

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

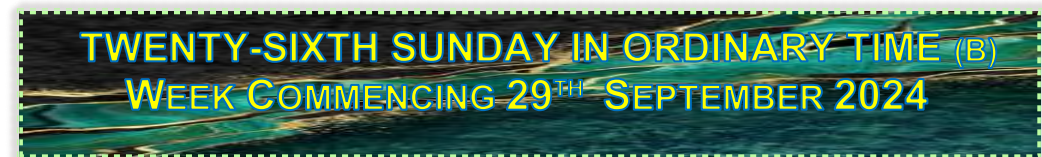


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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)			
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Ints: Anna + Paul Horwood
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Abdul Michael RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Ints: Mary Sherry Lane + R. Bulalauque
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Ints: Samuel
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Jerome, Pr, D</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Jerome Raj Ragu
<i>Bishop Alan</i>	Church	7.00 pm	Mass for Gabriel Okanlawon
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>			<b>St Therese of the Child Jesus, v, D</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Mary Murray (Née Lynch)
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>			<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Marcelina Widman RIP
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Peter Shamarkon RIP
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Francis of Assisi</b> Harvest Fast Day
	Church	9.30 am	Peter Richard Wood RIP
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Ronald Howe RIP

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)			
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Monkwick	5.00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary: Roger Kemp RIP
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Kathleen McIntyre RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention (SF)
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Ints: Dr Usman Ojone Victoria
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Private Intention

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Baptism Godparents: A Godparent must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This means they have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. You only need one Godparent.
- ❖ 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).

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** [colchester@brcdt.org](mailto:colchester@brcdt.org)
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)
- **KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA:** George Johnson (BEM, Grand Knight) 07476 781885; George Benedict (Membership Officer) 07834 725890; email: [george.johnson@ksc.org.uk](mailto:george.johnson@ksc.org.uk)
- **CUPPA CLUB:** We meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in the Hall.
- **SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING** after 10.30am Mass in Cardinal Bourne Hall.

Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican News/Clergy + Church photos/videos. Please remember to **like** and **follow** our page!

St. James does not hold back in his comments on, 'the rich', he is like several of the Old Testament prophets, Amos for example. We must ask, what does he mean by, 'the rich'? Wealth as such is not his target, it is riches which have been gained unjustly by such tactics as cheating labourers and also wealth which is spent in conspicuous and/or excessive consumption. We sometimes talk of a person's rags-to-riches story, here he is promising the opposite, the rich clothes become moth-eaten rags. Precious metals, believed to be stores of value, do not endure. The message for us? Hopefully none of us are guilty of unjust accumulation of wealth, but we do need to consider our consumption. CAFOD has a slogan, live simply so that others may simply live. We are asked to abstain from meat every Friday, not especially difficult in this country for most people with so many alternatives available (smoked salmon anyone?) but an opportunity every week to reflect on our life-style and not just in relation to food. CAFOD Fast Day is approaching, a good time to ponder.

*Fr. Chris*

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

<b>DAILY (Mon-Fri)</b>	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<b>at 8.45 am</b>
<b>DAILY</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>at 9.15 am</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 8.00 pm</b>
<b>LEGION OF MARY</b>	Fridays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 7.30 pm</b>



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: *For a shared mission.***

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

**PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE.** Lord, we ask for your divine intervention and peace to prevail in Ukraine, Palestine and in every land wounded by war. We pray for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We ask that you guide leaders and nations to work toward lasting peace and stability around the world. *Amen*



**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48) *Attitudes stemming from jealousy.* We read today how Moses and Jesus ignored criticism, seeing it as rooted in jealousy. So many evils have been perpetrated because of jealousy. A problem today for husbands and wives is the temptation to judge their spouse on their ability to match up to what the media shows, becoming so deep-seated it can cause serious harm. Stand firm together.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Margaret Hawkins, Valerie Thurston, Jimmy Clarin, Grace McCartney, Diana Irvén, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Jason Christopher McLean, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto. We also pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Joseph McElroy and Manal Najib Hermiz Sheeka who have both recently passed away. The Parish community offers Thomas and Manal's family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Thomas reception into church will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30<sup>pm</sup> and the funeral mass will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00<sup>am</sup>. Manal's reception into church will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00<sup>pm</sup> and funeral mass will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00<sup>am</sup>.

