

NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST [B]

Saturday 23rd June	6.15 pm	Richard Lambe RIP
Sunday 24th June	8:00 am	James Donovan RIP
<i>Catenians President Mass</i>	10:30 am	Antonetta Caldeira RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Ints: C. Floyd-Thurgood
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Howard Ashcroft RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Alice Louise De La Nougerede RIP

Monday 25th **MONDAY – Feria**
9.30 am Thanksgiving (ST. F+BVM)

Tuesday 26th **TUESDAY – Feria**
Church **9.30 am** Carol Scott RIP

Wednesday 27th **WEDNESDAY – Feria**
Church **9.30 am** Ints: Fr Tom Coffey

Thursday 28th **THURSDAY – St Irenaeus**
Church **9.30 am** B.Frood RIP + Fams
West Mersea **7.00 pm** Sean + Fams

Friday 29th **FRIDAY – SS Peter and Paul**
Church **9:30 am** Ints: Fr Tom Coffey
Colchester General Hospital **12.00 pm** Hospital Mass in chapel
Church **12.15 pm** Holy Souls
Church **7.30 pm**

Saturday 30th **SATURDAY – Feria**
Church **9.30 am** There will be no morning mass

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday 30th	6.15 pm	William McGeehan RIP
Sunday 1st July	8:00 am	O'Reilly Family
	10:30 am	James, Mary + John Galvin RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Donata McCulloch RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Ernest Jardim RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Mr Bert Hewitt RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	3.00 pm	Filipino Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 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 the patient so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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St. John has the privilege of two feast-days in the Church's calendar, his Birthday and his Beheading. They can be considered respectively his birth into this world and his birth into the fullness of life in the next world. Clearly a special person. Jesus names him as the last and greatest of the prophets, praise indeed. What then is a prophet? A person chosen and inspired by God to proclaim the word of God (the idea that a prophet is 'someone who foretells the future' is a distortion). St. John had the unique role of preparing the way for Jesus, the Word made flesh, and proclaiming his presence when Jesus began his public ministry. John's Beheading was in its own way a pointer towards the Passion and Death of Christ, a prophetic action. The greatest of the prophets. And the last of the prophets, because the Word is now made flesh and dwells among us, so St. John closes the old testament in effect.

Fr Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	8:30am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:50am
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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Under the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which came into force on 25th May, we are unable to print any names on the Prayer list without the sick persons written permission. Written permission can be sent to us either by email or letter – Our contact details are on the front of Newsletter.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington.

RECENTLY DECEASED: A Requiem Mass for John Ashdown-Hill will take place here on Friday 6th July at 12.00pm (noon).

THE NEXT SECOND COLLECTION: Will be a collection for **“PETERS PENCE”** on 1st July, which supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. This collection is taken up by Catholics around the globe and helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world, especially those enduring the effects of war and violence, natural disasters and religious persecution.

MILE END NEWS: Coffee Morning on **Sunday 1st July** after the 9:15am mass at St Joseph’s will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism Juan Pablo Martinez. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on Thursday **28th June 2018** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the Course.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: Thank you to all who donate for your continued support and please keep donating items of tinned/dry goods along with cleaning products & long life fruit juices, milk and squashes, hygiene & sanitary products as all goods are always greatly appreciated.

ST JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP 2018: For boys aged 8-13yrs + girls aged 9–12yrs. The St John Bosco Centre (organised by the Society of St Vincent de Paul) provides an opportunity for children to have an exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in the Essex countryside setting. For further details: www.svpboscocamp.org.uk

PLEASE SUPPORT ST HELENA HOSPICE: On **Jul 14th** Jenny Kilcline, age 16, altar server at St Teresa’s Church, Lexden will be having her head shaved during a *“Great British Shave Off”* event in the church hall. Her hair will also be donated to a charity which makes wigs for patients undergoing cancer care. If you would like to help the hospice, donations can be given in to the parish office or online at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jenny-kilcline.

(YCA) YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS WEEKEND: on **7-9TH SEPT 2018**. More info: [Please see poster in porch](#) or to book go to <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2018>

SUMMER SPIRITUALITY TALK: Saturday 30th June 10.30am-12.00noon at Cathedral House Brentwood. Title: Eucharistic Spirituality. Speaker: Mgr. David Manson. For further details contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel. 01277 265285

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: The parish has received a number of invitations to this Mass which Bishop Alan will be celebrating in the Cathedral on **Saturday 14th July** (4pm). If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year and would like to receive an invitation, please speak to the parish priest after mass.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD: Passionate about challenging injustice? Working with the poor, vulnerable or marginalised? The newly forming *Caritas Diocese of Brentwood* would like your wisdom, your views, and your experience, as we shape the vision for the future. Come to the Brentwood Ursuline School on **Saturday 7th July**, 10.30am-3.00pm, to be part of a conversation with other like-minded people from across the Diocese. More details from frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org or stevenwebb@dioceseofbrentwood.org

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: Due to popular demand, the Wednesday Film Group will reconvene with its first showing on **11th July with a start time of 1.15pm** - screening *“The Darkest Hour”*. However, this has only been made possible through the kind generosity of a benevolent benefactor, who has kindly donated the first year licence fee (*which is a legal requirement for the showing of films*), and to whom we offer our grateful thanks. All are most welcome. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: -

WALSINGHAM HOUSE: The date of the “official opening” is **Saturday September 1st**, when you are very welcome to Midday Mass with Bishop Alan, and then to stay for the afternoon, enjoying the beautiful grounds. Do save the date!

ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND: On **Friday 7th +Saturday 8th** at St James the Less and St Helen and at the Abbey of St John the Baptist on **Saturday 8th + Sunday 9th** We are pleased to announce that once again our church is part of the English Heritage tour on the above weekend. Please come along and show your support whilst also learning the fascinating history of our church and Colchester. [Please See Poster in Porch for more event details or check our website.](#) Under Events.

RIDE & STRIDE: will be taking place on **Saturday 8th September** from 9.00am – 5.00pm [Please See Poster in Porch or check our website.](#) Under Events or Contact Helena Gibson via church office.

ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND For the first time, English Heritage has offered a second Open Day weekend (**Fri 14th & Sat 15th of September**) with the assistance of the Catholic Heritage Group, we wish to use this to time to promote a *“Catholics in Colchester”* weekend with talks, tours and displays starting from St Helena, whose feast day of the Triumph of the Cross is on the 14th with a talk in her honour which will be given in the Crypt that evening by Philip Wise the Heritage Manager of Colchester and Ipswich Museums at 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Entrance to Crypt is via the church). On Saturday there will be Saxons, Medieval, Reformation. Recusants, fugitive Priests and Victorian Catholic Emancipation.

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society): Telephone number - **07493 439427**.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message]

CHURCH CLEANERS’ ROTA: Monday 25th June 2018: Team 3