

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



Parish Priest: Mgr. Christopher Brooks  
Assistant Priest: Fr. Paschal Uche  
Assistant Priest: Fr. Philip Willenbrock

Address: 51 Priory Street, Colchester, Essex, CO1 2QB  
Tel: 01206 866317  
E-Mail: [colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org)  
Website: [www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](http://www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org)  
St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

World Mission Day

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Hector Silva RIP
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	9.15 am	Private Intention
	Church	10:30 am	Andrew Morton RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Sam, Edward + Bernard Harrison RIP
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Private Intention
Monkwick	10:15 am	Tony Dixon RIP	
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Ivan Norfolk RIP
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Bridget Ann Irvine RIP
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>			<b>St John Paul II</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Mr. Adrian Morris (Healing)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Don Hinchin RIP
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Ints: Joan Kerrins

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Canon John Bloomfield
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	David Anthony Hill RIP
	Church	9.15 am	Michael + Bridget Brady RIP
	Church	10:30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Private Intention
Monkwick	10:15 am	Tony Dixon RIP	

**FACEMASKS. It is now a legal requirement that facemasks or coverings are worn when entering all places of worship (unless you are medically exempt or under 3yrs)**

There is no obligation for the faithful to attend Sunday Mass. You can attend Mass on any weekday.

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after morning or evening mass.
- ❖ Mass Intentions. These can be posted through the presbytery letterbox and they will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website).
- ❖ If you are self-isolating and would like to speak to a priest or have any worries, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317 and we will try to help you.

 Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news/clergy photos/videos + Reflections from Fr Paschal. Please remember to like and follow our page.

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**  
WEEK COMMENCING 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE

We see in today's Gospel an increase in animosity towards Jesus. The Pharisees and Herodians bitterly disliked each other yet are prepared to come together in order to oppose Jesus, illustrating the phrase, 'My enemy's enemy is my friend'. Their question is intrinsically dishonest as it does not seek truth but is an attempt to manipulate, and therein it contains the seeds of its own downfall. Jesus answers brilliantly and leaves them bereft of speech. What might we learn from Jesus' reply, other than a possible way of responding to manipulative questions? One word Jesus uses is especially important – image. The piece of silver becomes a coin when the image of Caesar is stamped on it and so in one sense it now belongs to him. We learn from Genesis that we are made in the image of God, and so we belong to God. We might be tempted to see in Jesus' answer a split between things we encounter which belong to Caesar and those which are due to God, thus dividing our daily activities into worldly and Godly ones; whereas his declaration reaffirms our call to be always living up to the One in whose image we are created. As the Prefaces at Mass express it, 'always and everywhere to give you thanks'

Fr. Chris

---

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

---

DAILY	Morning Prayer at 9.45 <sub>am</sub>	Restarted Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<b>All Temporarily suspended</b>
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 <sub>pm</sub> )	

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Covid-19 still presents many challenges to us all. It can seem at times overwhelming but despite all the restrictions, let us be thankful that we can once again gather together, despite social distancing, as God's people.

Please note the following norms in order to promote a COVID 19 safe environment :-

- Churches will open 20 minutes before start of Mass as it will take longer than normal to enter the church, please make allowances
- Entrance to Church will be via the main door, exit by the side door
- Hand sanitiser is available at entrance and exit, though you may bring your own
- It will be essential that people sit where they are asked and do not move from there
- The use of face covering/mask in Church is now mandatory (please don't forget yours when attending mass) and that you wear it so that it covers both your mouth and nose.
- When chatting with people from outside your household (or bubble), before or after Mass, you must maintain social distancing. If you are wearing a mask, this means a minimum of one-metre distance. If you are not wearing a mask: two metres distance is essential.
- An Offertory Collection will be taken at each mass with 'collection bags' available on entry and exit; the donation station is also useable
- No touching of Statues or Images in Church
- Toilets will be closed except for genuine emergencies.
- We are still required to have stewards at every Mass and after the service; the church will be cleaned in readiness for the next Mass.

