

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]**  
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## Sunday's Readings

The theme of the First Reading and the Gospel is that of inclusiveness. At the time Isaiah was writing, there were lots of foreigners in Israel. The question arose as to whether or not the benefits of salvation should be extended to them. Isaiah gave a clear and positive answer: 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples,' says the Lord.'

The early Church faced a similar problem with regard to the Gentiles. Matthew sees Jesus as having broken down the barrier between Jew and Gentile. Even though his own mission was restricted to Israel, Jesus did reach out to individual Gentiles such as the Canaanite woman. Hence, after the resurrection of Jesus, the early Church extended its mission to the Gentiles.

## St Helen - Patron Saint of Colchester

Her feast day occurs this Monday. In the early 1900's – St Helen was added to the title of our church along with St James the Less. She has long been associated with Colchester and Essex and is the patron of several churches and schools. There is an ancient feast for the finding of the true cross that was observed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. That day is now observed as the feasts of St James the Less and St Philip, Apostles. We are glad to have the image of both our parish patrons in the new painting in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

*St Helen – Pray for us.*

*Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes*

## SUNDAYS:

Divine Mercy followed by Rosary 3pm

## DAILY:

Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am

## EVENING PRAYER:

Fridays at 6pm Church

## PRAYER GROUP:

Mondays at 7:45pm Crypt

## MEDITATION GROUP:

Tuesdays at 8pm See newsletter

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type):** Please remember in your prayers; Władysław Antończak, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Marie Lyons, Pat Maloney, Jean Mansell, **Mary-Ann Martin**, Cara Maude, Colleen Mercus, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorsey Young.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND:** This Sunday we welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism; Amelie Atkin, Gabriel Lord, Arabella Porter, Sophie Sims. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED?** The next Baptism course will be Friday September 26th and Friday October 3rd in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. [This course is for new-borns up to age 6]

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray from the repose of the soul of Angela Udall. Angela's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30am Priory St. May she rest in peace.

**KERALA MASS:** The next Kerala Mass will be Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at

6pm – St Josephs – Mile End.

**FILIPINO MASS:** The next Filipino Mass will be Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 4pm Priory St.

**KSC MASS:** The next KSC Mass will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7:30pm Priory St. All our welcome.

**MEDIATION GROUP:** will meet at 21 Greyfriars Court on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

**SCRIPTURE GROUP:** Will re-start on Wednesdays from September 10<sup>th</sup> 6:45 – 8:45pm in the crypt. Meets most weeks (please keep an eye on the newsletter for breaks). It will begin with the study of the first five books of the Bible - Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Leviticus and Deuteronomy, which introduces us to the foundation of our own Christian Faith. Knowledge of the Hebrew Scriptures is essential to our understanding of Jesus Christ and his message for us today, as St Jerome said: Ignorance of the Scriptures, (i.e. the Old Testament) is ignorance of Christ. Why not take this opportunity to enrich your faith?

**PARISH INCOME:** We need to raise £1,560 each week from the collection bags. During the month of July, the money received on average was £1,453 – leaving us short of £107 each week. We are grateful for all that you give, please continue to do so generously as costs are rising, not going down. Thank you.

**CHEESE AND WINE EVENING:** Many thanks for all those who supported this event which raised £335 for parish funds. Special thanks to Margaret Wheeler and Bernie Ashcroft who arranged this event.

**ALEX GREZEDA:** Is a former Polish parishioner of this parish, who is currently unwell in New Zealand. We are sure he would appreciate some kind words and a phone call from members of the Polish community who remember him. Please ring the parish office for more info.

**VIOLENCE IN GAZA:** We have all been deeply saddened by the continued conflict in the region. Whilst we continue to pray for lasting peace, CAFOD have set up a site for ways you can help stop the violence in Gaza and get aid to families in greatest need. [www.cafod.org.uk/Gaza](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Gaza)

**PRAYING FOR IRAQ:** Keep your-self up date by visiting [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org)

**100 CLUB: – JULY DRAW:** And the winners are: Maureen Ramsey [1st]; Benedict Turnbull [2nd], Margaret Campbell [3rd]. Congratulations to you all.

**2015 VERY EXCITING SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE:** Sanctuaries of Saint Jean Vianney, St Margaret Mary Alacoque and St Claude La

Colombiere. Overnight at Nevers to visit St. Bernadette Soubirous, St. Amadour (overnight at Rocamadour) then onto Lourdes for four nights. Superb accommodation. Scheduled Flights, luxury coach transfers. Full spiritual programme with Fr. Joseph Whistock. This is at a very relaxed pace, and will suit all. Please ring Sue Baillie for further information of this amazing pilgrimage. Don't miss this opportunity. Telephone 07979 746 707. £750 per person based on 2 sharing. Deposit secures place.

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August – Team 3**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A] – 17<sup>th</sup> August**

<b>Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Roger Thurlow RIP [ER]
<b>Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Thomas & Bridget Lohan RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Anna Norfolk RIP [ER]
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Jackie Wolahan RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	D/Rels: Rafferty family
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Theo Tinneveld RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Parishioners

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ST HELENA - Solemnity</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Helen Strachan RIP
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Pat Lohan RIP
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Bernard, Ab, D</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Jacinta McMahon RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12:15 pm</b> Ints: Norah Hayes
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>St Pius X, P</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> D/Rels: Farrell Family
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Patrick Hogan RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Ints: Ria & Family
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Angela Udall RIP

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A] – 24<sup>th</sup> August**

<b>Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Lyn & Richard Cooke RIP
<b>Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	D/Rels: O'Grady Family
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Raymond Banks RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Alfred Oliver RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Kevin Doyle RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	David Finnegan RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm*  
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter*  
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE *At least six months notice is required*

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