

# 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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### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Church	6.15 pm	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Church	8:00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10:30 am	Lydia Chalot RIP
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9:15 am	
	Monkwick	10:15 am	

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>			<b>St. Jerome, Pr, D</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Terry Hilton RIP
	Church	2.30 pm	St Thomas More School Liturgy

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October			<b>St Therese of the Child Jesus (Lisieux), V, D</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Fr Lohar Butscher RIP

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>			<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>
School Mass	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Frances & Family

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomsfield

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>			<b>St Francis of Assisi, Rei</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Patrick Kehoe RIP

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Fr Lohar Butscher RIP

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Church	6.15 pm	Mrs Kathleen Brown RIP
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Church	8:00 am	Ron Kernott RIP
	Church	10:30 am	Gov + People of Nigeria
	Church	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	Gerry McGuigan RIP
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9:15 am	Ints: Mrs Kathleen Payne
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Joseph 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](http://www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org) under Events where a list of course dates are available

**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.

**TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**  
**WEEK COMMENCING: 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE143**

The man serving me in the coffee shop in Rome frowned at me when I asked for a coffee *porta via*, literally to takeaway. In Italy, a small coffee is usually drunk very quickly (often in seconds) rather than taken out, and standing at the counter, *al banco*, rather than sitting down to chat with friends or colleagues. The tradition in Italy is to have a long lunch with friends or a drink and a snack after work - the *aperitivo* as it is known. It is a way to take some time out and relax.

Different cultures relax in different ways: my mother is from Yorkshire and we have always brewed a pot of tea at times during the day, everyone in the family gravitating to the kitchen to spend time and talk. I guess that most of us have some way of taking a break at work and at home which involves a comforting hot drink where we can stop and refresh ourselves. These moments can be an excellent time to spend a few minutes with God. If we are struggling to fit in some prayer each day then the time it takes to boil a kettle and brew a pot of tea or coffee can be time to pray a decade of the rosary, or talk with Jesus. We could also keep a bible or prayer book in the kitchen and pray a psalm whilst the tea leaves are brewing.

Tea breaks and time relaxing with a coffee are often shared between friends, precious times to chat and waste time together; so why not include the Lord, our best friend, in our tea breaks as well?

God bless, Deacon Adrian

\* **WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> PLEASE NOTE THAT MASS WILL BE AT 9.30AM AND NOT 12.15PM.**

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**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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

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**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: *The Protection of the Oceans***  
That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

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**MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Beware of complacency and compensating.*** Today we are warned about being complacent. Too often, we think everything is fine in our lives and then we realise we've drifted apart and feel isolated from our spouse; the atmosphere is strained; it is lonely in bed. The danger is to compensate with activities outside our marriage instead of sitting down, holding hands and getting back together again.

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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, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Peter Ledgley, Hilda Morah, Thomas MacKinlay.

**SECOND COLLECTION: PARISH RENOVATION FUND:** After all masses this Sunday there will be a collection for the Parish Renovation Fund (2 of 4). Donations to the Renovation Fund are vitally important as they help us provide for the necessary maintenance of our existing church buildings in this parish.

**FR. JOHN VICTOR DRABEESAN:** The presentation of the leaving collection will take place in the hall after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.** No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. **Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church porch and give generously.**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The next Rosary and Procession will take place on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October** at **1.30pm** followed by mass in Polish.

**OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY:** The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the **Rosary** is celebrated annually on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding this at 3pm, commencing on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. Please do come and join us.

**REPOSITORY SHOP:** Reopens on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October after 10.30am** mass in Hall. Diaries & Christmas cards will be on sale.

**MILE END NEWS:** Coffee Morning on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October** after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

**MERSEA NEWS:** The last coffee morning of the year will be held on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30am til 12.30pm** at the home of Pauline Aspinall, 5 Prince Albert Road. All are most welcome

**WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP:** The next Film showing is on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening "*Green Book*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard in porch for future films and screening dates.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** The children's liturgy sessions are run by volunteers and take place every Sunday during the 10.30am family mass. We are looking for helpers to assist. If interested, please speak to Shiv (member of the church choir).

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: -**

- **PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP** are holding 2 fund raising nights on **Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> October & Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall Priory Street at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy a musical evening with songs from the musicals old and new. Adults £5.00 children and concessions £2.50. For more info contact Lesley on 01206 628003 or 07886672394. Unfortunately, we are unable to do our usual October musical, as everything was lost in the recent garage fire.
- **"CUPPA CLUB"** The SVP coffee morning will be starting on **7<sup>th</sup> November** in Cardinal Bourne Hall from 10.00am. Please do come along and join us.
- **BEETLE DRIVE:** The SVP will be holding a Beetle Drive, in Cardinal Bourne Hall on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, at 7pm**. This is a fun night for all the family with a free buffet and bring your own bottle. Tickets £5.00 per adult with accompanying children free. Tickets will be available after the 10.30am & 6.30pm Masses this Sunday. Please see the poster in Church porch or notice on the parish website for further details.

**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. *The first session will be on **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Crypt.** To register your interest, please give your name and contact details to one of the priests. Thank You*

**Climate Change – THERE IS NO PLANet B!** The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre warmly invite you to join them to watch and examine the film '**An Inconvenient Truth**'. Venue: 74 Howe Close, CO4 3XD on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October** at 2.00pm for a 2.15pm start. This will be followed by tea & reflection points and evening prayer (finishing by 5.30pm). Please call 01206 867296 or email: [crssuk@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:crssuk@canonesses.co.uk) to book place.

**DEANERY MUSIC DAY:** A day has been organised for all singers, musicians, psalmists and anyone else who is interested in the music that is provided in our churches. It will take place on **Saturday 19 October** at St Monica's Catholic Church, De Vere Lane, Wivenhoe, CO7 9AU, from 10am until 4pm. Refreshments provided but please bring a packed lunch. There is no charge but it would help the planning if you could let the diocesan music office know if you are planning to attend. Please email [music@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:music@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or ring 01277 265288.

**ENQUIRERS EVENING:** The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** at St Edmund of Canterbury Church, Loughton. For further info please contact Fr Mark Swires [vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Did you know Pope Francis is about to Canonise the first English Saint for decades?** Cardinal John Henry Newman will be declared a Saint in October; for young people who want to discover more the October Youth Mass will be devoted to Cardinal Newman, with his inspiring quotes and timeless hymns; **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 8pm**, Brentwood Cathedral. All welcome. Full details at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

**BRENTWOOD E-BULLETIN (SEPTEMBER):** The latest update Vision Document for the Diocese (Shaping our Future) is now available on the parish website.

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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 BOOKINGS:** email: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com)

or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message with name + contact number

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**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September: **Team 4.**