

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Saturday 1st	6.15 pm	Ron & Margaret Wheeler RIP
Sunday 2nd	8:00 am	Thanksgiving for Nathanael
	10:30 am	
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Martin Coughlin RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Teresa & Robert Bradshaw
Monday 3rd		St. Francis Xavier (Migrants Day)
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Kajetan Cwiek RIP
Tuesday 4th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	E. Swaffer RIP + Fams + Isabela RIP
Wednesday 5th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	12.00 pm	REQUIEM MASS: Colin Whittle RIP
Thursday 6th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	8.30 am	Lilian Southon RIP
Friday 7th		St. Ambrose
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield
Saturday 8th December		The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas Followed by Rosary and Procession

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)
(Bible Sunday)**

Saturday 8th	6.15 pm	Richard Lambe RIP
Sunday 9th	8:00 am	Geoffrey & Beatrice Foley RIP
	10:30 am	Canon Anthony McKentey RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5.00 pm	Holy Hour
	6:30 pm	N. Edwards RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Canon Anthony McKentey RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Canon Anthony McKentey RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Canon Anthony McKentey 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.stjamesthelessandsthelen.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.

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK
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One of the phrases in the Our Father, which we would expect to pray every day, is of course, 'Thy kingdom come'. We should have a longing for the kingdom, or reign, of God, not just in Advent but throughout the year. Advent begins a new year for the church and sets the tone, this desire for Christ to come. The Gospel indicates one coming of Christ, in glory at the end of time when the kingdom is fully revealed. There is also the daily coming of Christ, in the life of each of the faithful, as we ask that God may reign more completely in our hearts. The psalm this Sunday is a beautiful prayer for that personal coming of Christ who is the Way.

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	following 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 DECEMBER: Please join with Pope Francis in praying for “**In the Service of the Transmission of Faith**” That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eugenia York who has recently passed away. May she rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of her bereaved family. A crematorium service will be held on Tuesday 4th December at 2pm.

COLCHESTER DEANERY ADVENT DAY OF MERCY: a Deanery day of Eucharistic Adoration, will be held at St James the Less, during which priests will be available all day for individual Confession. The Day of Mercy takes place on **Monday 3rd December**. It begins with the 9:30am parish Mass and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 10pm. Priests will be available for Confession throughout the day.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY on Saturday 8th December: Following the 9:30am Mass there will be Rosary and Procession.

GLOBAL HEALING: This is a film-based event that will inform, challenge and equip us to engage with Pope Francis' vital call to **Care for Our Common Home**. This event will be held on **Wednesday 12th December at 7.30pm** in the Crypt. Please try to attend – everyone welcome.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Today (2nd December) at Priory Street and Mile End there will be a collection for Christmas Flowers. Thank you.

ADVENT REFLECTION: ‘Where Christ Dwells’ on **Saturday 15th December** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Tea & Coffee at 10.30am, start time at 11am and finish 2pm, please bring a packed lunch. Poster in porch with further information. Valerie Q. (07941903227). All are welcome to attend.

KSC CHRISTMAS GRAND PRIZE DRAW: Please buy your tickets for the KSC Christmas Grand Prize Draw in support of our Parish. Books of tickets are available in the church porch and the draw will take place on **Saturday 15th December 2018**. £475 to be won plus other quality prizes. Ticket stubs + unsold tickets + monies to be returned to presbytery no later than 14th December.

CHRISTMAS CURRY NIGHT: On **Saturday 15th December** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall from 7:30pm. Includes your choice of one curry: lamb, chicken, prawn or vegetable + dessert and tea or coffee. [Bring your own drinks]. “60’s” Music and KSC Grand Prize Draw drawn on the night + Raffle tickets will be on sale. Adults: £10; Children: £5.00 [age 5-12]. Tickets available from Norah 503410 and Frances 369568. All proceeds to the Church Fund.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES NOW AVAILABLE: Price £2.75.

FILIPINO CHRISTMAS SIMBANG GABI MASSES: These will take place on the following dates in December, Sunday 16th, Monday 17th, Wednesday 19th in Priory Street at 8pm and on Saturday 22nd December - Location details to be advised.

MILE END NEWS: Thank you to everyone who volunteered to deliver the “Churches Together” Christmas Cards this year, your help is greatly appreciated. **Coffee Morning today (2nd Dec)** after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph’s will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next showing is on **5th December** with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening “*The Secret Silenced*” & “*The Last Things*”. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING ROLES: -

1: GIFT AID CO-ORDINATOR: We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to John Sales for his sterling work and commitment in his role of Gift Aid Co-Ordinator over the last years. John now feels it is time for him to relinquish this role but will personally hand over to whoever takes this on. If you are interested in serving the parish in this role and would like to find out further details on what is involved- please speak to Fr Chris after mass or contact him on (01206) 866317.

2: VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR CHURCH CLEANING & CLEANING TEAM LEADER – Please contact the Presbytery if you can spare approx. 3hrs per month on a Monday or Thursday.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESE: Bearing in mind all the information and opinions collected over the last two years Brentwood Diocese has now published its response “*Vision Document: Shaping our Future*”. Please read it or listen to it on the Diocesan Website; www.dioceseofbrentwood/. There are some paper copies available for those unable to access the internet. On the website you can also see a video from Bishop Alan discussing the plan.

BRENTWOOD NEWS: December edition of magazine is available in church porch, please take a free copy. Sadly, this is the final printed edition of the magazine.

JOSIE'S KITCHEN: I would like to express my gratitude to Father Chris, parishioners, family and friends who helped make Sunday’s table top sale such a great success – all money raised will go to aid the local needy and homeless at Christmas. I feel very touched to know that there are so many people of goodwill who donated items and gave their time voluntarily to such a good cause. On behalf of myself and the recipients I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS CAROLS: will be held at the following venues, all are welcome, just turn up: -on16th December @ 4pm: Tall Trees Care Home, Colchester CO4 5XL & 18th December @ 3.30pm: Woodland View Care Home, Colchester CO4 5JR

SVP NEWS: We are a group of volunteers inspired by the charitable work of St Vincent de Paul. Throughout this year we have continued to help the homeless with our soup run in Colchester town centre and have contributed to helping families suffering in poverty. We are now in a position to renew our efforts to reach out to anyone in the parish who needs a helping hand. If you know of someone who is lonely, housebound or simply in need of a friend, please contact us, using the details below. If you would like to join us the details of our next meeting are at the back of the church, along with a collection box. SVP contact details: Mobile: 07493 439427 / email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

❖ **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: Monday 3rd December 2018: Team 2.