

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Raymond & Helen O'Neill RIP
KSC Rosary after Mass	Church	10.30 am	Ints: Chantel + Hugh Doherty + Family
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Donors Intention
West Mersea		8.30 am	Parishioners
Mile End		9.30 am	Bridget Ann Irvine RIP
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Tina Barker RIP
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>			<b>St John Paul II</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Brother Ragu
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Dominika Wilczak
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Andrzej Wilczak RIP
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Cedd, Bp</b> <small>Secondary Co Patron of the Diocese</small>
	Church	9.30 am	Souls in Purgatory (AW)
<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b>			
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Jackie (John) Wilmot RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Mr. R. M. Sebastian RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
West Mersea		8.30 am	Nancy Budworth + Ken Ridge RIP
Mile End		9.30 am	Parishioners

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Baptism Godparents: A Godparent must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This means they have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. You only need one Godparent.
- ❖ Marriage Preparation: Please be aware that 6 months' notice of intention for Marriage is required especially if marrying outside the Parish. Couples who are planning to get married should contact us **at least 6 months** in advance. Thank you.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00pm Mass (Monkwick).
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church entrance, please complete envelope & drop through presbytery door.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** [colchester@brcdt.org](mailto:colchester@brcdt.org)
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- **KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA:** George Johnson (BEM, Grand Knight) 07476 781885; George Benedict (Membership Officer) 07834 725890; email: [george.johnson@ksc.org.uk](mailto:george.johnson@ksc.org.uk)

- **CUPPA CLUB:** We meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in the Hall.
- **SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING** after 10.30am Mass in Cardinal Bourne Hall.



Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican News/ Clergy + Church photos/videos. Please remember to **like** and **follow** our page!

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



St James the Less & St Helen

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

WEEK COMMENCING 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

A very common reason for people rejecting God despite having been brought up in the faith is suffering. The suffering is usually something physical, often a death, and some people blame God for not doing enough in their eyes. In this type of situation the one who has suffered or is suffering is generally deemed to be innocent (not true, we've all sinned) and therefore the suffering is unjustified. Another scenario is when a person believes they have fulfilled their side of a bargain with God (saying prayers, going to Mass etc) but God has failed to uphold his commitment (which he never made in the first place). Jesus never promised his disciples a life free from suffering, he asked them to do the opposite by taking up their crosses. Jesus was truly innocent yet chose the path of suffering in order to redeem suffering. Suffering without the Cross doesn't make sense, but with the Cross and Resurrection we can see beyond this life to the fullness of life, with Jesus. We must not restrict our vision to this world only

*Fr. Chris*

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

<b>DAILY (Mon-Fri)</b>	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<b>at 8.45 am</b>
<b>DAILY</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>at 9.15 am</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 8.00 pm</b>
<b>LEGION OF MARY</b>	Fridays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 7.30 pm</b>



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: For a shared mission.**

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

**PARISH MISSION on Sun 24<sup>th</sup> November to Sun 1<sup>st</sup> December** (Community of Our Lady of Walsingham). We thank all those who have kindly volunteered so far, but we still need more volunteers to help behind the scenes, e.g. setting up, donations of food & preparation of food as well as clearing up afterwards. If you can support our mission in any way, please add your contact details to the clipboard in Church porch. An outline timetable of talks will be advised in the newsletter next week.

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS.** During this month, prayers and Masses are said for the Faithful Departed. *November Altar Lists of dead & Envelopes* are available in the Church Porch. Please put the names of your deceased family and friends on the list and place this in the envelope along with your donation and either hand the envelope to a priest or drop the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

**PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE.** Lord, we ask for your divine intervention and peace to prevail in Ukraine, Palestine, Lebanon and in every land wounded by war. We pray for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We ask that you guide leaders and nations to work toward lasting peace and stability around the world. *Amen*



**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Isaiah 53: 10-11 Hebrews 4: 4-6 Mark 10: 35-45) **To love is to be strong.** Today we are reminded that Jesus has turned all worldly values upside down. When we place our faith in God's saving love and copy that in our marriages, we too, in spite of our weaknesses and failings, are renewed and made strong in our love for each other. The more we give our love away the more it grows!

