

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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 17th	Church	6.15 pm	Intentions: Kathleen Oates
Sunday 18th	Church	8:00 am	Bridget Plumb RIP
	Church	10:30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	Ints: Linda Hussain
	West Mersea	8:30 am	
	Mile End	9:15 am	Henerato Santiago RIP
	Monkwick	10:15 am	
Monday 19th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Gloria Greci RIP
	Church	11:30 am	REQUIEM MASS: John Mauger RIP
Tuesday 20th			St Bernard, Ab, D
	Church	9.30 am	Sheila Brockman RIP
Wednesday 21st			St Pius X, P
	Church	12.15 pm	Bill Guild RIP
Thursday 22nd			The Queenship of the Blessed virgin Mary
	Church	9.30 am	Elio Raymond Burrows RIP
	Church	11:00 am	REQUIEM MASS: Terence Mulvey RIP
Friday 23rd			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Mr. C. Eastwood, Family & Associates
Saturday 24th			ST BARTHOLOMEW, Ap
	Church	9.30 am	Margaret Kerr RIP

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 24th	Church	6.15 pm	Colin Taylor RIP
Sunday 25th	Church	8:00 am	Edith Bennett RIP
	Church	10:30 am	G. Taleckiene, A. Talechis Anniv
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9:15 am	Police, Courts, Social Services
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Catherine Spicer 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

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At first glance today's Gospel is puzzling. Surely, if Jesus has come to bring peace, there should be harmony among people? Isn't Christianity all about being 'nice' to everyone? Yet here is Jesus proclaiming division, even between family members. I would suggest that we reflect upon the word, 'division', how should we understand it? Here Jesus is emphasising the process of separation, something he often does, it is in that sense he uses division. Thus, the Last Judgment is portrayed as the separation of sheep and goats, we could rephrase that as the division of the sheep and goats; and here Jesus is telling us that that division can, indeed will, split families. Family ties are important yet more important is the call of the Gospel and therefore an individual's response to that call.

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.

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 AUGUST: *Families, Schools of Human Growth*

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Our Sacrament: a sign of grace* When we married we entered into a Covenant of unconditional love, summed up in the vows we made to each other. By imitating Jesus' unconditional love for his bride, the Church, we became a Sacrament – a sacred sign of God's love for all to see. Living out our 'life-style choice' is made possible only by 'the graces of the Sacrament'.

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.

FR. PAUL DYNAN: It is with great sadness that we advise that Fr. Paul Dynan (*formerly an assistant priest in this parish*) has been diagnosed with terminal cancer and has had to resign from his position in the Diocese. Please keep Fr Paul and his family in your prayers.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Friday 6th September 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].*

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. Sessions are held weekly from 7_{pm} to 8.30_{pm} on Thursday evening in the Crypt of the church and they will run from October until Easter. 2019 course details will be advised within the next few weeks. **To register your interest, please give your name and contact details to one of the priests. Thank You**

REPOSITORY SHOP: This will reopen on Sunday 8th September. A selection of cards is still available in church porch to purchase.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on Wednesday **21st August**, with a **start time of 1.15_{pm}** screening "*Demetrius and the Gladiators*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments

PRESBYTERY CLEANER REQUIRED: An opportunity has arisen for a cleaner to work at the Presbytery on a part time, permanent basis. The hours of work required are 4hrs per week with day and time to be mutually agreed with applicants. The purpose of this role is to provide an efficient and comprehensive cleaning service for the clergy living in the Priests house. If you are interested in this salaried position, please contact the Presbytery on (01206) 866317 to discuss further.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ALTAR LINEN TEAM: The Cleaning of Altar Linens involves washing and ironing the purificators that are used for wiping the sacred cup during communion, and the towels that are used on the altar by the Priests and the Eucharistic Ministers for washing their hands. The linens are taken home weekly after the Sunday Masses, and then returned to the sacristy before Mass the following week. If you are interested in volunteering for this "behind the scene" ministry of cleaning the Altar Linens. Please contact the Presbytery on (01206) 866317.

CAN YOU SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS A MONTH TO CLEAN YOUR CHURCH? Reliable and committed volunteers **URGENTLY REQUIRED** to help with cleaning the Church. Please contact the Presbytery on (01206) 866317 if you would like to volunteer.

ENGLISH HERITAGE WEEKEND: This is a request for people to help at St John's Abbey Gate (Gatehouse) during the English Heritage weekend on **Saturday 15th September-** We are seeking all Catholic history enthusiasts who are willing and able to spend a couple of hours down at the Gatehouse, everything you need to know will be provided beforehand. This is a good experience for those who enjoy meeting and greeting people. Please leave your contact details with the church office.

FR MICHAEL REAR, the author 'WALSINGHAM Pilgrims and Pilgrimages', will be giving an illustrated talk about Walsingham in St John Payne Hall, Greenstead, CO4 3QD, on **Wednesday 21st August at 7.30_{pm}**, and afterwards will sign copies of the 2nd edition of his book for anyone who would like one. He has co-authored an article about Walsingham in this weekend's Catholic Herald (26 July). Fr Michael has known and loved Walsingham since he was 7yrs old. He was Anglican Vicar of Walsingham and later, as a Catholic Priest, on the staff of the Shrine at the Slipper Chapel. This promises to be a very interesting evening.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: On **September 7th**, the coach will depart from St John Payne Church, Greenstead at **8.30_{am}** arriving back at approximately 7_{pm}. Cost: Adults £20 / Children £10. Payment can be made on the day and will be collected on the coach. Bring a packed lunch and drinks with you. For further info and to book your seat, please contact Ann Roughan on 07889101762 who will be happy to help you.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER, Mersea Island, 26th-27th October 2019 (half term weekend). The Youth Gather is for anyone in school year 9-13, 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/>

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: Food donations are especially welcome during the school holiday period- All donations are always gratefully appreciated. Please remember those in need in your prayers.

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

❖ **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 19th August: **Team 2.**