**NEXT 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS** Harvest Fast day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Harvest Fast Day is one of the main fundraising events of the year for CAFOD and will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> October. We are all asked to eat simple meals that day and donate what was saved to CAFOD. Please take an envelope available in Church Porch and return this on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October when a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be taken. Thank you

**MASS WITH BISHOP ALAN:** On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00<sup>pm</sup> – All parishioners are warmly invited to attend a Mass to be held for Gabriel Okanlawon who has been admitted into training for the permanent Diaconate in Brentwood.

**NEW MASS BOOKS:** We wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to all those who have kindly made donations towards the 1<sup>st</sup> batch of new Mass books for our Parish. It's amazing to see the love of God at work in our community through kind-hearted people like you, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. Thank you.

**ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL [ADMISSIONS FOR 2025/2026]:** (Local Authority Closing Date 15/01/25). The signing of the "*Certificate of Catholic Practice*" forms will take place in the Church Crypt on the following dates: -

November 2024	December 2024
Monday 18/11/24 at 3.30 <sup>pm</sup> – 4.30 <sup>pm</sup>	Thursday 05/12/24 at 4.00 <sup>pm</sup> – 5.00 <sup>pm</sup>
Saturday 23/11/24 at 11.15 <sup>am</sup> – 12.00 <sup>pm</sup>	Sunday 08/12/24 at 3.00 <sup>pm</sup> – 3.45 <sup>pm</sup>

There is no need to make an appointment as parents/guardians and the child (with Baptism Certificate) applying to St Thomas, will be seen on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served basis.

**KSC 1 IN 8 CAMPAIGN:** Our next collection is the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of October - Toys and Games for Tots 2 Teens and Christmas.

**KSC CLARE PRIORY RETREAT:** Please consider joining us at Clare priory on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October. £20 a head, bring a packed lunch but tea and coffee included. See the poster for the program. To book call Michael Irvine on: 01206854803

**KSC OCTOBER ROSARY CRUSADE:** Please join the Knights of Council 270 to pray the Rosary after the listed Mass on the following dates: 13<sup>th</sup> October, after 9:30<sup>am</sup> Mass - St Joseph's Mile End + 20<sup>th</sup> October, after 10:30<sup>am</sup> Mass - St James the Less and St Helen.

**MARY'S MEALS APPEAL (SCHOOL + FOOD = HOPE):** Please consider donating your leftover foreign currency to Mary's meals. Envelopes are available in the Church Porch, simply fill the envelope with your leftover foreign currency; UK coins and notes that are no longer legal tender and hand your sealed envelope into the Presbytery. Your kindness will help provide nutritious school meals to children living in some of the World's poorest countries and give desperately hungry children hope for the future. Thank you

**OPEN HOUSE BILLERICAY: SATURDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024:** The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass. Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish. *Special invitation from Bishop Alan Williams: "As Bishop of Brentwood, I warmly invite you to join us for the Divine Renovation Open House event hosted by Most Holy Redeemer Parish. This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to renew our commitment to parish renewal and mission, empowering us to bring the light of Christ more fully into our communities."* The day will last from 9.30<sup>am</sup> to 5<sup>pm</sup> and the cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

**YOUTH GATHER, ESSEX OUTDOORS, EAST MERSEA, 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October:** For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer, the chance to try archery or climbing, socialise with friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. Applications are now open and you can apply and find all information at [www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/](http://www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/)

**CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE:** Senior carer position for a Community of 9 religious sisters in their home in Colchester. For further details please see our website: <https://canonesses.co.uk/senior-carer-position-howe-close/> OR call Care Manager on 07394-980188

**RETREAT MANAGER AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE:** Walsingham House are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager who can oversee the smooth running and delivery of retreats to our schools and parishes. For more info <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/>

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Monday 30/09/24: Team 2 / Monday 07/10/24: Team 3

**COFFEE MORNING ROTA:** 29/09/24: Peggy + Anne / 06/10/24: Yolande + 1