

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF 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	Xavier Swampilla RIP and Marie Bastampilla RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	William Brooked RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick	10:15 am	Fr James Hawes RIP

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August  
**St Alphonsus Liguori**  
Church 9:15 am Cristeta Poblador RIP

Tuesday 2nd  
**Feria**  
Church 9:15 am Fr James Hawes RIP

Wednesday 3rd  
**Feria**  
Church 12:15 pm Reginald Heziah RIP

Thursday 4th  
**St John Vianney**  
Church 9:15 am Susan & Joseph Savage RIP

Friday 5th  
**Feria**  
Church 9:15 am Margaretta Wright RIP

Saturday 6th  
**Transfiguration of The Lord – Feast**  
Church 9:15 am Delores Mansfield RIP

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday August 6th	6:15 pm	Bob Ratcliffe RIP
Sunday August 7th	8:00 am	Des Fuller RIP
	10:30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Arthur Urqhart RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Pat Brookes RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Buenaventura RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Ints: Elizabeth Pace & Family

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 form Fr Sabu

The first reading for this week begins with a wonderful and realistic statement from the book of Ecclesiastes. "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" This is a cry of the preacher against those whose lives revolve around meaningless goals. This is typically based on the Old Testament background, where people were attracted by all sorts of idol worships and pagan gods. Slowly they began to drift away from the one Holy God who looked after them and protected them all through their life. Whenever His people go away, God intervenes in their life through ways unknown to man.

In today's Gospel Jesus tries to remind us to have the right focus on life. Through the parable of the rich farmer who was blessed with an abundant harvest Jesus reminds us that man's ways are often different from that of God's. We are often focused more on things of this world. Our priorities often move around getting rich, securing a comfortable life, enjoying all the pleasures that this world can offer. But, just like the rich farmer, we often fail to look for those things which can fix our focus on God. We are too busy fixing all the necessary things for the worldly life, in the course of which, storing up treasures in heaven is comfortably ignored. We have time for weekend celebrations, we have time for friends, we have time for work, we have time for entertainment (move into any public place and you will wonder upon people moving around busy with their mobile phones, they are busy with their Pokemon, having no concern for the people next to them), we have time for anything and everything, but when it comes to the matter of thanking the Lord for all these gifts that he gave us, we have no time for Mass, we have no time for prayer.

Today God invites us to have a deep reflection of our priorities and reminds us of the need to rearrange and re-focus our priorities. After all it is Him who has got an ultimate control on our life, more than ourselves. Our ambitions and riches will have to be left behind if God will otherwise for us. So let us be thankful to the Lord for all the blessings in our life and realise the fact that everything we have comes from Him.

**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 Culham, 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, Dorsey Young.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There is a retiring collection at all our Masses this weekend for Adrian Lowe to support him as he embarks on his years of study in Rome to join the priesthood. Thank you for your generosity.

**CHANGE IN MASS TIMES:** Please note that there will no longer be a Mass at 9:15am on a Wednesday. All other Mass times remain unchanged

**FILMS FOR FAITH:** There will be no films during August, however the programme resumes on September 7<sup>th</sup> with the Richard Burton classic, The Robe.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH (R.C.I.A.):** The Journey in Faith programme is a series of informal weekly meetings to provide knowledge and guidance to those adults who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Have you or someone you know ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Are you married to a Catholic or about to get married and want to know more? Perhaps you have been baptized as a child but for various reasons haven't received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation. Then this programme may be for you. The first meeting will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm in the Crypt. Please come along if you are keen to find out about the Catholic Faith. Give your name and contact details to one of the Priests, to the Parish Office or contact Cathy O'Connor 01206 501146 email [cathy\\_oconnor83@hotmail.com](mailto:cathy_oconnor83@hotmail.com)

**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.

**PRAYERS:** Please pray for the speedy recovery of Father Tony who has undergone major surgery this weekend. We also thank you in advance for respecting his need for complete rest at this time and for refraining from calling or visiting while he recovers.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1:15pm we are delighted to welcome the Domkantorei Koln choir who will be performing a concert of choral works entitled Faith, Hope, Love in our Church. This is a unique opportunity to hear this world famous choir perform in Colchester. Entry to this concert is FREE! However there will be a retiring collection for Aid to the Church in Need. Please come along and support what we hope will be the first of many world class performances to be held at St. James the Less & St. Helen's.

**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:** There will be a brief meeting for those going to Lourdes with the Diocese on Thursday evening 7pm 4<sup>th</sup> August in the Crypt.

**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)

**REPOSITORY:** There will be no Sunday Repository for the duration of August, however a varied selection of cards, gifts and books are available in the Church porch.

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL:** To book: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) 07758 805263

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday, August 1st Team 3.