

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**DAY FOR LIFE**

<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Robert Renford + Joyce Wrobel RIP
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Mr. Romeo Reverente RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (F&A)
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	3.30 pm	First Holy Communion Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Howard Ashcroft RIP
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Anniversary: Mary Proudfoot RIP
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Maria Bradshaw RIP
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Des Fuller RIP
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Marco
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>			<b>St Aloysius, Gonzaga, Rel</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mr. B. J. Mathews RIP
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>			<b>SS JOHN FISHER, Bp &amp; THOMAS MORE, Mm</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
			<b>TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b>
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Canon John Bloomfield
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	John Wilkinson RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Bridget + Michael Brady RIP

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Baptism Godparents: A Godparent must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This means they have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. You only need one Godparent. It does not matter if they are male or female. There is no provision for more than two godparents.
- ❖ 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.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** [colchester@brcdt.org](mailto:colchester@brcdt.org)
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# 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



The Bible often uses images taken from the natural world about us, and Jesus in particular developed this approach in his parables. Trees, vines, wheat etc are useful as images, being familiar to most people and capable of various 'uses' in preaching. We might think about the mustard seed, not the one we use in cooking but a much smaller seed. It contains within itself what is needed to produce a mustard tree, yet depends on water etc from outside to get going and thrive. This image works regardless of biological knowledge, we don't need to have discovered DNA. The tree itself grows in a determined way, it doesn't become an oak. Also, the tree takes material to itself. The Church grows from the seed of faith of the Apostles, it depends always on God's grace, it must remain faithful to the Apostolic faith (otherwise it has become something else) and it takes to itself new members who become branches etc

Fr. Chris

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

<b>DAILY (Mon-Fri)</b>	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<b>at 8.45 am</b>
<b>DAILY</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>at 9.15 am</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 8.00 pm</b>



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: For migrants fleeing their homes.** We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

**PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE.** Lord, we ask for your divine intervention and peace to prevail in Ukraine, Palestine and in every land wounded by war. We pray for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We ask that you guide leaders and nations to work toward lasting peace and stability around the world. *Amen*



**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34) **The seed that grows to become a shelter.** Each of us has a 'seed' of love in us at our birth. This is fostered as we grow to value others through our relationships. Learning to love ourselves and each other more deeply helps our seeds of love to swell. Eventually our unified love becomes a 'shelter' for our children, our families and all those whose lives we touch.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Margaret Hawkins, Valerie Thurston, Jimmy Clarin, Grace McCartney, Diana Irven, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Jason Christopher McLean, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Maureen R. We also pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Wynne & Irene Scobey, who have both 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. Mary will be having two funeral services on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. A Tridentine Mass (Latin) at Our Lady Immaculate and St Edmunds Church, Withermarsh Green at 12.45pm and a service at Colchester Crematorium at 3.15pm. Irene's funeral service will be here on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am.

**DIOCESAN 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS IN JUNE:** After all masses this weekend there will be collection taken for **Day for Life.** Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's theme is *The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.* <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life-message-2024/>

**RCIA COURSE (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** For all those who have been in contact with us to register their interest in joining the next RCIA course and to any new applicants who are interested in becoming Catholic, we are happy to advise that the initial meeting will take place on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** in Presbytery. No appointments necessary just turn up, If you are unable to attend, please let us know so we can hold a place for you on the course.

**LEGION OF MARY:** The Legion of Mary invites parishioners aged 18 and older to join our weekly prayer meetings which will be held in Cardinal Bourne Hall **every Friday at 7.30pm** offering a dedicated time for fellowship and growth. Membership in the Legion does not require specific skills or advanced spirituality. Please do join us in a meeting.

**REPOSITORY:** First Holy Communion cards, girls communion veils and booklets are now available for sale in the Church Porch along with a good selection of Rosaries and Mass intention cards.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We congratulate all the children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion this Sunday. We ask God's blessing on those children and their families that they may grow in love for Jesus as they receive Him at Mass now and for the rest of their lives. **We would like to convey our gratitude to all the Leaders and Catechists for their hard work, they have provided a first-class preparation course. Thank you.** The Going forth Mass will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 10.30am followed by celebration in Cardinal Bourne Hall.



**CUPPA CLUB:** We meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in the Hall. **SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING** after 10.30am Mass in Cardinal Bourne Hall.

**NEW LECTIONARIES FOR THE CHURCH:** From the First Sunday of Advent this year, a new translation of all the readings will be introduced in England and Wales. This means that we will have to purchase four volumes of the new lectionary for each Mass Centre that cover

1. *Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts of the Lord.*
2. *Weekdays: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time (weeks 1-9), Lent, Easter. Proper of Saints: December – June, Commons.*
3. *Weekdays: Ordinary Time (6-34). Proper of Saints: June – November, Commons.*
4. *Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, Votive Masses, Masses for the Dead.*

If you would like to purchase a volume in memory of a loved one or make a donation towards the cost of a volume, please speak to Fr Chris or contact the parish office.

**YOUTH MASS, THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024, BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL:** Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass and commission all those travelling to Lourdes this Summer. Meet in the Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza, refreshments and a time to reconnect and relax with friends before the Summer. Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. If you wish to sing, play an instrument, read or serve then please bring along your alb or instrument, and let us know as you arrive. Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE,** London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on **Saturday 13 July 2024 from 1:30pm - 4:30pm** at St Mary Mother of God, 213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** is pleased to host their first Charity Tribute Night featuring ABBA Chique at the Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre in Rayleigh on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30 to 11pm.** Tickets cost £20 plus a small booking fee and can be purchased via Eventbrite details can be found on the BCCS website: [www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/)

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS, 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK:** Celebrate 40 years of team at Walsingham House with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

**THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP** is now open for bookings! Children age 9 – 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from 27<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and this year there is space for just 100 children – book early! All details are [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk), including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTA:** Mon 17/06/24: Team 2 / Mon 24/06/24: Team 3  
**COFFEE MORNING ROTA:** 16/06/24: The O'Sullivan's/ 23/06/24: Peggy & Anne / 30/06/24: Yolande + 1