

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 14th	Church	6.15 pm	Hector Silva RIP
Sunday 15th	Church	8:00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10:30 am	Wyn Robinson RIP
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
	West Mersea	8:30 am	
	Mile End	9:15 am	
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Leslie Hawken RIP

Monday 16th	Church	9.30 am	St Cornelius, P, and Cyprian, Bp, Mm Special Intention
Tuesday 17th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Sarah Betts
Wednesday 18th	Church	12.15 pm	Feria Charlie Pirie RIP
Thursday 19th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Beatriz Recinto RIP
Friday 20th	Church	9.30 am	St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Pr; Paul Chong Ha-sang and Comps, Mm Fr Hugo Palihawadanau RIP
Saturday 21st	Church	9.30 am	ST MATTHEW, Ap, Evangelist <i>Feast</i> Ronald Hollis RIP

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 21st	Church	6.15 pm	Hilda Gabb-Jones [Anniversary]
Sunday 22nd	Church	8:00 am	Mr & Mrs Minator RIP
	Church	10:30 am	P A Akpan John Udo RIP
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	
	West Mersea	8:30 am	
	Mile End	9:15 am	Parishioners
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Bert Hewitt 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.

TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
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St. Paul, referring to his life as Saul before his conversion to Christ, describes himself as a blasphemer. He writes elsewhere that as Saul he was a sincerely committed Pharisee, practising his faith with energy and conviction, rather like the eldest son in the Gospel story who never once disobeyed orders. I would suggest that many people in our world today would argue that Saul should have stayed as he was, since he was clearly sincere; that the eldest son was correct in refusing to go in as he was clearly being treated unfairly; and that St. Paul was wrong to use the word, 'blasphemer'. The world would be wrong. It is a common mistake nowadays to prize sincerity over truth. A person who is wrong in their beliefs, no matter how sincerely held, is still wrong, ignorant as St. Paul terms it. If I were trying to walk to a life-saving oasis in the desert and sincerely, but wrongly, believed I was on the right path I would in fact die of thirst. As Jesus himself says, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No-one can come to the Father except through me.'

Fr. Chris

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 SEPTEMBER: *The Protection of the Oceans*

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Driving together on the way to heaven.* The readings contain a sense of hope. His forgiveness seems never ending and His mercy shows no limits. He never stops 'rescuing' us as the lost sheep of His flock, or 'finding' us, like the widow's mite, when we feel lost within our marriage. God's way of working is like a 'SATNAV', with the destination set as eternal life.

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, Patrick Kehoe.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS to the Bishop on the news of the death of his mother. She died peacefully on the 8th September in Lancashire, aged. 97. May she rest in peace.

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].*

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend there will be a collection for Home Mission Day. Our prayers help them to be attentive to the Holy Spirit who directs their work and our donations to the second collection will enable them to help the local Church share the joy of the Gospel throughout England.

FR JOHN VICTOR: If anyone would like to contribute to a farewell gift to Fr. John, there will be a retiring collection after all Masses on Sunday 22nd September. The presentation will take place in the hall after the 10.30_{am} Mass on Sunday October 6th. All are welcome.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The next procession will take place on **Sunday 13th October** at 5.00_{pm} followed by mass in Polish/English.

OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY: The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the **Rosary** is celebrated annually on **October 7th**. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the **Rosary** by the faithful. We will be holding this at 3_{pm} every Sunday in October, commencing on **Sunday 6th October**. Please do come and join us.

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTION: Parish Renovation Fund on 29th September.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on Wednesday **18th September** with a **start time of 1.15_{pm}** screening "*The War Room*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard in porch for future films and screening dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: -

- **KSC ANNUAL RETREAT TO CLARE PRIORY** on **Saturday 28th September**. £16.00 per person, transport by car, leaving Priory Street @ 8.45am. Bring your own packed lunch. Please contact Ron Griffin on (01206) 571590 or Michael Irvine on (01206) 854803 for more info and to book a place - Please do come and join us.
- **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 cash bar. Tickets £5.00 per adult with accompanying children free. Tickets must be purchased before the event and will be available for sale nearer the time. Please see the poster in Church porch or notice on the parish website for further details.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Journey in Faith or RCIA is the process developed by the Catholic Church for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, teachings and practices with a view to becoming Catholics, or for those who have a background in the Catholic Faith but who have not yet been confirmed, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. *The first session will be on Thursday, October 10th at 7_{pm} in the Crypt.* **To register your interest, please give your name and contact details to one of the priests. Thank You**

BCYS YOUTH GATHER: Mersea Island, **26th-27th October 2019** (half term weekend). The Youth Gather is for anyone in school aged 9-13yrs, and includes a mix of inspiring speakers, reflection and prayer, together with outward bound activities like zip wires, high ropes and climbing walls. The cost of £50 includes coach from Stratford, Romford, Basildon, Brentwood, Chelmsford or Southend, as well as all meals and activities. Full details and online booking at <https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2019/>

WALSINGHAM ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE, Sunday 6th October, led by Bishop Mark O'Toole. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For further details, please see poster in porch.

SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT: 'SILENCE & THE SCRIPTURES'. FRI 11TH - SUN 13TH OCTOBER 2019. Led by Canon David Oakley, Rector of Oscott Seminary. Venue: Sion Community, Brentwood. The theme flows from the Bishops of England and Wales announcing 2020 as a year of celebrating, living and sharing God's word in celebration of two important anniversaries in the life of the Church this coming year. This silent weekend retreat offers the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, guidance & ministry included. For more information or to book, email allegra.mutanda@gmail.com or call 0790 3648639. Alternatively, e-mail admin@sioncommunity.org.uk or call 01277 215011.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): the next meeting will take place at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4EY, on **Saturday 28 September at 2.30_{pm}**. Father Bob White of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham (and formerly Vicar of St Thomas of Canterbury, Brentwood) will speak on 'From Anglicanism to Catholicism.' All are most welcome.

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

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- ❖ **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
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CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 16th September: **Team 2.**