

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday 1 st September	6.15 pm	Ints: John + Michelle Berghout & Family
Sunday 2 nd	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Holy Souls
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	
West Mersea	8:30 am	
Mile End	9:15 am	Kathleen Shock RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Veronica Smith RIP
Monday 3rd		MONDAY - St Gregory The Great
Church	9.30 am	Joan Hanlon RIP
Tuesday 4th		TUESDAY - Feria
Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Wednesday 5th		WEDNESDAY - St Teresa of Calcutta
Church	12.15 pm	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
Thursday 6th		THURSDAY - Feria
Church	9.30 am	
Friday 7th		FRIDAY - Feria
Church	9:30 am	
Saturday 8th		SATURDAY - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Church	9.30 am	Douglas and David Finch RIP

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday 8 th	6.15 pm	
Sunday 9 th	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Elevterio RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5.00pm	Holy Hour
	6:30 pm	
West Mersea	8:30 am	Veronica Smith RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Eileen Pooran RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Catherine Spicer RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (confession): Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE: www.stjamesthelessandstheleen.org under events where a list of course dates are available

COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL: If you would like to arrange for a priest to visit a Catholic relative in hospital please contact the presbytery direct on (01206) 866317, we can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the patient so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

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The Law of the Old Covenant was an expression of the agreement between God and his people, written on stone tablets, and in the first reading Moses goes to the heart of why the people should keep the Law. The Law in itself was good, but two dangers existed; firstly a merely external observance and secondly an exaggerated attention to detail. In Jesus' day these dangers were very real as we read in the Gospel. The New Covenant is different, as it consists in following the person of Christ, imitating him, being transformed by the Spirit. Jesus is himself the Way, as he tells us. However, the two dangers still exist, an external observance of the Church's Tradition and a scrupulous attention to detail. Hence St. James in the second reading pleads for us to submit to the word planted in us, a personal adherence to Jesus.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	8:30am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:50am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00am Mass
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: Please join with Pope Francis in praying for **Young People in Africa:** That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Vicky Culham, Peter Ledgley

CONGRATULATIONS! - To Lydia and Robert married here on August 25th.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Veronica Smith who has recently passed away. May she rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of her bereaved family and those that mourn: A requiem mass will be held at St Cedd and St Gregory Church, Mersea on Monday 17th September @ 12.30pm.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Thursday 27th September 2018** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the Course.

(RCIA) RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The start date for 2018 will be **4th October at 7pm** in the Crypt (entrance to Crypt is via Church) and the sessions will run from October until Easter. To register your interest please, give your name and contact details to one of the priests or contact Cathy O'Connor 01206 735623 or cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CONFIRMATION COURSE: Confirmation classes will begin on **Sunday 16th September** with our first parent and candidate session at **12:00** after the 10:30 mass in the crypt (Entrance to Crypt via Cardinal Bourne Hall). Information packs are available at the back of church or from the parish office.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism Charlie. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The next procession is on **Thursday 13th September at 6.30pm** followed by Mass in Polish/English.

SECOND COLLECTION: A collection for the Parish Renovation Fund will take place on Sunday after all masses.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS: Education Day on Sunday 9th September & Home Mission Day on Sunday 16th September.

MERSEA NEWS: The next Coffee Morning will be held on **Tuesday 11th September from 10.30am til 12.30pm** at the home of Anne-Marie Jacobs, Rewsalls Farm, E. Mersea. All are most welcome.

MONKWICK NEWS: The next Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday 8th September from 10am til 12 (Noon)** and will be hosted by Joyce Wrobel at 26 Queensland Drive, Colchester. All are most welcome.

MILE END NEWS: Coffee morning today after the 9:15am mass at St Joseph's and this will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next showing is on **12th September with a start time of 1.15pm** screening "*Old Fashioned*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

THURSDAY SOCIAL GROUP has reconvened with its usual slot every **Thursday from 10.30am to 1.30pm** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Everyone is most welcome and please bring food to share with the group. Further information about social activities will be discussed. A £2.00 donation is much appreciated for the use of the hall.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea on **Thursday 20th September 2018 at 9.15am** in Brentwood Cathedral [CM15 8AT]. Bishop Alan Williams will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk website www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

PROCEEDS OF RECENT 2nd COLLECTION: £681.51 Thank you for your kind generosity.

SVP APPEAL - KERALA FLOODS: The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. If you would like to donate, please visit www.svp.org.uk ; telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: -

- **ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND:** On **Friday 7th September** – talk here at Priory Street at 2pm. **Saturday 8th September** here at Priory Street – church open 10:45am - 4:30pm specifically for this Event; **Saturday 8th + Sunday 9th September** - the Abbey of St John the Baptist open 10am – 4pm.
- **RIDE & STRIDE:** will be taking place on **Saturday 8th September** from 9.00am – 5.00pm
- **ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND: Fri 14th September** here in the Crypt [entry via the Church] at 7:30pm – talk given by Philip Wise [of Colchester & Ipswich Museums] - "St Helen and Colchester" & **Sat 15th September** here between 11am – 4pm: Various Talks on "Catholics in Colchester".
- **ADOREMUS**, the national conference is being held in Liverpool **Sept 07-09**
- **A DAY OF REFLECTION & ENRICHMENT FOR READERS: Saturday, 20th October** in Woodford Green.
- **BCYS ANNUAL YOUTH GATHER: 20th - 21st October 2018**
Please see posters in porch for more event details or check our website under Events.

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society): Telephone number - **07493 439427**.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message]

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday 6th September 2018: Team 1.