

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 16th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Sunday 17th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Those held captive in Nigeria
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Ins: Mano Ins: Mano
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP

Monday 18th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield

Tuesday 19th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Sisenando Rosario de Jesus RIP

Wednesday 20th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Holy Souls

Thursday 21st			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Canon T. W. Clarke + Family

Friday 22nd			ST MARY MAGDALENE
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mr. K. T. George RIP

Saturday 23rd			ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Rel
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Canon Thomas Clarke

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) World Day for Grandparents & The Elderly

Saturday 23rd	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Fr Christopher Brooks (Ordination Anniversary)
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Sunday 24th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Deceased Relatives Farrell Family
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<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Southon & Donovan Families
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<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
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<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
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<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
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<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention
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- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ 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. 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).

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Bookings:** colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com



Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy/Church photos/videos. Please remember to **like & follow** our page!

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) WEEK COMMENCING 17TH JULY 2022

The language and setting of the story of Martha and Mary are reminiscent of the social custom of ancient Jewish hospitality, derivable from the culture of the ancient oriental world, in reference to love and kindness shown to strangers and visitors. We read of Martha and Mary on three biblical occasions, each of which reveals different facets of their responsive characters. These include today's Gospel, Luke 10:38-42, and the Gospel of John chapter 11. They lived with their brother Lazarus in Bethany, a small village, an easy commutable distance to the old city of Jerusalem via the Mount of Olive. In John's account, Jesus loved Martha and Mary and wept over Lazarus' death and consequently raised him to life. Mary used the occasion of Jesus' visit to listen to him with rapt attention. Jesus responded to Martha not on the basis of her service of hospitality, but for not first paying attention to him. This Gospel passage is an allegory of the active life of Martha and the contemplative life of Mary. Martha honoured Christ through her work, and Mary through her single-minded devotion. Jesus did not blame Martha for being concerned about household chores. Jesus was only simply asking her to set her priorities right. In view of household Christianity, women host the Church in their houses. It is easily possible for our service to Christ and His Church to degenerate into mere busywork that is no longer full of devotion to God. Remember, whenever Jesus is our guest, He becomes the dominant figure and answers all our questions.

Seminarian Moses

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES		
DAILY (Mon-Fri)	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
ADORATION & PRAYER	Thursdays	at 7.30 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY: For the Elderly. We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Genesis 18:1-10; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42) **Choosing 'the better part' is listening.** The Gospel relates the different ways Martha and Mary behaved. We too can fall into such patterns of behaviour. It's human nature to "worry and fret over so many things". Today's Scripture calls us to really listen, then, like Mary, we can choose "the better part". Let us recommitt today to deepening our level of listening in our marriage.

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 are ill or have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of William Jeffrey Bayzard who has recently passed away. The parish community offers his family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Williams funeral service will be at Colchester Crematorium on Friday 19th August at 2pm.

2022 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): The course commences on Monday 18th July at 7pm in the Presbytery. 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. Spaces still available on the course, please contact Fr Chris if you are interested in joining the group. Thank you

VOLUNTEER READERS REQUIRED for weekday masses at Priory Street, please speak to the Clergy if you are willing to be added to the Rota. Thank you.

CHURCH CHOIR: The next Choir Practice will take place on Saturday 31/07/22 at 12.30pm. Please contact Claire for more details on 07482253284. **New Members always welcome.**

GENESIS TO JESUS PARISH BIBLE STUDY. A beautiful video presentation, which reveals and unfolds God's saving plan in history as contained in the Sacred Scriptures - God's beautiful and awe-inspiring vision from Genesis to Jesus – **Fridays at 7:30pm** in the Church Crypt at James the Less in Colchester. The course is broken up into 12 parts and each section will be shown every week, same time, same place, lasting roughly 45mins. Each session has its own individual gems if all 12 weeks are impractical to attend. All welcome. For more information and a copy of the study guide please contact Tom Hardy on 07873 545193 or tomo83@yahoo.com. Bring your Bible a at

LITTLE SAINTS TOTS GROUP (Parishioners Mother & Toddler Group): Every Wednesdays 8.50-11am (**Term time only**) in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come along with your toddlers for them to play in a safe environment whilst parents can enjoy refreshments.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The next Procession is on **Saturday 13th August at 4.00pm** followed by mass in Polish + Rosary.

SVP CUPPA CLUB: will meet every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am in the Hall

SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL PARISH BBQ: We will be hosting the annual Parish **BBQ on Saturday 30th July 2022 from 2.00pm-5.00pm.** This is a chance to catch up with friends old and new whilst enjoying delicious food hot off the grill! There will be Entertainment & a Raffle. We would be happy to accept donations for Raffle prizes and will need volunteers on the day to help set up and manage the event. Please contact Frances on 369568 if you are able to assist on the day. Everyone welcome to this special event!

SAVE THE DATE! Cardinal Bourne Hall will be hosting a **Table Top Sale on Saturday 20th August from 10am to 1pm.** There will be a variety of stalls selling Children's & Adults Clothes, Shoes, Toys, Handbags, Books, Cakes and lots more... Everyone is welcome to go along to enjoy the fun and collect a bargain. Tables are still available at £5 a table (*cost of table proceeds will go to Church Funds*), sellers keep their sales proceeds. 01206 866317 or email colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org

PARISH FETE RAFFLE WINNERS (05/06/22): We still have unclaimed Raffle Prizes from the Parish Fete, collection is from the Presbytery. Prizes not claimed will be donated to the BBQ raffle on 30th July.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23: Just finished A-levels or Uni? Aged 18-22? Interested in working with young people? Join the Walsingham House Team 2022/23 for an amazing Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022. Details on www.bcys.net or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

RIDE & STRIDE: Saturday 10th September 9-5pm. **ENGLISH HERITAGE DAY:** Saturday 17th September 10.30am-5pm

VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS are Catholic young people aged 18-35, from all over the world, who commit a year of their lives to the service of vulnerable people. During their year with us, they live in a community of three or four people and engage in voluntary work. We are still recruiting for 2022/23 (September 2022 to July 2023) for more details visit <https://www.vincetianvolunteers.org.uk/>

RETREAT FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS: During the weekend of the 7th to 9th October 2022, Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops. Theme: "The Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics". Prices start from £12 (come for the day) and £55 per person per night (residential). Book soon as places are limited! Please note to guarantee your place Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend (16/09/22). For More info: <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/> or <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk>. To book go to :- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2022>

THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA are organising a Strawberry Tea event at St. Teresa's church hall, **Lexden on the 30th July from 2pm to 4pm.** This is specifically for all the older parishioners but all are welcome. Admission is free but there will be a raffle. Please bring a raffle prize if you are able to.

THE 12TH ANNUAL GK CHESTERTON PILGRIMAGE will take place this year on the 100th anniversary of GKC being received into the Catholic Church, Saturday 30th July. Please send any prayer requests to; CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, can be found on our website, www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 18/07/22: **Team 2** / Monday 25/07/22: **Team 3**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 17/07/22: **Diane & Adrian** / 24/07/22: **KSC**



WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE TODAY. FOR PEACE AND THE LAYING DOWN OF WEAPONS.

