

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 15th	Church	6.15 pm	Anniversary: Mrs Oksana Zakhleniuk
Sunday 16th	Church	8:00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10:30 am	Mrs Hannah Gobol RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Mrs Bridget Flannery RIP
	Mile End	9:15 am	Anne Hall RIP
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Private Intention

Monday 17th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Catherine Wood
Tuesday 18th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Mrs Bridie Foley
Wednesday 19th			Feria
	Church	12.15 pm	Thanksgiving
Thursday 20th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Rose Donovan RIP
Friday 21st			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Anniversary: Dr. Halley Mathew
Saturday 22nd			THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, Ap
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Ursula Bayani

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Day for the Unemployed)

Saturday 22nd	Church	6.15 pm	Richard Lambe RIP
Sunday 23rd	Church	8:00 am	Penny Bloomfield RIP
	Church	10:30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls
	Mile End	9:15 am	Thomas Cusack RIP
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Private Intention

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 the patient so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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How God loves our freedom! As if in a singing tone, he says in Ecclesiasticus: *“He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.”* We are therefore invited to choose righteousness that goes deeper than the Pharisees. The hidden wisdom of God has been revealed to us. “The man who keeps them and teaches them (the commandments) will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.” If we must lose things which pertain to us in order to be numbered among the saints in heaven, then so be it. Surely, heaven is full of one-eyed, one-armed saints who reconciled with offending their brethren, or refused to be mastered by habits that can cause more harm to the soul than good. And so we stretch forth our one remaining hand to the fire of the Holy Spirit, to the water of Baptism saying Yes to the Lord.

Fr Nixon

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	following 8.00am Mass
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm - 6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: *Listen to the Migrants' Cries*

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Making the right choices.* Choices! How difficult sometimes to make the right choices. What to eat today, how to save money, what clothes to wear, what we or our children need. For Christians, prayer and a set of Christian values influence the choices we make. Why not ask the Lord's help to decide what issue is uppermost for us today and dialogue about it?

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, Hilda Morah. Valerie Thurston, Joan Jeal

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pauline Morreale and Patricia Keene who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Pauline's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 25th February at 12.30pm and Patricia's Funeral Service will be held at Colchester Crematorium on Friday 6th March at 12.30pm.

CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY is on Friday 6th March. Will you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help highly trained, highly skilled local experts around the world to save and support the health of the world's poorest families? CAFOD urgently need your help to reach out to even more people who need treatment, care and love. Envelopes will be available to take home next weekend, please give what you can to help those less fortunate.

READERS: Pope Francis has 'dedicated' this year to the Word, asking all Catholics to spend more time reading and reflecting on the Scriptures. It seems fitting therefore for us as a parish to be more attentive to the reading of Scripture during Mass, and also renew and refresh those who do proclaim the Word in Mass. In the first instance, I would like to invite parishioners to give me the names (of others or themselves) who would like to be considered as readers in our parish.

LENT TALKS Lent is the time of reflection. Continuing last year's venture we have invited more speakers on Lent-related themes. Come and join us in the hall at 7.30pm any Lent Friday evening starting on 6th March to 3rd April. A poster with the programme is at the back of the church. All are welcome.

LANDINGS: At the 10.30am mass next Sunday, there will be a short talk by Ruby Almeida from Landings UK who will briefly explain the Landings programme.

PALM CROSSES: We would be grateful if people could bring their old palm crosses back to us. A basket is situated in the Church Porch for collection of these. Thank you.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: There will be a St Patrick's Event on the evening of Saturday, 21st March. More details to follow.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES There are some copies still available in the church porch. Priced at £2.80 per copy (money to go in "Repository" Box in church porch).

REPOSITORY SHOP + CHURCH PORCH: now selling a selection of St Patrick's Day cards.

'WALK WITH ME' Booklets (LENT EDITION): Now available in church porch at £1 a copy.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on **Wednesday 19th February** with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening "*Summer Snow*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard in porch for future films and screening dates.

THE SVP CUPPA CLUB is running **every Thursday morning from 10am to 12 noon** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games and craft. If you know anyone who would like to come but needs a lift, please get in touch, using the contact details below.

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM takes place on **Saturday 23rd May 2020**. For transport details contact Theresa Higgins on 07881370626.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE DAY OF PRAYER: Come and join us at St. Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch, for a day of prayer on **Saturday 22nd February 2020 10am-4pm**. Rosary, Adoration and a talk given by Fr Svetozar, Franciscan Priest from Medugorje. Bring a packed lunch. Everyone welcome!

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN: On **28th February to 1st March** in Liverpool. The theme is Discernment and Vocation. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? For more info contact Sr. Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

VACANCIES: 1: ASSISTANT MANAGER, WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK. Are looking to recruit someone who has retreat centre experience, to live and work at Walsingham House, to lead retreat programmes and to help with the training and formation of our volunteer team. Start in mid-August 2020. Salary £16,926. Closing date for applications 2nd March 2020. Full details at www.bcys.net/jobs or call Joe Beattie on 01277 373959.

2: DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY, DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD. This significant role will help to deepen and strengthen our ever growing and vibrant youth ministry, at Walsingham House at Abbotswick and supporting parishes across the Diocese. Start in September 2020. Salary £40,000. Closing date for applications 16th March 2020. Full details at www.bcys.net/jobs or call Fr Dominic Howarth on 01277373959.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MYLAND; *MakeLunchMyland-Filling the Holiday Hunger Gap.* This project supports local families by providing free, hot and healthy meals and fun activities during the school holidays. More details from Rev.Lynsey; 07887 793610 or lynseyheslegrave@aol.com.

RETOUVAILLE: Is a program to help couples through difficult times in their marriage. There is no therapy or group work. For confidential information or to register for a residential weekend on 28th Feb – 1st March: call 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443; email retouvaileukinfo@gmail.com ; visit www.retouvaile.org.uk

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND: A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 3rd to 5th April 2020 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

❖ **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 17th February: **Team 4**