

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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (C) (National Youth Sunday)

Saturday 23 rd	Church	6.15 pm	Cecilia Uglow RIP
Sunday 24 th	Church	8:00 am	
	Church	10:30 am	Mrs Aleykutty George RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	
	West Mersea	8:30 am	10 th Anniversary: Norma Golding RIP
	Mile End	9:15 am	Andrew Morton RIP
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners
Monday 25 th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Maggie Rose Ganjehraf
	Church	11.00 am	REQUIEM MASS: Bridget Ann Irvine RIP
Tuesday 26 th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	November Dead List
Wednesday 27 th			Feria
	Church	* 10.30 am	Dec'd Parishioners + Clergy of the Deanery
Thursday 28 th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	November Dead List
Friday 29 th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Edward, Sam + Bernard Harrison RIP
	Colchester Hospital	12.00 pm	Jane Doro RIP
Saturday 30 th			ST ANDREW, Ap, Patron of Scotland
	Church	9.30 am	Alfred + Chase Harrison RIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Saturday 30 th	Church	6.15 pm	Douglas + David Finch RIP
Sunday 1 st Dec	Church	8:00 am	Michael + Anne O'Reilly RIP
	Church	10:30 am	Selwyn Caldeira RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	Ints: Anne Kemp
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Ann Irvine RIP
	Mile End	9:15 am	
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners

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

* Please note the mass on Wed 27th November is at 10.30am and **NOT** 12.15pm

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.

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NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

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And as all that belongs to the Father belongs also to the Son because by nature they are one, so also the bridegroom gave all he had to the bride and he shared in all that was hers. He made her one both with himself and with the Father. Praying for his bride, the Son said to the Father: I want them to be one with us, even as you and I are one. And so the bridegroom is one with the Father and one with the bride. Whatever he found in his bride alien to her own nature he took from her and nailed to his cross when he bore her sins and destroyed them on the tree. He received from her and clothed himself in what was hers by nature and gave her what belonged to him as God. He destroyed what was diabolical, took to himself what was human, and conferred on her what was divine. Do not destroy the whole Christ by separating head from body, for Christ is not complete without the Church, nor is the Church complete without Christ. The whole and complete Christ is head and body.

Blessed Isaac of Stella

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 NOVEMBER: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East. That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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: Let us radiate His life and light and goodness. *'Today you will be with me in paradise'* – Jesus' words as He hung on the cross; even in His agony, He still chose only to love. Through Him, we are given the strength to bear anything joyfully; with the saints we *'inherit the light'*. Today, let us radiate His life, light and goodness, acknowledging Him as our Lord and King.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Arlene Annie Miller, Kenneth James Evans, and Thomas Frank Harrison who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Arlene's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 6th December at 11.00am. Kenneth's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 9th December at 11.00am. Thomas Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 10th December at 11.00am.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: After all masses this weekend, there will be a 2nd collection for National Youth Sunday, which takes place on the Feast of Christ the King. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year is Significance taken from Christus Vivit, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation to young people: *"For him, you have worth; you are not insignificant. You are important to him, for you are the work of his hands. That is why he is concerned about you and looks to you with affection"* (Christus Vivit, 115). This collection is for the diocesan Youth Service to support their work in serving the young people of the diocese. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL [ADMISSIONS FOR 2020/2021]: (Local Authority Closing Date 15/01/20). The signing of the *"Certificates of Practice"* will take place in the church crypt on the following dates: -

- Monday 25th November 2019 at 4.30pm – 5.30pm
- Sunday 1st December 2019 at 12.00pm (Noon) – 1.00pm
- Saturday 7th December 2019 at 3.00pm – 4.00pm

There is no need to make an appointment as parents **and** the child applying to St Thomas, will be seen on a 1st come, 1st served basis – *entrance to the crypt is via the church.*

WALK WITH ME (ADVENT EDITION): booklets are still available in church porch at £1 a copy.

LECTIO DIVINA is simply a way of reflecting on scripture in preparation for the Sunday readings. This will take place on **Saturdays of Advent at 5.15pm** in the meeting room in the presbytery. Access will be from the church porch. The Bishops of England and Wales have asked us to celebrate a 'Year of the God who Speaks'. We are invited to listen afresh to the Word of God as Mary did at the Annunciation. We can do this in our parish by scripture study with Sr Angela, at Mass when we engage with the scripture readings, **and by joining the parish group for Lectio. All are welcome.**

REPOSITORY SHOP: New Year * New Ideas * New Person(s) required for the Repository – working alongside Frances (as Pauline is stepping down). If interested in this voluntary role, please contact the presbytery 01206 866317.

"CUPPA CLUB" The SVP coffee morning will take place **Every Thursday** in Cardinal Bourne Hall from **10.00am**. Please spread the word - Everyone is warmly invited to come along to our friendly and fun social group. Make new friends, chat, play cards, board games....

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

MERSEA NEWS: Festive Coffee Morning on **Saturday 7th December from 10.30am to 12.00pm** at St Cedd and St Gregory, with music from Coln Endeavour Band, raffle and various stalls + side attractions. All Welcome.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on **Wednesday 11th December** with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening *"The Polar Express"*. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard in porch for future films and screening dates.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **PARISH GIFT DAY:** Fr Chris and Fr Nixon invite you to join them next **Saturday 30th November** from **11.00am-12.30pm** in Cardinal Bourne Hall for our parish Gift Day, to help raise funds for your parish church. We are privileged to be members of this parish where our faith is nurtured and where we are passing it on through our children to future generations. We have four fine buildings in which to worship (and which need upkeep) and we are committed to reach out to our community and beyond, sharing our faith in word and deed, as Christ commissioned his disciples to do. For this ministry to be maintained and to flourish we need sufficient funds. We would urge everyone to join us and feel part of the move to put us back on an even keel on our Gift Day, whatever your level of giving (every penny counts!). Please hand your *'Parish Gift'* (cash or chq) to the clergy who will also be attending the Christmas afternoon Tea at 3pm.
 - **FAMILY CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA:** Please join us next **Saturday 30th November, 3pm - 5pm** in Cardinal Bourne Hall for a delicious, mouth-watering "Afternoon Tea". Tickets - Adults £8.00 / Children £4.00, please contact Frances 369568 or Nora 503410.
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COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: require the following items: tinned/dry goods incl. tinned tomatoes, soups, pasta, rice, jars of sauces, long life fruit juices, milk and squashes, custard, jam, cleaning, hygiene & sanitary products and small packets of washing powder, liquid or capsules. **Thank you to all who donate.** Please keep those in need in your prayers.

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.

❖ **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 25th November: **Team 4**