

# ALL SAINTS <sup>(A)</sup>

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Mr. John Edward Sales RIP
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Church	8.00 am	Michael + Annie O'Reilly RIP
	Church	9.15 am	Deceased Members of Lohan Family
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Tony Dixon RIP
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>			<b>ALL SOULS</b> COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
	Church	10.00 am	Mrs. Maire Knapp
Private Service	Church	1.45 pm	<b>FUNERAL MASS:</b> Leslie C. MacDonald RIP
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>			<b>St Martin De Porres, Rel</b>
	Church	10.00 am	November Dead List
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Charles Borromeo, Bp</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Dec. Mem. Farrell + Fuller Fams
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Sabu Mathew RIP
Private Service	Church	2.00 pm	<b>FUNERAL MASS:</b> Mary (Molly) McLaren RIP
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Aubrey Patrick Lyons
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Dec. Mem. O'Reilly Family

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <sup>(A)</sup>


REMEMBRANCE DAY

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Ints: Bridie Lohan
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	9.15 am	Ints: Miss Remi John
	Church	10.30 am	Thomas Frank Harrison RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Atholl Brown RIP

**FACEMASKS. It is now a legal requirement that facemasks or coverings are worn when entering all places of worship (unless you are medically exempt or under 3yrs)**

There is no obligation for the faithful to attend Sunday Mass. You can attend Mass on any weekday.

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after morning or before evening mass.
- ❖ Mass Intentions. These can be posted through the presbytery letterbox and they will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website).
- ❖ If you are self-isolating and would like to speak to a priest or have any worries, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317 and we will try to help you.

 Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news/ clergy photos/videos + Reflections from Fr Paschal. Please remember to like and follow our page.

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



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## All Saints <sup>(A)</sup>

WEEK COMMENCING 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE

In the Rite of Baptism, directly after the baptism itself, there are four actions which are intended to show forth the reality of the change which occurs in the baptism itself. One of these actions is the clothing in a white garment, another is the giving of a candle which has been lit from the Paschal candle. These two actions express vividly the 'illumination' which has taken place, contrasting with the darkness of sin. This Sunday we celebrate All Saints and in much the same way, this is a celebration of light. The Saints are described as clothed in white robes, and heaven is the kingdom of light. The Feast-day comes at a good time, a reminder that we are called to live in the light of the Gospel. Contrast All Saints with the pagan goings-on which masquerade as Halloween (a word which means, Eve of (All) Hallows i.e. All Saints). We ought to be aware that October 31<sup>st</sup> itself is an ancient day of importance to many pagans, especially those with a satanic bent; druids engaged in human sacrifice on that day. Society would have us believe Halloween is just a bit of fun – really? Dressing up as evil creatures? How about dressing in white and renewing our baptismal promises instead?

Fr. Chris

## PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer at 9.45 <sub>am</sub>	Restarted Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	All Temporarily suspended
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 <sub>pm</sub> )	

Dear Parishioners and Friends,  
Covid-19 still presents many challenges to us all. It can seem at times overwhelming but despite all the restrictions, let us be thankful that we can once again gather together, despite social distancing, as God's people.

Please note the following norms in order to promote a COVID 19 safe environment :-

- Churches will open 20 minutes before start of Mass as it will take longer than normal to enter the church, please make allowances
- Entrance to Church will be via the main door, exit by the side door
- Hand sanitiser is available at entrance and exit, though you may bring your own
- It will be essential that people sit where they are asked and do not move from there
- The use of face covering/mask in Church is now mandatory (please don't forget yours when attending mass) and that you wear it so that it covers both your mouth and nose.
- When chatting with people from outside your household (or bubble), before or after Mass, you must maintain social distancing. If you are wearing a mask, this means a minimum of one-metre distance. If you are not wearing a mask: two metres distance is essential.
- An Offertory Collection will be taken at each mass with 'collection bags' available on entry and exit; the donation station is also useable
- No touching of Statues or Images in Church
- Toilets will be closed except for genuine emergencies.
- We are still required to have stewards at every Mass and after the service; the church will be cleaned in readiness for the next Mass.

