

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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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		

Monday 24th **Feria**
Church 9:30 am Antonetta Caldeira RIP

Tuesday 25th **ST JAMES, Ap FEAST**
Church 9:30 am Zahori Sutcliffe RIP

Wednesday 26th **Ss Jochim & Anne, Parents of the BVM**
Church 12:15 pm Antony Southon RIP

Thursday 27th **Feria**
Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

Friday 28th **Feria**
Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

Saturday 29th **St Martha**
Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday July 29 th	6:15 pm	Philip Treby RIP
Sunday July 30 th	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP
	10:30 am	Michael Banks RIP [FO'B]
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Marie Bastiampillai RIP/Xavier Swampillai RIP
	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea	9:15 am	Parishioners
Mile End	10:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
Monkwick		

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Dear friends.

The Gospel message this weekend is about the love of God. In this parable of the good sower we read that when the sower finished his sowing the seeds, he went to rest, not minding at all about what would happen after. He slept soundly, entrusting everything to the course of nature until the seeds started to grow, and eventually bear a fruitful harvest as it was expected.

Furthermore, he was not even bothered at all during the night if something unpleasant would happen, because he knew he had done his best with his work. Unfortunately as we all know, "when good things exist, bad things exist as well"; something which we experience daily in our lives. In this case, the field was sabotaged. Somebody disrespected his property.

The first normal reaction is to chase the culprit and make him pay until the last penny. However it was not so in this case; the owner, who is the divine grower, did not react in that way. He used his "wisdom" to discern and study the matter properly.

Yes, God in his goodness sees always things this way. He always considers looking at things in a different perspective, which often we humans do not see. He sees to it that in every impossibility there is always a new way to solve problems correctly. He never rushes to judge; instead, he remains calm, patient and kind. These are Divine virtues which I believed he wants us to learn and embody. To

give always another chance to whatever life situation we are in, be it personal or communal. God wants to save us all no matter how many times we fall in life. What is important at the end is to follow him. A call for all of us to practise. Isn't it?

Lastly, let us learn then from the Master of life how we should confront life in its trickiest ways. Goodness first before anything. We must always give the right judgment in every matter we deal with, and let us be patient... learn to wait. Then decide at the proper time, with prudence, to have an accurate result. Let us learn from the saints. We are not expected to have all these at one time. God is always patient with us, especially to all those who humbled themselves always. Amen.

Fr Alex, rcj

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes

SUNDAYS: 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.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Sylvia and Thomas married here on Monday

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Finlay Samuels**. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

FILMS FOR FAITH: The next showing this Wednesday is "Joan of Arc". 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.

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.

MEETING PRIOR TO FR TONY'S FAREWELL PARTY: Fr Alex will chair this meeting on August 12th in the Crypt at 7:30pm.

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

NEW HALL SCHOOL VACANCY: One-to-One Learning Support Assistant. Full details and application form from www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities

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.

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CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: July 27th – Team 3.