**THE PARISH STEWARDS ARE HERE TO HELP AND DIRECT YOU TO YOUR SEAT(S), PLEASE BE POLITE TO THEM AS THEY CAN ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND DIOCESAN REGULATIONS.**

*Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who has reason to believe that they have been in contact with someone who has, should not attend church or volunteer in any capacity until they have received medical advice that it is safe to do so.*

---

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER The Laity's Mission in the Church**

---

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

**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, Valerie Thurston, Joan Jeal, Jimmy Clarin. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Leslie MacDonald, Patricia Cawtheray and Mary (k/a Mollie) McClaren and Eva Read (*former sacristan at P. St*) who have all recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Leslie's funeral mass will take place here on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November @ 1.45<sub>pm</sub> and Patricia and Mollie's funeral details are to be advised. Eva's funeral will take place outside this parish.

**MISSION TODAY (Autumn Edition):** Please take a free copy of magazine, which is available in the church porch. The Donation form for World Mission Day is at the back of the magazine. If you would like a Red Box or to find out more about Missio, please speak to Ron Griffiths.

**CHRISTMAS CRIB:** This year we are hoping to have an outdoor Christmas nativity scene in the Church forecourt (*in front of the Church*) as well as the nativity scene/crib in the Lady Chapel inside Church. If anyone feels like they could help to build this, please can you contact Fr Chris on 01206 866317 or speak to him after mass. Let us make our Church a beacon of light for what has been for many parishioners a time of darkness and bring the true spirit of Christmas for all to enjoy - *that the birth of Jesus 'is the reason for the season'!*

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Isa 45:1, 4-6 Thess 1: 1-5 Matt 22:15-21) *We all need each other*

The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus: He told them to give to Caesar what belongs to him, "and to God what belongs to God". The world tells us to look after ourselves and not to need others. As married couples, we know that we are made by God for one another, not needy but needing to give of ourselves entirely.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS:** Today is World Mission Sunday. Missio, the Pope's charity that supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world. A basket is at the church exit for your donations. Thank You.

**MERSEA MASS:** Mass Bookings will continue at Mersea in order to control numbers attending. Please use the following links for masses over the next 5 weekends (right click booking form and open hyperlink) alternatively, links for booking forms are on website under mass times: -  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October [Booking Form](#) Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November [Booking Form](#)  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November [Booking Form](#)

**CONTACT REQUEST:** We have received a cheque from M. T. Williams - please can you contact the presbytery on 01206 866317. Many thanks

**CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE:** It has been our custom for many years to invite people to join the Community at New Hall Chapel for a Mass for the Dead on the first Saturday in November. Due to COVID and the restrictions particularly for the school, we are sorry to say we are not able to have this event this year. We hope to be able to be there in November 2021.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED.** On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, the Youth Mass from the chapel at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, streamed at 8<sub>pm</sub> via Instagram, will commemorate young people who have died. You will find more details at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net). If you would like the name of a young person to be read during the Mass, and a candle lit for them, please email [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org), before 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**PARISH FINANCES:** Some people have experienced financial hardship during the lockdown and face uncertain financial futures. Our parish has also experienced the challenge of much reduced finances, which is a serious concern. We thank you in advance for the offering that you give today.

If you wish to make an offering/donation this can be done in various ways: -

- By dropping envelope through Presbytery door (please write on envelope Mass Offering)
- Donation baskets are situated at entrance and exit of church
- Setting up a regular gift by Standing Order, (please contact Presbytery office for form).
- The Donation Station (in Church porch)
- Diocesan Online Donation platform (where donations can also be gift aided):-  
St. James the Less & St. Helen <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>  
St. Joseph, Mile End: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-c>  
St. Cedd & St. Gregory: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>  
St. Theodore of Canterbury: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

**Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you**

---

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL:** The hall is closed and all group activity suspended until further notice.  
**SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)