

ALL SAINTS (B)**HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION**

Saturday 30th	Church	6.15 pm	Mr. Jackie Wilmot RIP
Sunday 31st	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
<i>Catenian President Mass</i>	Church	10.30 am	Colchester Circle Catenian Association
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	
<i>West Mersea</i>		8.30 am	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>		9.15 am	Ints: S. Jacob
<i>Monkwick</i>		10.15 am	Kathleen Payne RIP
Monday 1st November			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	November Dead List
Tuesday 2nd			ALL SOULS (Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed)
	Church	9.30 am	Alphonse + Maire Knapp RIP
Wednesday 3rd			St. Martin de Porres, Rel
	Church	9.30 am	Marcelina (Sally) Widman RIP
Thursday 4th			St Charles Borromeo, Bp
	Church	9.30 am	Josef Von Wrede RIP
Friday 5th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Sabu Mathew + Deceased Family Members
Saturday 6th			Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary
	Church	9.30 am	Anniversary: Aubrey Patrick Lyons RIP
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)			
Saturday 6th	Church	6.15 pm	Doris O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday 7th	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Holy Souls (M.T.)
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
<i>West Mersea</i>		8.30 am	Bernard Richardson + Joy Richardson RIP
<i>Mile End</i>		9.15 am	Thomas Harrison RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>		10.15 am	Private Intention

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, Please contact the Presbytery.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 10am Mass and 5.30pm-6.00pm
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ Repository in Church Porch: Mass Intention Cards available in Church Porch; All items purchased - Monies to be left in Repository Box.
- ❖ 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



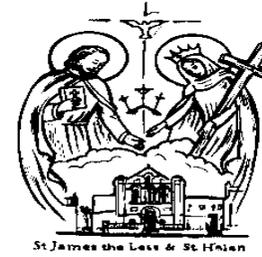
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ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



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ALL SAINTS (B)
 Week commencing 31st October 2021

I would like to suggest that for many people in this country, life is seen through the medium of two words, ordinary and extraordinary. Daily life is frequently judged to be ordinary, meaning routine, everyday, unexciting, even dull; whereas extraordinary moments are out of the ordinary, unusual, exciting. So it is that many people nowadays are less interested in accumulating material possessions but instead seek 'experiences', moments which are considered to be extraordinary and memorable (and doubtless shared on social media). Today's feast proposes a very different outlook. We celebrate the lives of countless 'ordinary' people who aren't remembered for anything 'special' –other than being in glory! It can be said that we've never met an 'ordinary' person. People are either on the way to the fullness of life in heaven or are headed for the eternal loss of hell. If we could clearly see others, and ourselves, with the eyes of true faith, then we would be either overwhelmed by the glory of a soul living now in a state of grace or horrified by the sight of a soul in the grip of sin.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
DAILY Mon-Fri	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	Temporarily suspended

Please refer to the Website Home Page or External Church Notice Board for details on the **Relaxation of Covid restrictions**.

As a Reminder: Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who has reason to believe that they have been in contact with someone who has, should not attend church or volunteer in any capacity until they have received medical advice that it is safe to do so.



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: People Who Suffer from Depression. We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS. During this month, prayers and Masses are said for the Faithful Departed. *November Altar Lists of dead & Envelopes* are available in the Church Porch. Please put the names of your deceased family and friends on the list and place this in the envelope along with your donation and either hand the envelope to a priest or drop the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14 1John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12) **Rejoice, our reward is great in heaven.** As the opening prayer of Mass reminds us '...today we rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place'. Later we hear of a huge number, impossible to count, dressed in white robes and standing before the throne of God. We too are among that throng as we live our call to 'unity' in God's love.

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 pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Teresa Ann Southon and Alistair John Day & Paul Graham Booth who have recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Teresa's funeral Mass will be on Thursday 25th November at 10.30am followed by refreshments in Cardinal Bourne Hall and Alistair's funeral mass will be on Wednesday 17th November at 12.30pm. Paul's funeral details to be advised.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection for World Day of the Poor on Sunday 14th November 2021. This the 5th World Day of the Poor, initiated by Pope Francis in 2017 with the theme of *"let us love, not with words but with deeds."* The Christian is called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and neighbour, especially the most vulnerable. Pope Francis reminds us, *"If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor."* (This year we will split the proceeds of this collection between Josie's Kitchen and the SVP, both of whom play such a vital role in our Parish with assisting those in need). Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL: There will be a brief meeting in the crypt, after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 5th December, for those who were members when we last met, to discuss present situation and a way forward.

LAUDATO SI' INVITATIONS, COMMITMENTS AND ACTIONS: This is our response to the heartfelt plea from Pope Francis, *"Listen to the Cry of the Earth, the Cry of the Poor."* It is for every parishioner in the Diocese. Please collect a leaflet and pledge card from Church Porch. Thank you.

LAUDATO SI' COMMITMENTS: Following on from the Bishops letter regarding Laudato Si' we are looking to form a working group of volunteers to see what we can do as a Parish in response to this. If you would be interested in being part of this group, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

SVP NEWS: Every year the SVP give Christmas presents to the young people in Brett House. Bernard Brett House is a specialist supported housing scheme for young homeless people at risk in the Colchester area. This year we are asking for your help. Are you able to donate a few chocolates or toiletries that can be wrapped up and give someone a lovely surprise this Christmas? There will be a box in the church porch for these to be collected in. Thank you.

JOSIE'S KITCHEN: Josie is looking for donations of Men's Toiletries' to make food + care packages for the Homeless at Christmas. If you can spare any of the following items: - Deodorant/Body Spray, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Face Flannels, Toiletry Gift Sets, dried Milk Powder + Dried Mashed Potato's, etc. These items make a big difference to their lives and show them that they are cared for in our community. Please drop your Donations into the Presbytery. Josie has sufficient Lady's Toiletries. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM MISSIO: Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples.

RED MISSIO BOXES: Please collect your emptied boxes from the Presbytery Office.

MILE END NEWS: The Next Coffee Morning will be on **Sunday 7th November 2021** after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's and will be held at the Dog & Pheasant. All welcome.

REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards, Diaries & Calendars are now available for sale in the Church Porch – prices on items; please leave monies in Repository Box. Thank you.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN BRENTWOOD DIOCESE AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Saturday 20th November at 11^{am}, Brentwood Cathedral, Small Hall. This is open to any MCs or Senior Altar Servers in Brentwood Diocese. To keep everyone safe, we would ask those attending the AGM to have had the COVID vaccination. If you wish to attend the AGM, please email John McCormack johnmccormack528@gmail.com before 13th November.

CENTRAL COUNCIL GUILD OF ST STEPHEN (AGM) on Saturday 27th November, at St Mary & St Joseph Catholic Church, Poplar. Mass at 12^{noon} and the AGM meeting at 1.30^{pm}. The meeting will be in person and online via MS Teams. AGM notice and nomination forms will be on www.guildofststephen.org

PARISH FINANCES: If you wish to make an offering/donation this can be done by: -

- Dropping envelope through Presbytery door (please write on envelope Mass Offering or Parish Maintenance) or in the Donation Basket situated at Church entrance & Exit
- Diocesan Online Donation platform (where donations can also be gift aided):-

Priory St: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>

Mile End: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>

Mersea: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>

Monkwick: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: 01/11/21: **Team 4** (Rotas in Church porch).