

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST [A] – Holyday of Obligation

Saturday June 17 th	6:15 pm	Dec. Rels. Lowe Family RIP
Sunday June 18 th	8:00 am	Holy Souls
	10:30 am	Intentions: Val Ling
	3:30 pm	Corpus Christi Pcession –Polish/English
	4:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Maria Bradshaw RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	John Alcock RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners

Monday 19th *Feria*
Church 9:30 am Des Fuller RIP

Tuesday 20th *Feria*
Church 9:30 am Bridget Lloyd RIP

Wednesday 21st *St Aloysius Gonzaga, Rel*
Church 12:15 pm Mr B J Mathews RIP

Thursday 22nd *SS JOHN FISHER Bp & THOMAS MORE, M National Feast*
Church 9:30 am Joan Lyne RIP

Friday 23rd *THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS [A] Solemnity*
Church 9:30 am Patrick and Mary English RIP

Saturday 24th *NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Solemnity*
Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A] [Day for Life]

Saturday June 24 th	6:15 pm	Michael Doyle RIP
Sunday June 25 th	8:00 am	Intentions: Hugh McGrath
	10:30 am	Jill Pavey RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	John Sutcliffe RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Intentions: Hawken Family

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required-

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What we have heard, what we have witnessed and experienced last 11th of June 2017 were all real! Yes, brothers and sisters, as the English saying goes “We nailed it!”

Our 180th anniversary celebration, highlighted by the “International Parish Day”, was indeed a success! The events starting from the 8am Mass, the Eucharistic Adoration, the solemn Mass presided by Canon McKentey up to the last activity in the afternoon made our June 11th Feast. For me it was such a heart-warming and memorable day! We have seen and heard the singing, the uplifting prayers, the lively children holding various flags, the symbolic offerings, the elegant costumes of our people representing mixed nationalities and others. All of those made us experience deeper the unique international Spirit we have and, in turn, also added beauty to our “normal” Sunday gathering.

To God be praise and glory for our 180 years of journey! For His continuous blessings and constant inspirations. Thanks be to God, because through time, our parish remained a place of convergence of faith, people, and language.

Times have changed, and people change. Gone are the days when only one race occupied the benches inside the church. Our parish is now molded “internationally.” As you can notice, our church is full of people with diverse cultural gifts yet one religious belief and orientation. This is something to behold and treasure. This is why this gathering of ours shouldn’t be the first and only, but rather the beginning of a fresher and newer approach of our community living. Let us keep our church door open so that more people can enter. Let us

open our hearts to others who wish to be with us. Let our goal be "togetherness," one people, one belief, that God is the creator of all. In our experience, we realize that articulating our different cultural, religious, ethnic backgrounds can help build better this family. And only openness and acceptance are the keys through which we can make this happen. We are one family; St. James the less and St. Helen Catholic parish Church.

Again, filled with delight, let me reiterate my heartfelt gratitude for all the support you have extended to make our event successful. I would like to mention in special way the communities of the Nigerians, Fijians, Malayali (Kerala), and the Filipinos who, from the very beginning, have worked a lot organizing the event. Gratitude to some others who have also given their unwavering support, collaboration, time and resources. Salute to all of you! God reward you a hundred fold.

With Gratitude,

Fr Alex, rcj

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:50am
FILMS FOR FAITH: Please see below

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Antoinetta Caldeira, Frank Campbell, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Margaret Doorish, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Roger Kemp, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Canon Anthony McKentey, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Maureen Sheeran, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Ella Aldonyte, Edward and Adam Harvey, Samantha Maciute.** God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

FR KRZYSZTOF KITA : We say farewell to Fr Kita this weekend as he has been appointed to a parish in Birmingham, having served the communities of our locality for the last 15 years. We thank him for his care of souls, not only in the Polish community but also within our parish.

HAPPY FEAST DAY TO ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL: who celebrate their Patronal Fest this week.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the repose of the soul of John Lawlor. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family. John's funeral has taken place in Sudbury.

FILMS FOR FAITH: Next showing "Inn of the Sixth Happiness" this Wednesday, 21st June in the Crypt; 1;00pm for a 1;15pm start. Refreshments will be provided and all are most welcome.

GROWING IN FAITH: St Teresa's in Lexden are holding 2 DVD sessions on Wednesdays 21st and 28th June in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm and would like to invite anyone who is interested in attending to come together to explore their faith. Light refreshments available and leaflets at the back of church.

HEALING MASS: AT Abbotswick House of Prayer to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 21st June 2017. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome.

MONKWICK NEWS: Our next coffee morning is being held in the home of Christine Brown, 3 Adelaide Drive, on the 24th June from 10 to 12 noon. All very welcome.

MEETING THE "LIVING GOD" SEMINAR: Seminar 5 – "God has a dream for each one of us" takes place in Cathedral House, Brentwood, on Saturday, 24th June 10.30am – 12noon. Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon.

CREAM TEA: Come and join us for a strawberry cream tea on Friday 7th July at 1.30 pm in the church courtyard or Cardinal Bourne Hall depending on the weather. All proceeds to Aid to the Church in Need. £5 per adult. Feel free to bring a prize for the raffle. Please reserve your place with Anne Claydon 07880 852738 or Sarah Cooper 07989 755495.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 22ND JULY: Full details from Theresa Higgins on 01206 523501.

SVP – ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP FOR GIRLS AND BOYS: Now taking bookings for the St John Bosco Summer Camp at Aldham, just up the road. The boys' camp runs for two weeks from 22 July to 5 August – age range 8-13yrs; and the girls' camp runs for one week from 5 – 12 August – age range 9-12 years. Children are accepted for one week only and 140 children per week are catered for. Visit info@boscocamp.co.uk ; svpboscocamp.org.uk for full details.

VOLUNTEER FOR PRESBYTERY GARDEN AND CHURCH GROUNDS REQUIRED: For more details please contact Armando on 07586 528877 or 01206 854921.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263
CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: June 22nd – Team 2.