

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

World Mission Day

Saturday 23rd	Church	6.15 pm	Madeleine Sterling RIP
Sunday 24th	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Christy Fernando + Ruby Ethel Fernando RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.15 am	Michael + Bridget Brady RIP
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Ints: Scanlan + Brown Families
Monday 25th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Percy + Mini Ffloyd RIP
Tuesday 26th			St Cedd Bp, Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese
	Church	9.30 am	Mary Jacob RIP
Wednesday 27th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Mr. T. N. Sebastian RIP
Thursday 28th			SS SIMON AND JUDE, App
	Church	9.30 am	Vernon Gannon RIP
Friday 29th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Stephan Silvere RIP
Saturday 30th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Samuel B
			ALL SAINTS (B) HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION
Saturday 30th	Church	6.15 pm	Mr. Jackie Wilmot RIP
Sunday 31st	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Catenian President Mass	10.30 am	Colchester Circle Catenian Association
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.15 am	Ints: S. Jacob
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Kathleen Payne RIP

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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 Week commencing 24th October 2021

Bartimeus may have been blind but he certainly was not without a vision. Blind and begging at the side of the road, Bartimeus has nothing but a cloak to his name. He could be seen a symbol of sadness, stress or worse still a state of sin. Hearing a man passing by he exercises his faith. St Paul tells us that faith comes through hearing and hearing of the word of God *Romans 10:17*. Bartimeus believed that when the Messiah came he could make all things new. So with nothing to lose, he takes what he has seen with the eyes of his faith and calls out *Son of David have pity on me*. The crowd who have physical sight see in Jesus a miracle worker, a great preacher. Bartimeus however, the begger with no physical sight has insight, he “sees” and believes here is more than a miracle worker here is the promised Messiah. More keenly aware of his need it seems Bartimeus had a poor spirit and a pure heart he could see God *Matthew 5:8*. His poverty made him helpless but his faith ensured that he was not hopeless. Seizing the moment, his human need met divine grace and a life-changing encounter took place. If with faith, we take our sadness, stress and most importantly our sin to the Christ in the sacraments we too will be changed and can be empowered to rise up with new sight and follow Jesus to the green pastures of new life.

Fr. Paschal

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, Please contact the Presbytery.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 10_{am} Mass and 5.30_{pm}-6.00_{pm}
- ❖ 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
- ❖ If you are self-isolating and would like to speak to a priest or have any worries, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317 and we will try to help you.



Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy/Church photos/videos. Please remember to [like](#) & [follow](#) our page!

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
DAILY Mon-Fri	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	Temporarily suspended

Please refer to the Website Home Page or External Church Notice Board for details on the **Relaxation of Covid restrictions**.

As a Reminder: Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who has reason to believe that they have been in contact with someone who has, should not attend church or volunteer in any capacity until they have received medical advice that it is safe to do so.



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS. During this month, prayers and Masses are said for the Faithful Departed. *November Altar Lists of dead & Envelopes* are available in the Church Porch. Please put the names of your deceased family and friends on the list and place this in the envelope along with your donation and either hand the envelope to a priest or drop the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Jeremiah 31: 7-9 Hebrews 5: 1-6 Mark 10: 46-52) **Ask and you will receive.** The prophet tells us today that if we ask, the Lord will always comfort, lead and guide us, so that we will not stumble. Jesus' response to Bartimaeus – *"What do you want me to do for you?"* – points the way. In marriage we become mirrors of God's saving help, supporting each other and being sure guides for our children

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 pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: This weekend there will be a collection taken at all Masses for World Mission Sunday, which supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sister Veronica build peace in Nigeria and share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Thank you.

LAUDATO SI' INVITATIONS, COMMITMENTS AND ACTIONS: This is our response to the heartfelt plea from Pope Francis, *"Listen to the Cry of the Earth, the Cry of the Poor."* It is for every parishioner in the Diocese. Please collect a leaflet and pledge card from Church Porch. Thank you.

LAUDATO SI' COMMITMENTS: Following on from the Bishops letter regarding Laudato Si' we are looking to form a working group of volunteers to see what we can do as a Parish in response to this. If you would be interested in being part of this group, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

SVP NEWS: Every year the SVP give Christmas presents to the young people in Brett House. Brett House is a specialist supported housing scheme for young homeless people at risk in the Colchester area. This year we are asking for your help. Are you able to donate a few chocolates or toiletries that can be wrapped up and give someone a lovely surprise this Christmas? There will be a box in the church porch for these to be collected in. Thank you.

JOSIE'S KITCHEN: Josie is looking for donations of Toiletries' to make care packages for the Homeless at Christmas. If you can spare any of the following items: - Deodorant, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Body spray/Cologne, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Sponges, Face Flannels, Toiletry Gift Sets etc. These items make a big difference to their lives and show them that they are cared for in our community. Please drop your Donations into the Presbytery. Thank You for your continued generosity and support.

MISSIO MAGAZINE (Autumn Edition): Available in the church porch, please take a free copy. **RED MISSIO BOXES:** Please collect your emptied boxes from the Presbytery Office. Thank you.

REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards, Diaries & Calendars are now available for sale in the Church Porch – prices on items; please leave monies in Repository Box. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. **Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31st Oct - 12th Nov.** There are prayer cards in church porch; please do take one and pray that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more info, see cafod.org.uk/COP26. *May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: A further course will commence early in 2022 – Please check on Newsletter in January 2022 for details.

CONFIRMATION + FIRST HOLY COMMUNION + BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: Collection is from Presbytery (when collected please remember to keep these safe as needed in future).

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS Final talk will be on the **24th October** and the question being explored is *"What is the universal call to holiness?"* Fr Adrian Lowe, For more info - go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk .

ALL BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL/ADMIN VACANCIES further info **School Vacancies:-** [School Vacancies - Brentwood Diocese \(dioceseofbrentwood.net\)](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net) **Admin Vacancies** [Vacancies - Brentwood Diocese \(dioceseofbrentwood.net\)](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net)

PARISH FINANCES: If you wish to make an offering/donation this can be done by: -

- Dropping envelope through Presbytery door (please write on envelope Mass Offering or Parish Maintenance) or in the Donation Basket situated at Church entrance & Exit
- Diocesan Online Donation platform (where donations can also be gift aided):-
Priory St: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>
Mile End: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-c>
Mersea: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>
Monkwick: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you

NEW TO THE PARISH? Then please complete one of our Parish Registration forms, which can be found in the porch at the back of the church.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: 25/10/21: **Team 3** (Rotas in Church porch).