

# 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

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

<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Hector Silva RIP
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10:30 am	Lo Miu Sim RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Private Intention
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Leslie Hawken RIP
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>			<b>ST MATTHEW, Ap, Evangelist</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Mr. Alphonse Knapp RIP
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Marcelina (Sally) Widman RIP
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>			<b>St Pius of Pietrelcina, Pr (Padre Pio)</b>
	Church	10.00 am	John Sales RIP
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Our Lady of Walsingham</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Thanksgiving (N.D)
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	10.00 am	John Sales RIP
Private Service	Church	11.00 am	Edward Pertetua John Caldeira RIP
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Memorial of BVM</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Tony Dixon RIP

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

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Joe Parkinson RIP
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10:30 am	Paddy Murrin RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Margaret O'Sullivan RIP
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Private Intention
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Atholl Brown RIP

**FACE MASKS. 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.
- ❖ 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.

**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, subject to hospital restrictions due to virus.

**TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**  
 WEEK COMMENCING 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE

As we listen to today's Gospel it is easy to be puzzled by the landowner's actions. It doesn't seem to be fair, as those who had toiled all day long complain. What is going on? We can consider the purpose of work, which among other things certainly is to keep oneself and often one's family, housed, fed etc., with the possibility of saving a little, the necessities of life. Jesus isn't focussed on justice, which would arguably have led to an unequal remuneration; he is asking us to think instead of need and mercy. All the workers would need one denarius to be able to fulfil the purpose of work in supporting themselves and their families, the landowner is showing mercy in recognising their equal need. We can also add another dimension, that all of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and whether someone came early to faith and therefore spent a lifetime in seeking to serve God or was a deathbed conversion, all have the same need, God's generosity in freely offering salvation, that which is necessary for life.

Fr. Chris

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**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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DAILY	Morning Prayer	<b>All Temporarily suspended</b>
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
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.*

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**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: *Respect for the Planet's Resources.*** We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

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**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 John Sales, Tony Dixon, Ivan Norfolk and Joe Parkinson who have all recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Joe's Funeral took place last week. Tony's funeral service will be held at St Cedd on 5<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00<sub>am</sub>; Funeral details for John Sales and Ivan Norfolk are to be advised.

**READERS:** As there is no Readers rota in force now - can volunteers please arrive early and make it known to stewards/clergy that they would like to read. Readers are to sit in first row as directed by Stewards. Thank you

**VOLUNTEER STEWARDS:** We are hoping to have an additional Sunday Mass at 9.15<sub>am</sub> each week at Priory Street, but this will only be possible with the assistance of additional volunteer Stewards/Cleaners. If you feel you will be able to assist, please contact the Presbytery. Thank you to all of our existing volunteers for all you do for our Parish.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Isaiah 55:6-9 Phil 1:20-24, 27 Matt 20:1-16) '*My thoughts are not your thoughts*' God can put thoughts into our minds, but how can we ensure these make a difference to our lives? St Paul says, "Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ": for example, the need to measure what we contribute within the relationship. Our Sacrament isn't a 50/50 arrangement but a 100%/100% unconditional commitment.

**MERSEA NEWS:** Mass Bookings will continue at Mersea in order to control numbers attending. Please use the following links for masses over the next 3 weekends (right click booking form and open hyperlink) alternatively, links for booking form are on website under mass times: -

- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September @ 8.30<sub>am</sub> [Booking Form](#)
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October @ 8.30<sub>am</sub> [Booking Form](#)
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October @ 8.30<sub>am</sub> [Booking Form](#)

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** We would like to invite a Eucharistic Minister (from our existing team) to assist the priests with Holy Communion at our masses with larger attendances (i.e. 8<sub>am</sub> and 10.30<sub>am</sub> Sunday masses). On the day, please speak to the priest before mass if you would like to volunteer to assist for that service. Thank you.

**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**

 Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news + photos  
Please remember to like our page

**VACANCY: LAY CHAPLAIN REQUIRED BY ST BENEDICTS SCHOOL.** For further details about the role, please contact Mrs. Jo Santinelli, Principal on 01206 549222 and for details about the college, please go to our website [www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk](http://www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk). The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and interviews will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

**ALL BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL VACANCIES** are posted on the Diocesan website. Please use the link below to view all current vacancies. <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

**JOSIE'S KITCHEN:** are looking for volunteers to '*knit for the homeless*'; Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Socks are all required for the winter season. If you enjoy knitting and have the time and spare wool, please consider giving a gift of warmth this coming winter.

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**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)

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