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Margaret Hawkins, Valerie Thurston, Jimmy Clarin, Grace McCartney, Diana Irven, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Jason Christopher McLean, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto. We also pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dean Crosdale, John Farrell, Graham Brunson and Diana Stuart who have all recently passed away. The Parish community offers Dean's, John's, Graham's and Diana's family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Dean's funeral mass will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am. John's, Graham's and Diana's funeral details are to be advised. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

**SAVE THE DATE!** 'Fun and Games' in Cardinal Bourne Hall, **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2.30-5pm.** More details to follow from the SVP soon.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Registration is now open for all children who are currently in years 3 and 4. Please complete an application form which are in the Church porch and drop the completed form through Presbytery door (Red door).

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION:** After all masses this weekend there will be a collection taken for **Missio Re World Mission Sunday on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024:** World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Please place your donation or Missio Envelopes in the collection basket.



**MASS TIMES FOR ALL SAINTS DAY (Holyday of Obligation)** Masses will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm at West Mersea and on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 9.30am, 12.15pm and 7.30pm at Priory Street.



**MASSES TIMES FOR ALL SOULS DAY** on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November will be at 9.30am at Priory Street.

**ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL [ADMISSIONS FOR 2025/2026]:** (Local Authority Closing Date 15/01/25). The signing of the **"Certificate of Catholic Practice" forms** will take place in the Church Crypt on the following dates: -

November 2024	December 2024
Monday 18/11/24 at 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Thursday 05/12/24 at 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Saturday 23/11/24 at 11.15am – 12.00pm	Sunday 08/12/24 at 3.00pm – 3.45pm

There is no need to make an appointment as parents/guardians and the child (with Baptism Certificate) applying to St Thomas, will be seen on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served basis.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Every Tuesday at 8pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall with the next screening on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. If interested, text "film" to 07757 828649 to get details of the films. All are welcome, especially new visitors. No charge



**JOSIE'S KITCHEN:** Josie is looking for donations of various items to make her food + care packages for the Homeless at Christmas. If you can spare any of the following items: - General toiletries (shower gels, shampoo, deodorants + body sprays, toothpaste, razors, shaving foam), Cup-a-soups, sachets of coffee drinks, hot chocolate, long life milk. Tins of ready meals e.g. Chilli-con-carne, casserole, minced beef, baked beans, tuna, corned beef or ham, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit + puddings, custard powder, mini boxes of cereal, pot noodles, crisps, biscuits, small multipack snacks. Socks, scarfs, hats + gloves. These items make a big difference to their lives and show them that they are cared for in our community. Please drop your Donations into the Presbytery. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**ST TERESA'S LEXDEN:** Church bazaar and Cake Competition at St Teresa's on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 2.00pm.** See posters in Church Porch or Facebook for details.

**DAY OF RENEWAL** at St Edmund's Church, 21 Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1QG - **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am-4.30pm.** The guest speaker, Fr Paschal Uche, will be talking on the theme 'Claiming Your Inheritance.' The day includes praise and worship, talks, Mass, confession, adoration and individual prayer ministry. Please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee provided. There is limited car parking at the church so please use the public car parks in the town.

**THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS) CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR** will be held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 10.30am - 4pm.** There is free parking at the venue and admission is only £1.50 for adults and free for children under 14. There will be over 40 stalls selling many unique crafts, gifts and handmade fare so come along and pick up some early Christmas presents. Thank you.

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Friday 25/10/24: **Team 5** / Thursday 31/10/24: **Team 1**  
**COFFEE MORNING ROTA:** 20/10/24: Matthew + Mariamma / 27/10/24: African Community