

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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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 27th	Church	6.15 pm	Xavier Swampillai + Marie Bastianpillai RIP
Sunday 28th	Church	8:00 am	
	Church	10:30 am	Clayton Van Sertima
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9:15 am	Derrick Foley RIP
	Monkwick	10:15 am	

Monday 29th	Church	9.30 am	St Martha Phil Treby RIP
Tuesday 30th	Church	9.30 am	Feria
Wednesday 31st	Church	12.15 pm	St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr
Thursday 1st August	Church	9.30 am	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, D
	Church	11.00 am	REQUIEM MASS: Alice White RIP
Friday 2nd	Church	9.30 am	Feria
Saturday 3rd	Church	9.30 am	Feria Canon John Bloomfield

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 3rd	Church	6.15 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Sunday 4th	Church	8:00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10:30 am	Patricia Urquhart RIP
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	Maleck Soormally RIP
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Matthew Johnston RIP
	Mile End	9:15 am	Lorna Komery RIP
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Leslie Hawken RIP

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

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The disciples humility to the Lord is clearly visible in today's gospel. The disciples observed several times, the Lord in solitary prayer and contemplation; Inspired by the Lord's perfect example; They confess to Him their weakness in not knowing how to pray. Knowing the desire of His followers, Jesus encourages them to persevere in prayer and not be disheartened. Then He teaches them to pray; to praise the Father in heaven and seek the kingdom of God at first. When we praise Him, He knows everything we need. Indeed, we can be left wondering why our prayers are not answered. Is it because we lack faith or worse still because of our sins? Do we pray as the Lord has taught His disciples or do we list out our needs and demand Him to yield? Do we remember the needy in our prayer? When we take care of the needy, God takes care of us.

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.

Fr. John Victor

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15 _{am}
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35 _{am}
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00 _{am} Mass
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00 _{pm} - 6.00 _{pm}
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00 _{pm}

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY: *The Integrity of Justice*

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *We are called to trust each other with ourselves.* Trust is the theme for today and as married couples we are called to trust each other enough to become 'two in one flesh'. We need to listen sensitively to one another and to share our innermost thoughts, feelings, hopes, dreams, joys, sorrows, worries and anxieties in such a way that we might both be fully human and fully alive.

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, Patrick Kehoe.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Christine Mary Bueggeln and Dennis Stephen Furtado, who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace and we also pray for the comfort of their bereaved family and friends. Patrick Joseph Cunningham (PJ) funeral service will be held at St.Teresa's, Lexden on Friday 2nd August at 1.45_{pm}. Christine's Requiem Mass will be held here on Monday 5th August at 11.00_{am} and Dennis Requiem Mass will be held here on Friday 9th August at 12.30_{pm}.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Friday 6th September 2019** here in the Crypt from **7:30_{pm}-9.00_{pm}** (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary. *[If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office].*

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Journey in Faith or RCIA is the process developed by the Catholic Church for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, teachings and practices with a view to becoming Catholics, or for those who have a background in the Catholic Faith but who have not yet been confirmed, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Sessions are held weekly from 7_{pm} to 8.30_{pm} on Thursday evening in the Crypt of the church and they will run from October until Easter. 2019 course details will be advised within the next few weeks. **To register your interest, please give your name and contact details to one of the priests. Thank You**

LENTEN TALKS 2020: We are pleased to advise that due to the success of this years Lenten talks and the positive feedback received, these talks will be held again next year. We are looking for a volunteer to front the event and work alongside a small team of people who will be assisting. If interested and to find out more info, please speak to Fr Chris.

REPOSITORY SHOP: Please note that the Repository Shop (*In hall on Sunday after 10.30_{am} mass*) will be closed for the month of August and will reopen on Sunday 8th September. There will still be a selection of cards available in church porch to purchase.

REMINDER: GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS There are still uncollected boxes in church porch

CAN YOU SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS A MONTH TO CLEAN YOUR CHURCH?

Reliable and committed volunteers **URGENTLY REQUIRED** to help with cleaning the Church. Please contact the Presbytery on (01206) 866317 if you would like to volunteer. Also looking for a Cleaning Team Leader.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on **Wednesday, 7th August**, with a **start time of 1.15_{pm}** screening "*The Agony and The Ecstasy*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments

MILE END NEWS: Coffee Morning on **Sunday 4th August** after the 9:15_{am} Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

MERSEA NEWS: The next Coffee morning will be held at Jenny ODonnell, 8 Woodstock, CO5 on **Thursday 13th August from 10.30_{am} til 12.30_{pm}**. Everyone most welcome

BIBLE STUDY GROUP led by Sister Angela Morris; the new term will start on **Wednesday 11th September**, in the Crypt from **10_{am}-12_{pm}**. We will be exploring *Belief in the Spirit of God in the life of Israel and the world as expressed in the Bible*. Everyone welcome. Bring your Bible and an open heart.

ANONYMOUS DONATION RECEIVED. Thanks to the anonymous donor who has made it possible to purchase some new chasubles.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: On **September 7th**, the coach will depart from St John Payne Church, Greenstead at **8.30_{am}** arriving back at approximately 7_{pm}. Cost: Adults £20 / Children £10. Payment can be made on the day and will be collected on the coach. Bring a packed lunch and drinks with you. For further info and to book your seat, please contact Ann Roughan on 07889101762 who will be happy to help you.

ORDINATION OF REVEREND ADRIAN GABB-JONES: The Rev. Adrian Gabb-Jones will be ordained priest on **Wednesday 31st July** at St. Teresa of Lisieux Church, **Lexden at 7_{pm}**. Please pray for him; parishioners are welcome to attend to the ordination.

CALAIS LIGHT: Ever wanted to help the refugees in Calais but unsure how? We run weekend convoys from Brentwood to volunteer with refugee charities there. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais - the fact is they are there - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them. Please think about this & volunteer. **Next Trips: 13-15th Sept; 22- 24th Nov; 31 Jan-Feb 2.** Sign up for a convoy or donate with compassion at www.calaislight.com

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: Food donations are especially welcome during the school holiday period, items of tinned/dry goods along with cleaning products & long life milk and fruit juices, squashes, hygiene & sanitary products, small multi-pack snacks, small washing powder/liquids, tea + coffee, biscuits, peanut butter + jams, mini chocolate bars. Please remember 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. If you would like to join us the details of our next meeting are at the back of the church, along with a collection box

❖ **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 29th July: **Team 2.**
