Mile End	9.15 am	Yadi Khodaverdi + John Mauger RIP
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Parishioners
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Ann De Smith RIP
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Edmund of Abingdon (Rich), Bp</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Miroslaw Witold Pauk RIP
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Sisenando + Rosario De Jesus RIP
	Church	12.30 pm	<b>Funeral Mass:</b> Alistair John Day RIP
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Deceased Members of Maria Reid Family
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Margaretta Wright
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Anniversary: Elaine Proudfoot RIP
	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (B) YOUTH DAY</b>		
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Doris Driscoll RIP
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Gatha Nally RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	November Dead List
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.15 am	Deceased Members of Larkin Family
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Private Intention

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, Please contact the Presbytery.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 10<sup>am</sup> Mass and 5.30<sup>pm</sup>-6.00<sup>pm</sup>
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ Repository in Church Porch: Mass Intention Cards available in Church Porch; All items purchased - Monies to be left in Repository Box.
- ❖ 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



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## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)



**Remembrance Day + World Day of the Poor**



**Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

People often like to know what might happen in the future, both the short term e.g. weather forecasts and the long term e.g. climate change. The obvious difficulty is the uncertainty which surrounds the future. The Old Testament developed a language to talk about future divine acts, apocalyptic, which actually means 'hidden'. This can be considered as a kind of code, a shorthand. In the New Testament we have the final book of the Bible, the book of the Apocalypse, concerned with what is still to come. The readings today use some apocalyptic language, referring to different events. Speaking in the early days of the first century Jesus gives us hints about the short term, which referred to the coming of the Holy Spirit and the destruction of Jerusalem; also the longer term which we call the second coming. The Holy Spirit has come, demonstrably in power on the day of Pentecost and powerfully since though in a more hidden way; and Jerusalem was destroyed, in AD 70. So we can be sure that Jesus will come again, in glory. As we await the second coming our attitude ought to be one of readiness, focussed on the present. As has been said before, if we are ready, then it does not matter if the second coming is in our days or not. The future is a mystery, the present is a gift.

Fr. Chris

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
DAILY Mon-Fri	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	Temporarily suspended

Please refer to the Website Home Page or External Church Notice Board for details on the **Relaxation of Covid restrictions.**

*As a Reminder: 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.*



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: People Who Suffer from Depression.** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**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.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14; 18 Mark 13:24-32) **We do not know the hour or the day.** The world will not last for ever, and marriage too will end when one spouse dies. This week, we married people are reminded to reflect on the treasures of love in our life: romance, warmth, tenderness, joyful celebrations, intimate moments and the fruitfulness of our love. Let's celebrate each other, reconcile past hurts and continually praise God for His blessings.

**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, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Victor Dardis and Patrick Fintan Cusack who have 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.

**DIOCESAN 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** This weekend there will be a collection taken at all Masses for World Day of the Poor on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021. This the 5<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Poor, initiated by Pope Francis in 2017 with the theme of *"let us love, not with words but with deeds."* The Christian is called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and neighbour, especially the most vulnerable. Pope Francis reminds us, *"If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor."* (This year 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 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** Youth Sunday on 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**HOLY HOUR & VESPERS:** This will be held on the on the following Sundays from 5-6pm; 28<sup>th</sup> November /5<sup>th</sup> December /12<sup>th</sup> December /19<sup>th</sup> December. Please do try to come.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Christmas Afternoon Tea on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30pm - 4.30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall . There will be a good variety of Cakes and Sandwiches along with Tea/Coffee. Please donate any unloved gifts for stall sale at event. Tickets: Adults - £7, Children 5-10yrs -£3. Contact Frances 369568 or Nora 503410.

**LAUDATO SI' INVITATIONS, COMMITMENTS AND ACTIONS:** This is our response to the heartfelt plea from Pope Francis, *"Listen to the Cry of the Earth, the Cry of the Poor."* It is for every parishioner in the Diocese. Please collect a leaflet and pledge card from Porch.

**LAUDATO SI' COMMITMENTS:** Following on from the Bishops letter regarding Laudato Si' we are looking to form a working group of volunteers to see what we can do as a Parish in response to this. So far, we have received no reaction from Parishioners on how we should respond to the Popes request. If you would like to be involved in this group, please contact us on 866317 to join. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

**SVP NEWS:** Every year the SVP give Christmas presents to the young people in Brett House. Bernard Brett House is a specialist supported housing scheme for young homeless people at risk in the Colchester area. This year we are asking for your help. Are you able to donate a few chocolates or toiletries that can be wrapped up and give someone a lovely surprise this Christmas? There will be a box in the church porch for these to be collected in.

**JOSIE'S KITCHEN:** Josie sends her heartfelt thanks for your generous Toiletry donations this year, she is so touched by your caring and support for "her boys and girls" who will be delighted with their care packages. Josie is looking for donations to make Food parcels for the Homeless to tide them over the Christmas period when Josie's Kitchen is closed. If you can spare any of the following items: - Dried Milk Powder, Longlife milk and Juice, Dried Mashed Potatoes, Tea & Coffee, Sugar, Soup sachets/boxes, small multipacks of biscuits, cakes, chocolates etc. Please drop your Donations into the Presbytery. Thank you

**THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION:** *Why should we listen to the Church?* takes place by Zoom on Sundays 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November 4-5pm. The input and discussion will be led by Fr Stephen Morrison, O Praem, Chelmsford. To join this meeting go to Events at [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk)

**THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY** is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order **your Digital** copy by going to [www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk](http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk) or call us on 0743661 7650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer: Only £20 for 3 months.

**BCCS:** This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to re-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://www.bccs.org.uk/christmas/tree-angels> to make your dedication and secure donation.

**PARISH FINANCES:** If you wish to make an offering/donation this can be done 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):-  
**Priory St:** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>  
**Mile End:** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-c>  
**Mersea:** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>  
**Monkwick:** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

**Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you**

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** 15/11/21: **Team 2**

**CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA:** 14/11/21: Peggy & Anne (Rotas in Church porch).