

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

Peace Day

<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Douglas + David Finch RIP
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	<b>8:00 am</b>	David Anthony Hill RIP
	Church	<b>10:30 am</b>	Parishioners
	Church	<b>2.00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	Church	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Private Intentions
West Mersea		<b>8:30 am</b>	Private Intentions
Mile End		<b>9:15 am</b>	Gloria & Declan McCambridge
Monkwick		<b>10:15 am</b>	Michael Hawken RIP

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Julie + John O'Connor
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Church	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>St. Agnes, V, M</b> Ints: Czeslaw Pawlowicz
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Church	<b>12.15 pm</b>	<b>Feria</b> Ints: Eileen Ginuno
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Church	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Mr. C. O'Byrne
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>St. Francis de Sales, Bp, D</b> Stephen Hilton RIP
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Ap Feast</b> L. McLoughlin RIP + Fam

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Dominic McFadden RIP
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	<b>8:00 am</b>	Kitty + Maurice Foley RIP
	Church	<b>10:30 am</b>	Parishioners
	Church	<b>2.00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	Church	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Private Intention
West Mersea		<b>8:30 am</b>	Private Intention
Mile End		<b>9:15 am</b>	Bill Barry RIP
Monkwick		<b>10:15 am</b>	Celestine Tighe RIP

<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b>	(confession):	Saturday 9:45am -10:30am; 5:30pm -6.00pm
<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:</b>		At least six months' notice is required
<b>BAPTISM COURSE:</b>		<a href="http://www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org">www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org</a> under where a list of course dates are available

**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 the patient so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

### WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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John the Baptist was living *for* God's promised future. His message was clear: "Before you come to the river, stop extorting people. If you have an extra shirt or sandwich, give it to someone who needs it!" The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ? As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Then read together today's Gospel, John 1:29-34. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

Fr. Nixon

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15 <sup>am</sup>
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35 <sup>am</sup>
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00 <sup>am</sup> Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00 <sup>pm</sup> - 6.00 <sup>pm</sup>
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00 <sup>pm</sup>

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: *Promotion of World Peace.*** We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS: *You are my chosen one.*** Today, Isaiah and Matthew talk of Jesus being 'the Chosen One' and 'the Beloved'. So often, we are aware of the times when our partner annoys us. We need to develop a sensitivity so that, when we are tempted to be critical, we remember that this is my 'chosen one' and look for ways to affirm our partner, our 'beloved'.

**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, Hilda Morah. Valerie Thurston

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Hall who has recently passed away. May she rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of Anne's bereaved family and friends. Anne's funeral service will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at St Josephs, Mile End at 12.30<sup>am</sup> and then onto Colchester Crematorium for 2<sup>pm</sup>.

**DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION:** After all masses today a collection will be taken up for Pax Christi (World Peace Day): This year's theme is '*Peace as a Journey of Hope*'. 75 years ago Pax Christi was started by two people who obeyed the gospel challenge to love their enemies even in the bitter context of the Second World War. Today Pax Christi is active in 50 countries - a grassroots movement supporting 'ordinary' people in their 'everyday' peacemaking. To read the message of his holiness Pope Francis for the celebration of the 53<sup>rd</sup> world day of peace : - [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco\\_20191208\\_messaggio-53giornatamondiale-pace2020.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20191208_messaggio-53giornatamondiale-pace2020.html) A hard copy is available to read in the Church Porch.

**CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION IN AID OF THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** In accordance with Diocesan policy, our Crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord [February 2<sup>nd</sup>] and these offerings will go to the (BCCS) Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020** here in the Crypt from 7:30<sup>pm</sup>-9.00<sup>pm</sup> (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of course. [If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office].

**WANTED – CATECHISTS:** With young people preparing for sacraments of Initiation throughout the parish if you have ever wanted to know more, or are willing to share your faith with our young people please contact Hywel Edwards at [Edwards.hywel@btinternet.com](mailto:Edwards.hywel@btinternet.com) or after the 10:30<sup>am</sup> Mass. The numbers of children we can prepare is dependent on the availability of catechists to prepare them - so please don't be shy!

**100 CLUB:** The annual subscriptions (£12) for 2020 are now due. These will be collected from Priory Street this weekend and at Mile End next Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> Jan). Dates for subscription collection from Mersea + Monkwick to be advised.

**SVP: "*turning concern into action*".** Do you have a spare hour or so in the week to visit someone who is lonely and housebound or to visit a care home? As the requests for our support have increased, we need people who are willing to give up their time to help others. What does membership of the SVP involve? Really as much or as little as you can offer – we are a friendly group who meet twice a month on a Monday evening. Some of us distribute food to the homeless while others carry out visits and make new friends.

The **SVP Cuppa Club** is running every Thursday morning from 10<sup>am</sup> to 12 <sup>noon</sup> in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games and craft. If you know anyone who would like to come but needs a lift, please get in touch, using the contact details below.

**WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP:** The next Film showing is on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** with a **start time of 1.15<sup>pm</sup>** screening "*All Saints*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard in porch for future films and screening dates.

**JOSIES KITCHEN:** Josie is looking for volunteers to assist her with feeding the homeless on Mondays. If you have the time available and are looking to participate in a worthwhile cause, please speak to Josie either on Monday or Friday mornings in the hall or leave your contact details at the presbytery.

**YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> study day for the Year of the Word will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road,,RM2 6DH on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30<sup>am</sup>**, Fr Victor Darlington, lecturer on John's Gospel at St John's Seminary, Womersley, will give two talks entitled 'John Among the Gospels',. The day will conclude at 3<sup>pm</sup>. Free admission, but please book by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or by phone to 01708 449914.

**THE ANNUAL LOURDES MASS** will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 3<sup>pm</sup>. This is an opportunity to give thanks for graces received in Lourdes and to seek prayers for the sick. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated.

**BCCS:** The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding its **Annual Charity Ball** at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March** from 7<sup>pm</sup>. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and 3 course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544 or 07912277413 [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** Bishop Alan, supported by our Youth Service, will lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26 - 31 July, flying from Southend Airport. This is a wonderful opportunity, including for the frail and those with needs, to pray at the Grotto, grow in faith, and enjoy the company of fellow pilgrims. Some brochures and booking forms are available in the parish or you can contact the tour operator, Tangney Tours, directly: [www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood) or 01732 886885

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES** copies are on sale at the back of the church. These are very useful as they contain the liturgical calendar for the church year and information about all parts of the Diocese including Diocesan contact details, parishes, schools, prayer groups and other organisations and societies. Priced at £2.80 per copy (money to go in "*Repository*" Box in church porch).

❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com)

or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message with name + contact number

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January: **Team 4** (2020 Rota available in porch)