

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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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 22nd	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 23rd	Church	8.00 am	Canon John Bloomfield
Going Forth Mass	Church	10.30 am	John Wilkinson RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Bridget + Michael Brady RIP
Monday 24th			NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
	Church	9.30 am	Jackie McIntyre RIP
Tuesday 25th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Jerome Ragu
Wednesday 26th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Thanksgiving (H.E.P.)
Thursday 27th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Brigid Fitzpatrick RIP
Friday 28th			St Irenaeus, Bp, D, M
	Church	9.30 am	Bell Family RIP
Saturday 29th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Church	9.30 am	Private Intention
	SS PETER AND PAUL, App (B)		HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION
Saturday 29th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Fred & Doreen Dimech RIP
Sunday 30th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Vivienne Andrews + Lynda Andrews RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Vivien Clancy 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



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The Gospel passage today offers a powerful lesson on the importance of faith amid life's storms. As the disciples found themselves caught in a violent tempest on the Sea of Galilee, they cried out in fear, "*Teacher, do you not care? We are going down*". Yet, even as the waves threatened to overwhelm them, Jesus remained calm, sleeping peacefully in the boat. This contrast between the disciples' fear and Jesus' trust reveals a crucial truth: when we face the trials and tribulations of life, our response should be one of faith, not fear. It is in these moments of crisis that we must cling to the Lord, trusting that He is in control and will see us through. Invite Jesus into the boat of your life, knowing that with Him on board, you need never fear the raging waters.

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 JUNE: For migrants fleeing their homes. We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

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: (Job 38:1, 8-11 2Corinthians 5: 14-17 Mark 4: 35-41) *Make time for each other.* Today the readings speak of turbulence and stormy waters. Life is like that! So it is in our married relationships. Nothing is ever completely smooth; our lives are often messy and difficult. As a couple, if we take time to take stock and trust in each other and the Lord, we might just hear His encouragement. *"Quiet now, be calm!"*

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, 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 Mary Wynne & Irene Scobey, 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. Mary will be having two funeral services on Wednesday 3rd July. A Tridentine Mass (Latin) at Our Lady Immaculate and St Edmunds Church, Withermarsh Green at 12.45pm and a service at Colchester Crematorium at 3.15pm. Irene's funeral service will be here on Thursday 4th July at 11.00am.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken on 30th June for *Peter's Pence*. The Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, and the poor affected by illness and natural disasters is supported by contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection. When you participate in the collection, you join Catholics across the globe in supporting the pope's mission of mercy as well as the activities of the Holy See's dicasteries that assist his ministry. Let's help the Holy Father to help others!

RCIA COURSE (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): For all those who have been in contact with us to register their interest in joining the next RCIA course and to any new applicants who are interested in becoming Catholic, we are happy to advise that the initial meeting will take place on **Monday 8th July at 7.30pm** in the Presbytery. No appointments necessary just turn up, If you are unable to attend, please let us know so we can hold a place for you on the course.

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.

NEW LECTIONARIES FOR THE CHURCH: From the First Sunday of Advent this year, a new translation of all the readings will be introduced in England and Wales. This means that we will have to purchase four volumes of the new lectionary for each Mass Centre that cover

1. *Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts of the Lord.*
2. *Weekdays: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time (weeks 1-9), Lent, Easter. Proper of Saints: December – June, Commons.*
3. *Weekdays: Ordinary Time (6-34). Proper of Saints: June – November, Commons.*
4. *Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, Votive Masses, Masses for the Dead.*

If you would like to purchase a volume in memory of a loved one or make a donation towards the cost of a volume, please contact the parish office or put your donation in an envelope marked New Lectionaries and your name and if in memory of someone - their name in full. Thank you.



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.

YOUTH MASS, THURSDAY 4TH JULY 2024, BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass and commission all those travelling to Lourdes this Summer. Meet in the Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza, refreshments and a time to reconnect and relax with friends before the Summer. Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS, 31ST AUGUST AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK: We invite anyone who may have been involved with Walsingham House over the years to celebrate 40 years of volunteer teams with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm and followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

THE GENERAL ELECTION: The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have launched a set of informative resources to help us think about our election choices. It covers pro-Life issues as well as the criminal justice system, education, poverty, the environment, refugees and migrants. The Bishops remind us: *"We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead."* You will find everything at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is pleased to host their first Charity Tribute Night featuring ABBA Chique at the Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre in Rayleigh on **Friday 12th July from 7.30 to 11pm**. Tickets cost £20 plus a small booking fee and can be purchased via Eventbrite details can be found on the BCCS website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

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THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP is now open for bookings! Children age 9 – 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from 27th July – 3rd August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and this year there is space for just 100 children – book early! All details are www.boscocamp.co.uk, including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTA FOR JUNE/JULY 2024

Mon 24/06/24: **Team 3** / Monday 01/07/24: **Team 4** / Friday 12/07/24: **Team 5** / Thursday 18/07/24: **Team 1** / Monday 22/07/24: **Team 2** / Monday 29/07/24: **Team 3**

COFFEE MORNING ROTA FOR JUNE/JULY 2024

23/06/24: Peggy & Anne / **30/06/24:** Yolande + 1 / **07/07/24:** SVP / **14/07/24:** Matthew & Mariamma / **21/07/24:** African Community Group / **28/07/24:** Diane & Adrian