**THE PARISH STEWARDS ARE HERE TO HELP AND DIRECT YOU TO YOUR SEAT(S), PLEASE BE POLITE TO THEM AS THEY CAN ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND DIOCESAN REGULATIONS.**

*Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who has reason to believe that they have been in contact with someone who has, should not attend church or volunteer in any capacity until they have received medical advice that it is safe to do so.*

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: Artificial Intelligence.** We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Valerie Thurston, Joan Jeal, Jimmy Clarin. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS.** During this month, prayers and Masses are said for the Faithful Departed. *November Altar Lists of dead & Envelopes* are available in the Church Porch. Please put the names of your deceased family and friends on the list and place this in the envelope along with your donation and either hand the envelope to a priest or drop the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

**EXPOSITION:** for ½ hour every Saturday after morning Mass.

**REPOSITORY:** A selection of 2021 Diaries are available for sale in the church porch (in the card stand). If purchasing please leave money in the Repository Box. Thank you.

**PARISH GIFT DAY:** Fr Chris and Fr Paschal invite you to join them on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November** from **11.00am-12.30pm** in Cardinal Bourne Hall for our parish Gift Day, to help raise funds for your parish church. We are privileged to be members of this parish where our faith is nurtured and where we are passing it on through our children to future generations. We have four fine buildings in which to worship (and which need upkeep) and we are committed to reach out to our community and beyond, sharing our faith in word and deed, as Christ commissioned his disciples to do. For this ministry to be maintained and to flourish we need sufficient funds. We would urge everyone to join us and feel part of the move to put us back on an even keel on our Gift Day, whatever your level of giving (every penny counts!). Please hand your 'Parish Gift' (cash or chq) to Fr Chris or Fr Paschal.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Apocalypse 7:2-4; 9:14 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12) **We too may go through tough times.** Today's Gospel tells us that it is not only when we are strong that we live out God's plan for our marriage. Sometimes, when we are weak, our Sacramental way of life is mainly using our energy to minister to each other. A lot of joy can be found when we walk down a difficult road together.

**CHURCH STEWARDS:** Coming into the winter period we will require more volunteers willing to Steward our Masses in the event that any of our existing ones are ill. These Stewards will be on an as need basis. If you are able to assist, please contact the Presbytery office. Thank you

**MERSEA MASS:** Mass Bookings will continue at Mersea in order to control numbers attending. Please use the following links for masses over the next 4 weekends (right click booking form and open hyperlink) alternatively, links for booking forms are on website under mass times: -

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November [Booking Form](#) Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November [Booking Form](#)  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November [Booking Form](#) Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November [Booking Form](#)

**BCCS:** This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to launch their virtual Tree of Angels initiative which will allow you to light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of 'bccs'. Please visit [bccs.org.uk](http://bccs.org.uk) and click on the Christmas tab where you will see 'Tree of Angels'. You can read more about this initiative and can click onto the Tree of Angels portal to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Julie [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**REAL LIVING WAGE WEEK, 9<sup>TH</sup> – 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020.** After months where key workers and care workers have been at the "front line" it remains the case that many are not paid enough to support their families. The Diocese of Brentwood is actively committed to the Real Living Wage, which lifts such hard working families from poverty. This is an integral part of our faith. For lots of information please look at <https://livingwage.org.uk/>. This campaign is supported by a number of Catholic Bishops, including Bishop Alan. Find out more at [www.citizensuk.org](http://www.citizensuk.org)

**PARISH FINANCES:** We thank you in advance for the offering that you give today. If you wish to make an offering/donation this can be done in various ways: -

- By dropping envelope through Presbytery door (please write on envelope Mass Offering)
- Donation baskets are situated at entrance and exit of church
- Setting up a regular gift by Standing Order, (please contact Presbytery office for form).
- The Donation Station (in Church porch)
- Diocesan Online Donation platform (where donations can also be gift aided):-  
St. James the Less & St. Helen <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>  
St. Joseph, Mile End: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-c>  
St. Cedd & St. Gregory: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>  
St. Theodore of Canterbury: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

**Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you**

**SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)