

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**      **SS PETER AND PAUL, App (A)**      **HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**  
 Church      11.30 am      John Hopgood RIP

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>**      **Feria**  
 Church      8.15 am      Anniversary: Mr. B. J. Mathews

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>**      **Feria**  
 Church      8.15 am      Canon John Bloomfield

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**      **Feria**  
 Church      8.15 am      Josef Von Wrede RIP

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **Feria**  
 Church      8.15 am      Mrs. Chachy Joseph RIP

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **St Thomas, Ap**  
 Church      8.15 am      John Lodge RIP

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**      **Feria**  
 Church      8.15 am      Kathleen & Victor Payne RIP

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**      **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(A)**  
 Church      11.30 am      Ints: Mary Hazell

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** (confession)      By appointment – please contact us  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**      At least six months' notice is required  
**BAPTISM COURSE:**      Contact the parish office

**Please pray for any parishioners who are suffering from the virus or self-isolating.**

Lord God, we entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be.

We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them.

We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments. And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Grant us the courage and perseverance to be good neighbours.

May the words of your Son Jesus Christ in the Our Father, be our prayer as we entrust ourselves and all of us who are affected to your infinite power and love. Amen.

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES:** The following link is to a website that has live streaming of church services in the UK <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

**WALSINGHAM:** the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham has a 24 hour livestream service website <https://www.walsingham.org.uk>

**POLISH MASS:** St Monica, Palmers Green, Sundays 3.30pm [www.churchservices.tv/palmersgreen](http://www.churchservices.tv/palmersgreen)

**BRENTWOOD PASTORAL DEAF SERVICE:** The only signed Mass streamed online is from the Diocese of Westminster: <https://www.churchservices.tv/pottersbar> or from the Church's own website look for the Live Streaming link near the end of the page <https://olasv.org.uk/>

**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, subject to hospital restrictions due to virus.

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

**WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK**

**1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY**



Parish Priest:                      Mgr. Christopher Brooks  
 Assistant Priest:                Fr. Nixon Gomes  
 Assistant Priest:                Fr. Philip Willenbrock  
 Deacon:                            Deacon Adrian Lowe

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**SS PETER AND PAUL (A)**  
**WEEK COMMENCING: 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE**

Shakespeare wrote, "What's in a name? That which is called a rose by any other name would smell as sweet". True to a degree, though a bouquet of stinkwort doesn't have the same ring to it. 'Apostle' has a meaning which is conferred by Jesus himself. He chooses 12 from his disciples and calls them apostles, a name which means 'sent'. Ss.Peter and Paul were chosen by God and sent, sent to proclaim the Gospel and to guide and govern the church. So we can also understand why one of the key 'marks' of the true church is that it is Apostolic, because there needs to be continuity between what Ss.Peter and Paul and the other Apostles preached, and what is preached now by those called apostles today. Unfortunately there are many groupings around nowadays which claim to be churches and even put apostolic in their title, while what they teach as Gospel bears little resemblance to the true Gospel; they mislead many. Let us thank God for giving us true Apostles and for the fidelity of their successors down the ages (I appreciate that not all the successors have been paragons of virtue etc).

*Fr. Chris*

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**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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DAILY	Morning Prayer	<b>Temporarily suspended</b>
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 <sub>pm</sub> )	

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Dear parishioners and friends,

We are open for private prayer daily from 10<sub>am</sub> to 11<sub>am</sub> and 7<sub>pm</sub> to 8<sub>pm</sub>. If you are able to assist in volunteering please contact the presbytery on (01206) 866317 as we still require volunteer Stewards/Cleaners.

In order to guarantee a safe environment for everyone, please observe the following guidelines when attending church for private prayer: -

- There is a one-way system in the church. Entrance will be via the main doors of church and exit will be through the side door.
- Read the instructions from the diocese displayed in the porch on entrance.
- Use the hand sanitiser provided on entrance and exit (*or your own*).
- 2 meters social distancing is to be observed at all times.
- Parish stewards and cleaners will be here to help and direct you.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming you back.

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Fr. Chris & Fr. Nixon will continue to offer private Mass each day at 8.15<sub>am</sub> (Monday – Saturday) and 11.30<sub>am</sub> on Sunday, with the intentions published in the newsletter. Exposition will take place daily from 7<sub>pm</sub> to 8<sub>pm</sub>, we will be praying for parishioners and their intentions.

