

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday July 23rd	6:15 pm	Lionel & Beulah Wright RIP
Sunday July 24th	8:00 am	Canon Thomas Clarke RIP
	10:30 am	Mick & Teresa Hanley RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Mathias Asakpa RIP
	8:30 am	Kathleen McCarthy
West Mersea	9:15 am	Mrs Anna Mele RIP
Mile End	10:15 am	Delores Mansfield RIP
Monkwick		

Monday 25th **St. James the Apostle**  
Church 9:15 am Cristeta Poblador RIP

Tuesday 26th **Feria**  
Church 9:15 am Zaruhi Sutcliffe RIP

Wednesday 2th **Feria**  
Church 9:15 am Patricia Roche RIP  
Church 12:15 pm Bob Dundon RIP

Thursday 28th **Feria**  
Church 9:15 am Cristeta Poblador RIP

Friday 29th  
Church 9:15 am Phil Treby RIP

Saturday 30th  
Church 9:15 am Cristeta Poblador RIP

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday July 30th	6:15 pm	Ints: Patsy Toher
Sunday July 31st	8:00 am	Ann Ron RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Canon Anthony McKentey
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Fr James Hawes RIP
	8:30 am	William Brookes RIP
West Mersea	9:15 am	Parishioners
Mile End	10:15 am	Fr James Hawes RIP
Monkwick		

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

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Reflection from Adrian Lowe

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others.

The disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance.

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

**Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes**

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am  
Mass  
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy  
8:35am  
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays - Crypt  
8:00pm

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Lorraine Belmonté, Frank Campbell, Vicky Culhan, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merces, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Aimée Stammers, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**CLERGY NEWS:** Fr Tony's operation has been deferred to the 30<sup>th</sup> July. Fr Alex has returned to the Philippines for a few weeks following the death of his mother. Adrian Lowe is in Poland for twelve days as a Chaplain for World Youth Day. Fr Sabu and Fr Philip will be looking after all the Masses and we welcome Fr Luke from London to assist at weekends.

**CHANGE IN MASS TIMES:** To help ease pressure whilst the Canon and Fr Alex are away, the 9:15am Mass on Wednesdays will be suspended from the 1<sup>st</sup> August. All other Mass times remain the same.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND:** We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, Kimberly Amarachi Oheari and Lukas Steven Russell. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cristeta Poblador (Fr Alex's mother) who died on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July in the Philippines. May she rest in peace.

**FILMS FOR FAITH:** The next film, which is Pilgrimage to Canterbury, will be shown on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July in the Crypt. Meet at 1pm for a 1:15 film start [our new start time].

**FUNDRAISING NEWS:** The recent coffee morning held by Margaret Wheeler on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July raised £300 and the Cream Tea held for Aid to the Church in Need last Wednesday raised £250. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported these two events.

**PARISH FAMILY BBQ:** Will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 3pm until 5pm in the Church garden. Everyone welcome and excellent food as always. Adults £6 and under 12's £3. Contact Norah (01206) 503410 or Frances (01206) 369568 for tickets in advance.

**ADRIAN LOWE – SEMINARIAN:** As many of you know Adrian will be leaving us in September to begin his formal training in Rome to become a priest. To support him there will be a retiring collection on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Donations may also be made directly to the Parish Office. Please mark any such donations as "Adrian Collection". Please also support him with "Spiritual Donations" by keeping him and all others starting their vocation in your prayers.

**HOLY HOUR:** Holy Hour on the 14<sup>th</sup> August has been cancelled and is being replaced with the Rosary and Marian Procession at 5:45pm

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY EVENTS:** Gold Token Scheme at Adventure Island: As part of its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, Adventure Island in Southend is giving away £8000 to good causes throughout July. We are delighted to have been chosen to participate in the Gold Token Scheme which means we will receive a share of this money. If you, or your friends or family are planning a visit to Adventure Island in July, could you please nominate us by placing your token in the 'bccs' box. *You are also invited* to join the BCCS on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Ingatestone Hall for a fundraising 'Tour and Tea'. The tour of this beautiful Tudor mansion will start promptly at 2pm at the gates and will end in the Summer Parlour at 3.30pm where you will enjoy a traditional cream tea. Tickets are £25 and as tours are limited to parties of 25, we would advise booking early to secure your place. For tickets & information please contact Libby on 01268 784544/ [lphillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:lphillips@bccs.org.uk)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AUGUST 2016:** Bishop Alan will lead the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Sunday 14 to Friday 19 August. It is not too late to join us. From £639 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £419 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There is a full programme to opt in and out of, and everyone is welcome. For more information or for a brochure, please 'phone Cathy O'Connor: (01206) 501146.

**YEAR OF MERCY Autumn Talks – Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. All Saturdays at 10:30am-12.00 noon.** 1<sup>st</sup> October "Living the Works of Mercy in a secular age" – Speaker: Fr Martin Boland. 15<sup>th</sup> October "The Four Last Things" – Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas. 5<sup>th</sup> November "Transformed by Mercy" – Speaker: Bishop Alan. To book: Call 01277 265285 [BRES Office] or email: [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**MINISTRY OF WELCOME:** This Ministry is in very short supply of members and we desperately need new ones. It only involves spending a little extra time at Mass but is very rewarding. Please contact any MOW minister or Paul Horwood [paulhorwood@hotmail.com](mailto:paulhorwood@hotmail.com) for more information.

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL: To book: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) 07758 805263**  
**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Thursday, July 28th Team 2.