

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 27th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Christopher Dumdum RIP
Sunday 28th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Birthday Thanksgiving
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Anniversary: Colin Taylor RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Peter Linscott RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Parishioners
Monday 29th			The Passion of St John the Baptist
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Lea + Jim + Family
Tuesday 30th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Marisa
Wednesday 31st			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mr. Celso Y Dela Pena
Thursday 1st September			St Sebbi, King of the East Saxons
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Christopher Gibson RIP
Friday 2nd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving (JA)
Saturday 3rd			ST GREGORY THE GREAT, P, D
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Cassie Riely RIP

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 3rd	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Fr Philip Willenbrock RIP
Sunday 4th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Ints: Samantha + Jon Hume
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	W. Robinson RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Anniversary: Maeve McAleer
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Donor (EE)



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St James the Less and St Helen Catholic Church, Colchester

TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
WEEK COMMENCING 28TH AUGUST 2022

As Catholics we ought to be familiar with the call of Jesus to be humble. Historically, many people have shied away from humility, seeing it as weakness, instead preferring ostentatious pride by striving to appear great in other peoples' eyes. The word itself has its roots, we could say, in the Latin for soil, humus. I think here of the parable of the sower, where the seed, the word of God, is fruitful only when it falls into rich soil, humus. Gardeners will appreciate the general usefulness of a good humus, if they hope for healthy plants. Humility isn't a matter of becoming a doormat for others, it requires work to 'till the soil, enrich it' which in terms of a human being would entail cultivating the virtues, controlling one's passions, seeking after truth, praying. In those and other ways, an individual is able to receive graces from God such that they are indeed fruitful, the grace multiplying in the rich humus while weeding out undesirable habits.

Fr.Chris

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Marriage Preparation: Please be aware that 6 months' notice of intention for Marriage is required especially if marrying outside the Parish. Couples who are planning to get married should contact us **at least 6 months** in advance. Thank you.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00pm Mass (Monkwick).
- ❖ 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).

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Bookings:** colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com



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 (Mon-Fri)	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
ADORATION & PRAYER	Thursdays	at 7.30 pm

Prayer For Peace In Ukraine. Give comfort to those who suffer because of the violence. Give comfort to those who mourn their dead, and strength to neighboring countries to welcome the refugees. Convert the hearts of those who resort to arms and protect those who work to promote peace



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: Abolition of the Death Penalty. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Ecc1 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1, 7-14) *Raised by our love.* We live in a world where self-promotion is at the heart of many superficial relationships. But ours is a New Covenant of love – Jesus refers to this in the Gospel. In this unique relationship, we seek to encourage and raise each other higher. When we fail, as inevitably we do, He calls us to ask forgiveness of each other.

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 continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need and for those who have recently died.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eugene (k/a Gene) Horgan (Greenstead Parish) who has recently passed away. The parish community offers his family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Eugene's funeral will take place at St John Payne on 9th September at 10.30am.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SACRAMENTAL COURSES. Our Faith Formation Programs rely on good Catechists and Volunteers to model God's love to the children and assist the parents in bringing them knowledge and understanding of the faith. We are looking for parents/volunteers to help run the Confirmation + Holy Communion courses beginning in September. Please consider adding your name to the list in the Church Porch.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: keeping our place of worship glorious for The Lord. Volunteers are desperately needed to keep our church looking clean and welcoming. If you can spare 1-2 hours per month to help clean the Church and would like to become a "heavenly duster" or a "hoover angel" Or form a new team with friends, community groups. Please contact the Presbytery (866317). As the saying goes,...Many hands make light work. Thank you.

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken for Education Day on 11th September. This takes place at the start of the academic year; and offers us an opportunity to pray to Almighty God for all people involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead.

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS: There is usually an annual celebration of this Sacrament for young people in Year 9 or above. Application forms are in the church porch, please complete form and drop through Presbytery door. The Programme begins early September– details to follow.

FIRST COMMUNION APPLICATION FORMS: If your child will be starting in Year 4 or above in September and would like to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion - application forms are in the church porch, please complete and drop through Presbytery door. The Programme begins with the **Parents Meeting on 10th September 11am in Cardinal Bourne Hall.** Please complete **Candidate Application form in Church porch and drop through Presbytery door.**

SVP RACE NIGHT 17th September 7.30-10pm. Come and enjoy yourselves, try and win some money by picking the winners and raise money for the SVP. Tickets £5 an adult; children come free. Light refreshments provided. There will be a bar. Tickets available after each Sunday Mass or email Colchestersvp@gmail.com

SVP CUPPA CLUB: will meet every **Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games & crafts, etc., will be available.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK happens in London on **Sat 3rd of Sept.** We have aborted 10 million of our children and so many woman and men have been left hurting - We can be bystanders no more. Join the thousands of others at this family-friendly event in saying "*10 Million Too Many!*" Full details can be found at marchforlife.co.uk. If you would like to join the coach party, please add your name to the list in Church Porch.

THE PARABLES OF LUKE: A Gidea Park Faith Talk on the Parables of Luke will be broadcast by live stream on **Wednesday 21st September from 7pm.** Our distinguished speaker is Deacon Sean Loone, well-known in the diocese of Birmingham for his work in education and in evangelisation. Sean will speak about the parables in the Gospel of Luke, which we shall be hearing at Sunday Mass as we continue through Year C of the lectionary. To listen to the presentation live simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org There is no charge and no booking is needed.

VOCATIONS: The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 6th September** at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Bishop Alan. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

RIDE & STRIDE: Saturday 10th September 9-5pm. **ENGLISH HERITAGE DAY: Saturday 17th September 10.30am-5pm**

PARLIAMENT IN YOUR PARISH (CAFOD): Last year, in the lead up to COP26, St Teresa of Lisieux took part in an on-line discussion with our MP, Will Quince, supported by Chris Driscoll from CAFOD, in which Mr. Quince was questioned about a number of issues related to the climate crisis and the impact it was having on the poor and the environment. Mr. Quince has very kindly agreed to meet with us again, this time face-to-face in our parish hall, on **Friday 30 September at 2.00pm.** If you are interested in attending this event, please email Peter Johnson maryandpeter13@btinternet.com for more info and advise that you are attending event.

RETOUVAILLE: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages: Help Your Marriage. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend **on 13 - 16 October 2022.** Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 29/08/22: **Team 4** / Thursday 08/09/22: **Team 1**
CBH COFFEE MORNING: 28/08/22: **African Group** / 04/09/22: **Diane + Adrian**