- For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact our parish office.
- Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- Please note also the guidance issued by Rome and published on our website re indulgences.
- Mass Intentions. These can be posted/popped through the letterbox of 51, Priory Street and will be published in the newsletter, which will be available on the parish website.
- 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.

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**MAKING A DONATION:** Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to make their offerings during this period. This is much appreciated; our Parish needs your continued support at this time as Coronavirus has raised some very particular financial challenges for us. Not only do we have no plate and envelope collection, but we cannot hire out our parish hall either. We must, however, continue to pay for essentials such as our priest's living expenses, the upkeep of our buildings and other ongoing costs. Of course, we realise that the current situation is affecting many people's income and they may not be able to continue their level of offerings. If this is the case, we fully understand, and our prayers are with you. If you usually give by envelope or via cash in the collection, you can either make individual payments whenever you like by dropping envelope through Presbytery door, or you can set up a regular gift by Standing Order. This can be stopped at any time, for example, if you wish to resume giving by cash or envelope once Sunday Mass is resumed. The Donation Station (in Church porch) can be used when attending private prayers or alternatively, you can donate online using the Diocesan Online Donation platform (where donations can also be gift aided):-

\* St. James the Less & St. Helen <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>

\* St. Joseph, Mile End: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-c>

\* St. Cedd & St. Gregory: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>

\* St. Theodore of Canterbury: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

To those who have sent in offerings and set up Standing Orders - Thank you very much for your donation. Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support.

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**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE *The Way of the Heart.*** We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

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**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Acts 12:1-11 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19) ***The power of love***

Peter, the denier, and Paul, the persecutor, both familiar with failure, were overwhelmed by the power of love and gave up their own lives. Let us rejoice in our calling to love as Jesus did, to lay down our lives for each other, willingly and gladly. Our lives might be the only Bible that some people will ever read.

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah. Valerie Thurston, Joan Jeal. Jimmy Clarin. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Venetia Catherine Fielding Hetherington, Norman Charles Cockx & Maureen Ann Stanford who have all recently passed away. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Venetia's funeral will take place at Oakland Woodland of Remembrance on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Norman's funeral will take place at Colchester Crematorium on 8<sup>th</sup> July and Maureen's funeral will take place at Colchester Crematorium on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**MILE END NEWS:** Mile End will re-open this Sunday for private prayer from 9.30<sub>am</sub> to 10.30<sub>am</sub>.

**MERSEA NEWS:** Mersea has re-opened for private prayer on Sundays from 8.30<sub>am</sub> to 9.30<sub>am</sub>

**CLERGY APPOINTMENTS:** The following moves will take place at the beginning of September: -

- ♦ Assistant Priest Fr Nixon Gomes will move from Colchester to Witham (Parish Priest)
- ♦ Deacon Paschal Uche (newly Ordained) to Colchester (Assistant Priest)
- ♦ Deacon Adrian Lowe (newly Ordained) from Colchester to Wanstead (Assistant Priest)

We wish all our Priests every success and happiness in their new parishes, and we kindly request that you please keep all the Priests of the Diocese in your prayers at this time.

**GARDENING VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for volunteers who are willing and able to contribute to the maintenance of the Church garden and outdoor space. No experience is necessary just a love of gardening! The volunteers under the guidance of Armando would help with watering, planting, weeding, garden maintenance at Priory Street. We all know gardening is good exercise for the body, but it can also provide excellent therapy for the mind. If you have the time and the interest, please contact the Presbytery office for details 01206 866317. Thank you.

**GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS:** Please can you collect your new box sets from the church porch. Box sets are laid out in alphabetical order. Thank you.

**PALM CROSSES:** These are available on exit from Church.

**"LOURDES IN YOUR LIVING ROOM"** Join this amazing virtual pilgrimage with Bishop Alan and people from across the Diocese during **the week of 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July**, with daily Mass, Reflections, Rosary and Angelus, as well as the Marian ("Torchlight") procession, all the info you need is at [www.bcys.net/lourdes2020](http://www.bcys.net/lourdes2020), incl. a timetable for the pilgrimage. The pilgrimage is for those of all ages, with a special additional programme for those aged 15-23. It is all completely free. Please take a look.

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- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)
  - **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL:** The hall is closed and all group activity suspended until further notice.
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