

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (C)

Saturday 19th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Margaret Hicks RIP
Sunday 20th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Richard & Betty O'Connell RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Jayne Howes RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Christopher Dumdum RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Mary Jacob RIP
Monday 21st			The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Tuesday 22nd			St Cecilia, V, M
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield
Wednesday 23rd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Dec. Clergy + Parishioners, Colchester Deanery
Thursday 24th			St Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr, & Comps, Mm
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mrs. Aleykutty George RIP
Friday 25th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Alan Buck RIP
Saturday 26th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	November Altar List
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)			
Saturday 26th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Douglas + David Finch RIP
Sunday 27th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Richard + Betty O'Connell RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Lea Kernot + Kathleen Gillooly
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
		5.30 pm	Exposition; ^{6.00pm} Evening Prayer +Benediction
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Fr. Kieran Dodd RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Parishioners

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ 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 9.30_{am} Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00_{pm} 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. A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass. The Mass Intention will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook or collection from Church).
- ❖ 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).
- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com



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ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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World Youth Sunday

Week commencing 20th November 2022

Something that most parents and children round the world are eager to access is education. It is seen as a way out of poverty, the gateway to prosperity, often laying the foundations for being able to raise a family. A more educated workforce also enriches the country as a whole. This weekend we celebrate National Youth Sunday on the feast of Christ the King. It is a time to encourage the youth of the church in their journey of faith. It is also, sadly, a time when we recognise that many youngsters fall away from the church. We see the contrast between the thirst for secular education (by parents and children) and lack of interest in the faith. Secular education offers worldly wealth, the faith leads to eternal joy. How different the world would be if families were as eager and committed to the faith as they appear to be to school. Awards are often given to children who go through a school year without missing a day; God will reward those who are as keen not to miss a Sunday Mass. Both of course are possible together. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY (Mon-Fri)	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
ADORATION & PRAYER	Thursdays	at 7.30 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: *Children Who Suffer*

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER: Each Sunday Evening of Advent (27/11/22 + 04/12/22 + 11/12/22 + 18/12/22) at St James the Less & St Helen we will be holding Exposition at 5.30pm, Evening Prayer at 6.00pm followed by Benediction. This is a chance to spend a short while each week in stillness, contemplation, and community.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:11-20; Luke 23:35-43) **Let us radiate His life and light and goodness.** 'Today you will be with me in paradise' – Jesus' words as He hung on the cross; even in His agony, He still chose only to love. Through Him, we are given the strength to bear anything joyfully; with the saints we 'inherit the light'. Today, let us radiate His life, light and goodness, acknowledging Him as our Lord and King.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Ron Griffin, Colin Ffloyd-Thurgood, Mike Taylor, Darline + Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need and for those who have recently died.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of George Farrell, Pamela Elizabeth Ann Roulston and Delma Campbell who have all recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Funeral details for George, Pamela & Delma are to be advised.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend there will be a collection taken for World Youth Sunday which is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church in England and Wales, along with the global Church. Your support is greatly appreciated, as any money raised will go towards supporting those in need of financial support to go on pilgrimages and to events, as well as allowing us to continue running our events, provide support and training to those working with young people and so much more (*allocated to BCYS and Walsingham House*). Please pray for all young people in our Parish, in our Diocese and around the world. Thank you.

'WALK WITH ME' Booklets (ADVENT EDITION): in church porch at £1 a copy.
REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards, Diaries & Calendars are now available for sale in the Church Porch. All monies to go in Repository Box.

SVP CUPPA CLUB: will meet every **Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in the Hall.

LITTLE SAINTS TOTS: Our parish Tots group is **every Wednesday 8:50am-11am** in hall.

SAVE THE DATE! CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2022

IN CARDINAL BOURNE HALL from 11am to 3.30pm. There will be lots to see and do; Christmas Card making for children, Fr Christmas, Hot Chestnut Stall, Baked good stalls, Bar & Gift Tombolas, Tabletop sale (£10 per table – book early to reserve your table!) Raffle, Refreshments will be served (*Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks, and Mulled Wine*), assorted live and recorded music, All Day Breakfast & Baked potatoes in Crypt. From 4-5.30pm Children's film –from 6-8pm Carol Service in Church. **We would be grateful for any donations which will be collected on the following dates: -**

- 13/11/22: (Drinks Tombola/Raffle) Bottles of wine, spirits, beer, soft drinks, cans etc.,**
- 20/11/22: Unwanted gifts, new toiletries, Scarves, Perfume, Trinkets**
- 27/11/22: Non perishable goods suitable for hamper, cakes, biscuits, chocolates, Sweets**
- 04/12/22: Gifts for Raffle**

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL [ADMISSIONS FOR 2023/2024]: (Local Authority Closing Date 15/01/23). The signing of the "**Certificate of Catholic Practice**" forms will take place in the Church Crypt/Presbytery on the following dates: -

Friday 25/11/22 at 3.30pm-4.15pm (Crypt)	Saturday 03/12/23 at 2.30pm-3.30pm (Crypt)
Friday 16/12/22 at 10.30am-11.30am (Pres)	Thursday 12/01/23 at 4.30pm-5.30pm (Crypt)

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 1st come, 1st served basis.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – SPRING 2023 : The next First Holy Communion classes will start in the spring term 2023. If your child is currently in years 3 or 4, please send the following information to fhcstjamescolchester@gmail.com to register your interest.

♦ Child's Name	♦ Name of School Attended
♦ Parents' Name(s)	♦ School Year Group

You will be contacted via email with further information. Thank you.

LOST & FOUND PROPERTY BOX: Are you missing anything?? Please check if it has been left in the *lost & found* property box in church porch. In addition, we have some prescription glasses & cases in the presbytery – to collect these, please phone and describe your missing item and we will check to see if we have received these, any items not collected before Christmas will be donated to those in need. Thank you.

RED MISSIO BOXES: Please collect your emptied boxes from the Presbytery Office.

WALSINGHAM DOCUMENTARY, a new documentary hosted by Fr. Michael Kane of Being Catholic TV, was filmed during the summer of 2022. It is based on a series of interviews with people who currently live or work in Walsingham, or who visited Walsingham at the time of filming. Go to <https://www.walsingham.org.uk>

BCCS: This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to launch their virtual **Tree of Angels**, which will allow you to light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of BCCS. Please visit <https://visufund.com/tree-of-angels-2022>

BCYS (Child and Family Counselling Service): CFCS is now fully up and running and is located within our Billericay Head Office. Our newly expanded CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists, all of whom work within our specially created therapy rooms. We can offer support to children, young people, families/parents directly. Please see poster in Church Porch or on our facebook page.



We pray for the people of Ukraine, for peace and the laying down of weapons.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 21/11/22: **Team 4** / Thursday 01/12/22: **Team 1**
CBH COFFEE MORNING: 20/11/22: **SVP** / 27/11/22: **Matthew + Mariamma**