

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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
WEEK COMMENCING 21ST JULY 2024

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Saturday 20th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Ints: Marco
Sunday 21ST	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Victoria Culham RIP
	Mile End	9.30 am	Deceased Members of Larkin Family
Monday 22nd			ST MARY MAGDALENE
	Church	9.30 am	Mr. K T George RIP
Tuesday 23rd			ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Rel
	Church	9.30 am	Canon T. W. Clarke + Family
Wednesday 24th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Canon T. W. Clarke
Thursday 25th			ST JAMES, Ap
	Church	9.30 am	Danny Farrell RIP
Friday 26th			Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Saturday 27th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Church	9.30 am	Thanksgiving (SP)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 27th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Ints: Marco
Sunday 28th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Ints: Stella Egeolu
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.30 pm	Reception Into Church: Fr Brian McGilloway RIP
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Kathleen + Vic Payne RIP

- ❖ 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. It does not matter if they are male or female. There is no provision for more than two godparents.
- ❖ 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
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com
- **KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA:** George Johnson (BEM, Grand Knight) 07476 781885; George Benedict (Membership Officer) 07834 725890; email: george.johnson@ksc.org.uk

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!

The passage from the Gospel of Mark ^(6:30-34) reveals the compassionate heart of Jesus as a shepherd for his flock. After the apostles returned from their mission, Jesus invites them to *"come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest a while."* However, the crowds followed them, and Jesus, *"seeing the great crowd, had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd."* Today's Gospel passage highlights the deep empathy and care that Jesus has for the people. Rather than turning them away, he responds with compassion, teaching them many things. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost and tends to the weary is a powerful one. It reveals the heart of God, who desires to gather his people, heal their wounds, and lead them to abundant life. This compassion of Christ is a model for all who are called to shepherd and care for God's people.

Fr. Philip



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
LEGION OF MARY	Fridays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 7.30 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY: *For the pastoral care of the sick:* We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE. Lord, we ask for your divine intervention and peace to prevail in Ukraine, Palestine 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: (Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34) *Walking alongside or away?* Jesus, the Good Shepherd, experienced rejection: many "walked with him no longer". This offers us some consolation, when despite doing our best to pass on our faith in Jesus and His Church to our children, we, their 'shepherds', experience them drifting away from the faith. God loves our children unconditionally, and we need to continually 'hold them' in our love.

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 Irvén, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Jason Christopher McLean, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Maureen R. We also pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.



RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa Emoli who has recently passed away. The parish community offers Teresa's family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Teresa's funeral details are to be advised.

FR BRIAN MCGILLOWAY: The Requiem Mass for Fr Brian McGilloway will take place on Monday 29th July at 11.30am

LEGION OF MARY: The Legion of Mary invites parishioners aged 18 and older to join our weekly prayer meetings which will be held in Cardinal Bourne Hall **every Friday at 7.30pm** offering a dedicated time for fellowship and growth. Membership in the Legion does not require specific skills or advanced spirituality. Please do join us in a meeting.



- **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.

MARY'S MEALS APPEAL (SCHOOL + FOOD = HOPE): Please consider donating your leftover foreign currency to Mary's meals. Envelopes are available in the Church Porch, simply fill the envelope with your leftover foreign currency; UK coins and notes that are no longer legal tender and hand your sealed envelope into the Presbytery. Your kindness will help provide nutritious school meals to children living in some of the World's poorest countries and give desperately hungry children hope for the future.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL: There will be a Mission Appeal from the *Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus + Mary* on the weekend of 3rd & 4th August when a collection will be taken to aid their missionary work.

GIFT AID BOX SETS: Last few remaining box sets to be collected from Church Porch.

NEW LECTIONARIES FOR THE CHURCH: We thank all those who have kindly and generously donated to the purchase of the new Lectionaries. We are pleased to advise you that the majority of the volumes have now been paid for. If you would still like to purchase a volume in memory of a loved one or donate towards the cost of a volume (*approx. 4 volumes remain unpaid*), please contact the parish office or put your donation in an envelope marked New Lectionaries with your name and if in memory of someone - their name in full. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: A Churches together BBQ will be held at St Joseph's, Mile End on Sunday 11th August at 1.00pm. More details to follow!

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA 'ONE IN EIGHT' CAMPAIGN: The KSC are launching a new campaign in response to figures showing one in eight children in Colchester reside in households below the poverty line. There will be various weekends to bring your donations of goods and clothes to the Church. The first collection is for the Foodbank on the 20th/21st July. For more information, please contact either George on 07476 781885, Daniel on 07552 232888 or Stefan on 07948 148531. Thank you for your support

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE TO WALSINGHAM, SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST, TO BE LED BY BISHOP DAVID OAKLEY OF NORTHAMPTON. Please consider joining this pilgrimage, if possible in person, or online at walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/

CAR PARK: Please note that the car park will be out of use on Sunday 4th August for the 6.30pm Mass only. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

ADOREMUS" FESTIVAL, OSCOTT COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM on Sat 14th SEPT; The "Adoremus" National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage is taking place with representatives from dioceses across England and Wales. Our diocese has been allocated 43 places. There will be a coach leaving for the Congress from Brentwood Cathedral at 8am on the day. There is no charge for the coach or attending the Congress but you will need to bring a packed lunch. If you would like to attend please contact the Diocesan Co-ordinator, Father Dan Mason at: frdanmason@brcdt.org

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVERS' MASS is scheduled for 2pm on Saturday 21st September 2024, at Brentwood Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Helen.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE RETREAT MANAGER: Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the youth retreat centre for the Diocese of Brentwood, are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager. The Retreat Manager will work to ensure the smooth and efficient running of retreats, leading and training the volunteer team, and developing the programmes on offer to schools and parishes. Walsingham House has an excellent reputation for the quality of the retreats offered and after a year to rebuild we are keen to develop this further. This is not necessarily a "live-in" role but accommodation can be provided if required. For more information please see: <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> Closing date is Friday 30th August.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS: This year marks 60 years since the opening of Walsingham House and 40 years since the first volunteer team took residence. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 31st August at midday celebrated by Bishop Alan in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Everyone is very welcome to attend with a special invite to those who have been part of the Walsingham House team over the last 40 years. After Mass you are welcome to stay for a picnic in the grounds.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTA FOR JULY 2024

Monday 22/07/24: **Team 2** / Monday 29/07/24: **Team 3**

COFFEE MORNING ROTA FOR JULY 2024

21/07/24: African Community / 28/07/24: Diane & Adrian