

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

*WORLD MISSION DAY*

<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Hector Silva RIP
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	<b>8:00 am</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>10:30 am</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>2.00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	<b>3.00 pm</b>	Rosary
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	
<i>West Mersea</i>		<b>8:30 am</b>	
<i>Mile End</i>		<b>9:15 am</b>	
<i>Monkwick</i>		<b>10:15 am</b>	

<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Special Intentions
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>			<b>St John Paul II</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Jake De Jesus
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12.15 pm</b>	
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Damilola RIP, Fam, Assassins
	<i>Church</i>	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>REQUIEM:</b> Aloisia Maria Wija RIP
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Sisenando + Rosario De Jesus RIP
	Colchester General Hospital	<b>12.00 pm</b>	Hospital Mass
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Cedd, Bp, Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Patrick Kehoe RIP
	<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	Malayalam Mass

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Rosa Sabin RIP
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Baby Joshua Walker RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Mr T M Sebastian RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>2.00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	<b>3.00 pm</b>	Rosary
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>		<b>8:30 am</b>	
<i>Mile End</i>		<b>9:15 am</b>	Michael + Bridget Brady RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>		<b>10:15 am</b>	

<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession):</b>	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 Events 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 patients 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**

**1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY**



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**WEEK COMMENCING: 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE 152**

Moses' staff is an interesting object, or is it? It first appears at the burning bush, Moses carrying an ordinary staff because he is tending the sheep. Subsequently it appears at the time of the plagues and the crossing of the Red Sea and of course at the scene in today's first reading. The staff itself is nothing special, rather it is used by God to display the divine power and it therefore also demonstrates the faith of Moses and, in the battle, that of Aaron and Hur. It could be seen as a forerunner of the sacraments, an appropriate sign because the shepherd uses his staff to guard and guide the flock in his care as God does with his people through the instrumentality of the staff and the faith of those who wield it. So the ordinary staff does, in a way, become something special; a lesson for everyday life.

Fr. Chris

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**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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

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**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: A Missionary "Spring" in the Church**

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

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**EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION – BAPTISED AND SENT** (For the month of October)

Pope Francis has declared that October 2019 will be a special month of prayer and action to strengthen and grow God's mission through the Church. This month aims to encourage Catholics into a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer, to look to, and learn from, the actions and sacrifices of our Saints, martyrs and living missionaries; to financially support overseas mission, through Missio; and to rediscover and renew our understanding of overseas mission.

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**MARRIAGE MATTERS: Prayer is essential for a deeper loving.**

Today, Jesus encourages us to pray often and never lose heart. Praying together is a time for thanking God for His presence with us and for the blessing of our love for each other. We ask God to help us to forgive hurts, to share ourselves more deeply and to listen better. In darkness, pain or joy, He is there.

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**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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Payne who has recently passed away. May she rest in peace and we also pray for the comfort of her bereaved family and friends. Kathleen's funeral service will be held at St Mary's Church, Hornchurch on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 11.15<sub>am</sub>.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** After all masses this weekend there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for World Mission Day. World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please give what you can.

**ST. BENEDICTS CATHOLIC COLLEGE [ADMISSIONS FOR 2020/2021]:** (Local Authority Closing Date 31/10/19). The signing of the "**Certificates of Practice**" will take place in the church crypt on the following dates: -

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7<sub>pm</sub> - 8<sub>pm</sub>
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 11<sub>am</sub> -12<sub>pm</sub> (Noon)
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 3<sub>pm</sub> - 4<sub>pm</sub>

There is no need to make an appointment as parents and the child applying to St Benedicts, will be seen on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served basis – *entrance to the crypt is via the church.*

**CONFIRMATION COURSE 2019/20:** The confirmation classes for young people aged 13yrs to 18yrs old will commence on the **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November** after the 10:30<sub>am</sub> mass, from 12:00<sub>pm</sub> (noon) to 1:30<sub>pm</sub> in the church crypt. They will then continue monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Please contact Andrew or Elspeth Johnson with the names of candidates [Andrew.johnson@uwclub.net](mailto:Andrew.johnson@uwclub.net) or tel: (01206) 618846.

**MISSION TODAY:** *AUTUMN 2019 Edition* free magazines are available on the table in church porch.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019** here in the Crypt from **7:30<sub>pm</sub>-9.00<sub>pm</sub>** (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].*

**"CUPPA CLUB"** The SVP coffee morning will be starting on **7<sup>th</sup> November** in Cardinal Bourne Hall from 10.00<sub>am</sub>. Please do come along and join us.

**SVP SOUP RUN:** The SVP need your help. We need volunteers to make sandwiches for our soup run once a month. We will put together a rota and reimburse you for the ingredients. If you can help, please use our contact details below leaving your phone number and/or email address. Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)

**CHURCH SOCIAL EVENT LEADER REQUIRED:** Many will have heard the appeal given out at all masses last weekend by Frances – If anyone would like to volunteer for this role which helps to raise much needed church funds then please leave your contact details with Linda in the presbytery office. Thank You.

**WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP:** The next Film showing is on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** with a **start time of 1.15<sub>pm</sub>** screening "*Angel of Auschwitz*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard in porch for future films and screening dates.

**MILE END NEWS:** The next Coffee Morning is on **3<sup>rd</sup> November** after the 9:15<sub>am</sub> Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

**ACN CREAM TEA:** Come and join us for a friendly and yummy cream tea **on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 3<sub>pm</sub>** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. All proceeds to Aid to the Church in Need. £5 per person. Bring some friends along and a little something for the raffle. To help with the preparation, do let us know you are coming by calling Anne on 07880852738.

**MESSAGE FROM THE MEDICAL MISSION SISTERS:** We thank the parishioners for their generosity and welcome in regards to our appeal on 8<sup>th</sup> September. Parishioners' donations amounted to £1,496.45. Thank you.

**CATECHIST TRAINING DAY:** This years' event will be on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019** from **10<sub>am</sub>-3:30<sub>pm</sub>** at Sacred Heart of Mary School and will include some exciting new workshops from providers such as The Bible Society, Young Vincentians, Sycamore and Godly Play! This day is free of charge, thanks to National Youth Sunday contributions. For more details and info on how to reserve your place, please email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org) with your name, parish, current role and a contact email address or visit [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

**CELEBRATING INTERFAITH WEEK: The Essex Faith Covenant Two Years On ... Its Impact on our Communities - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 6.45<sub>pm</sub>-9.30<sub>pm</sub>, Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford.** This event is an opportunity to hear from speakers Stephen Timms MP & Daniel Singleton, Executive Director at Faith Action on the importance of interfaith engagement. The event will conclude with a curry/refreshments and the chance to visit the showcase stands. Free parking at the venue. Follow this link to book a place <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inter-faith-week-celebration-the-essex-faith-covenant-two-years-on-tickets-71774703069>

**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

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❖ **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]

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**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October: **Team 3.**