

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 Catholic Church, Colchester

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 20th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Special Intention (MD)
Sunday 21st	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Anniversary: Daniel Milgate RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Paul Richard Borre Brusola RIP
Monday 22nd			The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sister Millie McNamara RIP
Tuesday 23rd	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Feria Anniversary: Belen De Jesus
Wednesday 24th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	ST BARTHOLOMEW, Ap Daniel Florence + Danny Farrell RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	12.00 pm	Funeral Mass: Jane (k/a Jean) Brennan RIP
Thursday 25th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Feria Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Friday 26th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Feria Sheila Murugiah RIP
Saturday 27th	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	St Monica Ints: Beatrice, Percy, Mini Floyd

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 27th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Christopher Dumdum RIP
Sunday 28th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Birthday Thanksgiving
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Anniversary: Colin Taylor RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Peter Winscott RIP
	<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 9.30am 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. 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 Bookings:** colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) WEEK COMMENCING 21ST AUGUST 2022

In His response to the question put before Him in today's Gospel, Christ invites everyone to be part of the kingdom of God. Salvation is no longer an exclusive reserve or a privilege of the Chosen People (Jews) alone. Despite the long and the Deuteronomistic history of the Jewish people with Scriptures and prophets, many Gentiles (non-Jews) who embraced the message of salvation will enter the Kingdom of heaven ahead of some of them. Remarkably, it is essential to bear in mind that the first followers of Jesus were members of the Chosen People. **Narrow door.** The path to salvation is open and the invitation is clear, but following Christ require self-renunciation, a life of deep prayer, and unconditional love for everyone. The kingdom of God will not necessarily be populated with the people we expect to find there. Some perfectly respected religious leaders claiming allegiance to Jesus may not enter the kingdom of heaven because of their hypocritical piety. Importantly, just listening to Jesus' words and admiring His miracles and Powers is not enough to usher us into heaven. We must turn away from our sins and put our trusts in God to save us. God's kingdom will include people from every part of the world, but there will be many surprises. Some who we despise now will be greatly honoured and whilst some influential people here on earth will be left outside the gate of heaven. What matters to God is not a person's earthly popularity, status, wealth, heritage, or power but his or her commitment to Christ. How do our values match with what Christ tells us to value? Put God first in your life and you will join people from all over the world who will take their places in the heavenly banquet.

Seminarian – Moses

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



WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE TODAY. FOR
PEACE AND THE LAYING DOWN OF WEAPONS.



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Isaiah 66: 18-21; Hebrews 12: 5-7; Luke 13: 22-30) *Our calling is to be a sign of God's love.* Married couples have a special calling to evangelise. God created man and woman to live intimately together so that the people we meet see a living example of His love for each of us. Many of us at some time have seen a couple together and felt intense joy or sensitivity in them – living examples of His love for us.

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, 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 soul of Kevern Flanagan and Eugene (k/a Gene) Horgan (Greenstead Parish) who have both 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. Kevern's funeral mass will be on 9th September 2022 at 11.00am. Eugene's funeral details are to be advised.

ADORATION & PRAYER: Please note that this will not take place on Thursday 25th August.

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION COURSE. We are looking for volunteers to help run the next course beginning in September. Please email Parish to express your interest. **PARENTS:** details on course (*Dates/times*) to be advised in due course.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: *keeping our place of worship glorious for The Lord.* Volunteers are desperately needed to keep our church looking clean and welcoming. If you can spare 1-2 hours per month to help clean the Church and would like to become a "heavenly duster" or a "hoover angel" Or form a new team with friends, community groups. Please contact the Presbytery (01206 866317). As the saying goes,...*Many hands make light work.* Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION APPLICATION FORMS: If your child will be starting in Year 4 or above in September and would like to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion - application forms are in the church porch, please complete and drop through Presbytery door. Programme begins early September – details to follow.

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS: There is usually an annual celebration of this Sacrament for young people in Year 9 or above. Application forms are in the church porch, please complete form and drop through Presbytery door. The Programme begins early September– details to follow.

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

SVP RACE NIGHT 17th September 7.30-10pm. Come and enjoy yourselves, try and win some money by picking the winners and raise money for the SVP. Tickets £5 an adult; children come free. Light refreshments provided. There will be a bar. Tickets available after each Sunday Mass or email Colchestersvp@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM THE COLUMBANS RE MISSION APPEAL: We gratefully acknowledge the support received from your Parishioners during our annual Mission Appeal; we had a magnificent response and can advise that the total collected was £949.96 (*not including gift aid, which we will collect*). Our gratitude to all Parishioners for their generosity – We will remember them in our Masses and Prayers in the community in Solihull.

MARK HEALY RE BCCS 100 RELAY-: Throughout August, I plan to run 2 + bike 1 of the legs for the BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) and if you might sponsor or send me encouragement, I would be grateful. BCCS provide much needed counselling services and in-depth training programmes to children, parents and staff in schools in Essex. If you would like to donate, please follow this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/relay100> or any encouragement would be most welcome.

VOCATIONS: The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 6th September** at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Bishop Alan. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

MARCH FOR LIFE UK happens in London on **Sat 3rd of Sept.** We have aborted 10 million of our children and so many woman and men have been left hurting - We can be bystanders no more. Join the thousands of others at this family-friendly event in saying "*10 Million Too Many!*" Full details can be found at marchforlife.co.uk. If you would like to join the coach party, please add your name to the list in Church Porch.

PARLIAMENT IN YOUR PARISH (CAFOD): Last year, in the lead up to COP26, St Teresa of Lisieux took part in an on-line discussion with our MP, Will Quince, supported by Chris Driscoll from CAFOD, in which Mr. Quince was questioned about a number of issues related to the climate crisis and the impact it was having on the poor and the environment. Mr. Quince has very kindly agreed to meet with us again, this time face-to-face in our parish hall, on **Friday 30 September at 2.00pm.** If you are interested in attending this event, please email Peter Johnson maryandpeter13@btinternet.com for more info and advise that you are attending event.

ADVENTURE IN FAITH: Journey towards World Youth Day, Porto and Lisbon, July 26th – August 9th 2023. This amazing opportunity is for anyone who will be aged 17 – 27 in August 2023. Find out more at <https://bcys.net/events/wyd23/>. Express your interest with an email to WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Only 40 places available.

RETOUVAILLE: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages: Help Your Marriage. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend **on 13 - 16 October 2022** or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 Feb 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 22/08/22: **Team 3** / Monday 29/08/22: **Team 4**
CBH COFFEE MORNING: 21/08/22: **Matthew + Mariamma** / 28/08/22: **African Group**