

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 21st	Church	6.15 pm	Hilda Gabb-Jones [Anniversary]
Sunday 22nd	Church	8:00 am	Mr & Mrs Minator RIP
	Church	10:30 am	P A Akpan John Udo RIP
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	
	West Mersea	8:30 am	
	Mile End	9:15 am	Parishioners
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Bert Hewitt RIP

Monday 23rd *St Pius of Pietrelcina, Pr (Padre Pio)*

Church 9.30 am

Tuesday 24th *Our Lady of Walsingham*

Church 9.30 am
Canon John Bloomfield

Wednesday 25th *Feria*

Church * 9.30 am
Benedict Jovellanos (Anniversary)

Thursday 26th *Feria*

Church 9.30 am

Friday 27th *St Vincent de Paul, Pr*

Church 9.30 am
12.00 pm Hospital Mass

Saturday 28th *Feria*

Church 9.30 am
Beryl Tanner RIP

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 28th	Church	6.15 pm	
Sunday 29th	Church	8:00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10:30 am	Lydia Chalot RIP
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9:15 am	
	Monkwick	10:15 am	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession): Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months' notice is required

BAPTISM COURSE: www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org 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.

* **WEDNESDAY 25th PLEASE NOTE THAT MASS WILL BE AT 9.30AM AND NOT 12.15PM.**



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Dear friends, as many of you know, I am a student for the priesthood, studying in Rome and am privileged to spend holiday times in our parish in Colchester. The summer has gone very quickly and I will be leaving on Wednesday 25th September to return to Rome. Many people say to me, 'It must be wonderful living in Rome with all those churches to choose from and so much to see,' or they mention Italian cooking as being very enjoyable. Whilst both are true, I actually prefer my simple college chapel to the elaborate Roman churches and although I enjoy pasta and ice cream it is the sunsets that I love in Rome the most. From late evening, you see the sky gradually turn into a scene of melting liquid crimson, orange, red and scarlet, and then purple before it is night. I often look at it and wonder at God's creation as well as asking myself if St. Peter and St. Paul, when they arrived in Rome, looked at the same sunset in admiration?

I have always liked the thought of people I know, even though I am not with them, being under the same sky, moon and stars. It is a chance to pray for them knowing that our God, our one Heavenly Father, also watches over them. Please be assured of my prayers when I travel back to continue my studies and thank you all for allowing me to share in your spiritual lives whilst I have been here.

God bless, Deacon Adrian

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: *The Protection of the Oceans*

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Money, money, money ...not much changes!* Dishonest traders, crippling taxes, money lenders and unpaid debts – things haven't changed much since the time of Amos. Honesty and trust are vital regarding all forms of wealth. Let us ask God for the gift of wisdom when deciding together how to use our money, wealth or scarcity. Dishonesty about money shows lack of trust and often leads to divorce.

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, Thomas MacKinlay.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Kehoe who has recently passed away. May he rest in peace. We also pray for the comfort of his bereaved family and friends. Reception into church on Wednesday 9th October at 4.00pm, Requiem Mass on Thursday 10th October at 10.30am then onto Colchester Cemetery.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend there will be a leaving collection for Fr. John Victor Drabeesan. The presentation will take place in the hall after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday October 6th. All are welcome.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY on Friday 4th October. No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church porch and give generously.

UPDATE: Change Of Time: OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The next Rosary and Procession will take place on **Sunday 13th October** at **1.30pm** followed by mass in Polish.

OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY: The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the **Rosary** is celebrated annually on **October 7th**. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the **Rosary** by the faithful. We will be holding this at 3pm every Sunday in October, commencing on **Sunday 6th October**. Please do come and join us.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on **Wednesday 2nd October** with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening "*Green Book*". 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: Coffee Morning on **Sunday 6th October** after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: -

- **KSC ANNUAL RETREAT TO CLARE PRIORY** on **Saturday 28th September**. £16.00 per person, transport by car, leaving Priory Street @ 8.45am. Bring your own packed lunch. Please contact Ron Griffin on (01206) 571590 or Michael Irvine on (01206) 854803 for more info and to book a place - Please do come and join us.
- **BEETLE DRIVE:** The SVP will be holding a Beetle Drive, in Cardinal Bourne Hall on **Saturday 19th October, at 7pm**. This is a fun night for all the family with a free buffet and bring your own bottle. Tickets £5.00 per adult with accompanying children free. Tickets will be available after the 10.30am & 6.30pm Masses this Sunday. Please see the poster in Church porch or notice on the parish website for further details.
- **"CUPPA CLUB"** The SVP coffee morning will be starting on **7th November** in Cardinal Bourne Hall from 10.00am. Please do come along and join us.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Journey in Faith or RCIA is the process developed by the Catholic Church for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, teachings and practices with a view to becoming Catholics, or for those who have a background in the Catholic Faith but who have not yet been confirmed, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. *The first session will be on **Thursday, October 10th at 7pm in the Crypt**. To register your interest, please give your name and contact details to one of the priests. Thank You*

BCYS YOUTH GATHER: Mersea Island, **26th-27th October 2019** (half term weekend). The Youth Gather is for anyone in school aged 9-13yrs, and includes a mix of inspiring speakers, reflection and prayer, together with outward bound activities like zip wires, high ropes and climbing walls. The cost of £50 includes coach from Stratford, Romford, Basildon, Brentwood, Chelmsford or Southend, as well as all meals and activities. Full details and online booking at <https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2019/>

Climate Change – THERE IS NO PLAN B! The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre warmly invite you to join them to watch and examine the film **The Incredible Truth**. Venue: 74 Howe Close, CO4 3XD on **Sunday 6th October** at 2.15 for a 2.30 start. This will be followed by tea and reflection points and evening prayer (finishing by 5.30pm). Please call 01206 867296 to book place.

HEALING SERVICE: If you are feeling stressed, anxious, emotionally/psychologically broken or generally struggling with life, you are warmly invited to attend the English Martyrs' Healing Service from **6-8pm Saturday 28th September**. To attend please email HealingService@English-Martyrs.com or contact Mandy on 0780 1470 516. English Martyrs RC Church, 240 Alma Ave, Hornchurch RM12 6BJ.

ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION: Saturday 12th October, assemble by 1.45pm outside Westminster Cathedral with Procession to Brompton Oratory. Please see poster in porch and take a leaflet.

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

❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: cb.hall@btinternet.com

or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message with name + contact number]

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 23rd September: **Team 3.**