

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday 29th	6.15 pm	Olive Crawford RIP
Sunday 30th	8:00 am	Charles Taylor RIP
	10:30 am	Jadwiga Pauk RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	John Lowe RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Bridget Satelle RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Garmen Bonnei RIP

Monday 31st		Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Kathleen Gilooly
Tuesday 1st January 2019		MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
<i>Church</i>	10.00 am	Ints: Mary O'Toole
Wednesday 2nd		Ss Basil the Great & Gregory of Nazianzen
<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	Ints: Margaret Nicholls
Thursday 3rd		Feria of Christmastide
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Caroline Long RIP
Friday 4th		Feria of Christmastide
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Bridget Lloyd
Saturday 5th		Feria of Christmastide
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Anniv: Ronnie Hammond RIP

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)
(HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)**

Saturday 5th	6.15 pm	Margaret Murray
Sunday 6th	8:00 am	Carmel Moulton RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	John Prager RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Celestine Tighe 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

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 the patient so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

**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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**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH [C]
WEEK COMMENCING: 30TH DECEMBER 2018 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE 105**

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. On this feast day we are offering our own families to ask God's blessing and to obtain the guidance of the Holy Family. In the second reading, John reminds us that, as children of God the Father, we are members of God's own family, and as such we are expected to obey the greatest commandment of God: "Love one another." In today's Gospel, Luke concludes his detailed story of Christ's infancy, visit to the Temple in Jerusalem at the age of twelve. Jesus lingered behind in the Temple, attending the Sanhedrin classes on religious and theological questions as an eager student of Mosaic Law. Finally, when Mary and Joseph had found him in the Temple after three days of anxious search, Jesus explained to them that he was in his Father's House. It was as if Jesus had had a blaze of realization about his Divine Sonship. The Gospel then summarises Jesus grew up in Nazareth like any other young man, obedient son, faithfully discharging all his duties to God, to his parents and to the community and "advancing in wisdom and age and favour before God and man." Let's pray for the grace of the Almighty God to follow the Holy Family.

Fr John

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

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

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *We grow, we change* Mary and Joseph had forgotten that Jesus was growing and maturing into a young man! The story illustrates how subtle are the changes which happen in relationships. As Mary and Joseph had to return to Jerusalem to find Jesus, we too must return to each other continually so we can grow into the deeply loving couple we dreamed of becoming.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: Please join with Pope Francis in praying that young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Peter Ledgley, Hilda Morah

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Guiseppe Crupi and Jacqueline Flint who have both recently passed away. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families. Guiseppe's funeral service will take place on Tuesday 15th January at 2.00pm at Weeley Crematorium and Jacqueline's funeral service will take place on Wednesday 16th January at 11.45am at Colchester Crematorium

MESSAGE FROM FR CHRIS: My thanks for your generosity by way of the Clergy Christmas Collection and gifts and to all of you who, in any way, made our Christmas celebrations run so smoothly.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS: Our gratitude to the hard working "*Cleaning*" and "*Floral*" Teams who made our church look so resplendent over the Christmas period and to Hywel and his team of adults and children who decorated our Christmas Trees - our volunteers are vitally important to the running of this parish. Thank you.

KSC CHRISTMAS GRAND DRAW: *Winners Notification* the Prize winner's names are on a list in the church porch – Please collect prizes from Presbytery if not already collected. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event which raised approx. £800.00 towards church funds and a special thanks to Michael Irvine and the KSC who organised this draw.

CHRISTMAS CURRY NIGHT: Thanks go out to Frances and Norah for all their hard work arranging this event and to all those who cooked, supported and attended the evening which was enjoyed by all those who dined, it also added approx. £503.00 towards church funds. Thank You all

CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION IN AID OF THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY : In accordance with Diocesan policy, our Crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord [February 2nd] and these offerings will go to the (BCCS) Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

MASS TIME: Please note that the mass time on Tuesday 1st January is 10.00am.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Thursday: 28th February 2019** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the Course. *[If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office].*

RETREAT: A "*Lectio Divina*" Retreat (*Reflecting on the Divine Word*) is being offered at Dowry House, Walsingham on **22nd to 24th February 2019**. There will be 12-15 places available, if interested in taking part in this retreat. Reservation forms are available in the porch & for further info please contact Pauline on (01206) 768418. Travel to Walsingham will be in cars. There will be a **meeting in the Crypt on 5th January at 5.00pm** to discuss the retreat and to take bookings.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The 1st Film showing for 2019 is on **16th January 2019** with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening "*Lady in Van*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates

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.

GIFT AID CO-ORDINATOR: We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to John Sales for his sterling work and commitment in his role of Gift Aid Co-Ordinator over the last years. John now feels it is time for him to relinquish this role but will personally hand over to whoever takes this on. If you are interested in serving the parish in this role and would like to find out further details on what is involved- please speak to Fr Chris after mass or contact him on (01206) 866317.

VACANCIES: X5 Vacancies available at New Hall School [1] Housemistress/Housemaster [2] Housematron [3] Assistant Housemistress/Housemaster [4] Director of Music [5] Teacher of Learning Support. Closing Dates for all applications from 16/01/19 to 29/01/19. For further details & an application forms, please visit: www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: The Diocese has provided a link on their website which they encourage everyone to visit, to hear and share the inspirational stories of our priests and seminarians. Please visit: <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/vocation-voices>

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: As more working families turn for assistance to Foodbanks to feed their families we would like to thank everyone who donates and request that you keep donating 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, peanut butter + jams. All goods are always greatly appreciated by those in need.

MESSAGE FROM SVP: 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:** cb.hall@btinternet.com
or Tel: 07758 805263 [**answerphone only** – please leave a message]

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 31st December 2018: Team 2.