

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

With MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday July 15 th	6:15 pm	John McGinley RIP
Sunday July 16 th	8:00 am	Brigid Lowe RIP
	10:30 am	Michael Banks RIP [JF]
	4:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Joan Draffen RIP [LM]
	8:30 am	Parishioners
West Mersea	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	10:15 am	Ints: Mary Davies [MH]
Monkwick		

Monday 17 th	Feria	
	Church 9:30 am	Clive Atkin RIP
	Church 2:00 pm	WEDDING – Sylvia and Thomas

Tuesday 18 th	Feria	
	Church 9:30 am	Joan Draffen RIP [HT]
	Church 1:00 pm	REQUIEM – Alice de la Nougerede RIP

Wednesday 19 th	Feria	
	Church 12:15 pm	James Donovan RIP

Thursday 20 th	Feria [or St Apollinarius, Bp, M]	
	Church 9:30 am	Holy Souls RIP

Friday 21 st	Feria [or St Lawrence of Brindisi, Pr, D]	
	Church 9:30 am	Holy Souls RIP

Saturday 22 nd	ST MARY MAGDALENE Feast	
	Church 9:30 am	Canon T W Clarke & Family RIP

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday July 22 nd	6:15 pm	Canon Thomas Clarke RIP
Sunday July 23 rd	8:00 am	Dorothy Burke RIP
	10:30 am	Mr K T George RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Frankland Merryman RIP
	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea	9:15 am	Anna Mele RIP
Mile End	10:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick		

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Did you know that the "parable of the sower" is also called "parable of the poor soil" since it aims at the hearers how they should respond to the message sown among them.

We know the story already. The seed is the word of God and we are the field. Our Father, as we all know, is a good giver; very generous indeed! So, when he gives it is for our own good. But the question now is, if we are the field, are we favourably conditioned enough for the good growth of these seeds?

The seed obviously will not grow if we are not good fields since it cannot germinate, so in the process the seeds will go into waste or will be eaten up by the birds looking around for food. Likewise, if the seed falls on stony areas, the roots cannot reach the ground. Whilst if the seed fall on nice and fertile ground surely it will yield and give much fruit in the harvest season.

Now, the end of the parable is answerable by "yes" or "no". Are we a good field or not? God, at the end of time, expects good fruits from us, to get at least a genuine harvest from what he sows. Therefore, let us ask ourselves where are we at this point in time in our Christian vocation? Remember, you and I were appointed to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last....are we bearing such fruit? Amen.

Fr Alex

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes

capableSUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following
8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:50am
FILMS FOR FAITH: Please see below

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, John Ashdown-Hill, Pat Banks, Frank Campbell, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Margaret Doorish, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Roger Kemp, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Canon Anthony McKentey, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Maureen Sheeran, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL: Did not take place last weekend; Sr Mary Cecilia Treacy was unable to visit, unfortunately due to injury. We wish her a speedy recovery, and hope to re-schedule later in the year.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who supported the cream tea for Aid to the Church in Need. Between the cream teas, the raffle and the donations, we raised just over £500.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Agnes and Catalin married here on Friday.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Grace Elizabeth McCarthy**. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

FILMS FOR FAITH: Next two showings; 19th July “The Story of Ruth” and 26th July “Joan of Arc”. Both 1;00pm for a 1;15pm start. Refreshments will be provided and all are most welcome. There will then be a break for August, to be resumed in September. Further details to follow.

COFFEE MORNING – FRIDAY 21ST JULY: At 10am, hosted by Margaret Wheeler, 27 Cottage Drive, Colchester, CO2 8DE. Tel: 797850 or Bernie 241947. Donations for Raffle Prizes welcome and all proceeds to Church funds.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 22ND JULY: Programme: 11am Arrive to the RC Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. **12.00** Dedication of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary - *in the grounds of the Basilica*. **12.30** Lunch. **1.30pm** Procession to Little Walsingham village. **3pm** MASS. **4.30pm** Conclusion and departures. For more information, contact Theresa Higgins on 01206 523501.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE (BCYS): will this year be filming parts of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and packaging them as short clips which can be viewed on YouTube. These will include prayerful reflections and homilies from Lourdes, and will create a “virtual pilgrimage” for those in their homes. You will find the clips via www.bcys.net from the evening of Monday 24th to Saturday 29th July.

THE ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): The Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Saturday 29 July at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY. All are welcome. The meeting will be followed by a talk from Nigel Parker, Director of the Catholic Union of Great Britain, a venerable and important organisation, under the patronage of St Thomas More, which is charged with keeping the Church’s concerns before government and politicians at the national level.

SVP – ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP FOR GIRLS AND BOYS: Now taking bookings for the St John Bosco Summer Camp at Aldham, just up the road. Visit info@boscocamp.co.uk ; svpboscocamp.org.uk for full details.

PARISH FAMILY BARBECUE: On Saturday 19th August from 2:30pm until 5pm. More information to follow. Frances and Norah.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST BONAVENTURE’S, FOREST GATE; who are seeking to employ a member of staff to lead the boys in the development of their singing. Full-time and part-time will be considered, It is not expected that this post will be filled by a qualified Teacher. Salary will depend upon experience and expertise. To arrange an informal discussion please email the Headteacher on p.halliwell@stbons.org

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: The next baptism Course for newborns up to age six will take place on the 14th and 21st September here in the Crypt from 7:30-9pm. No appointment is necessary but both Sessions must be attended. The dates of the baptisms will be arranged during the Course.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM: Will take place on Sunday, October 15th at 7:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

PILGRIMAGE NEXT YEAR [DAGENHAM, Holy Family Parish]: Fr Stephen is leading a Pilgrimage to Poland next year from Monday 28th May to Saturday 2nd June 2018. Price is £546:00 per person [Half Board Accommodation.]. Please telephone Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 88444 for full details.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263

CHURCH CLEANERS’ ROTA: July 21st – Team 2.