

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 2nd	Church	6.15 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Sunday 3rd	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Patrick Kehoe RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Teresa Sales RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield
	Mile End	9.15 am	Parishioners
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Private Intention

Monday 4th			St Francis of Assisi, Rel
	Church	9.30 am	Tom Mackinley RIP
	Church	10.15 am	Funeral Mass: Grazyna Omsolski RIP

Tuesday 5th Feria

Church	9.30 am
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Wednesday 6th St Bruno, Pr

Church	9.30 am
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Thursday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary

Church	9.30 am
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Friday 8th St Osyth, Rel

Church	9.30 am
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Saturday 9th St John Henry Newman, Pr

Church	9.30 am
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Saturday 9th	Church	6.15 pm	
Sunday 10th	Church	8.00 am	Int: S. Jacob
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.15 am	Thanksgiving
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Ints: Georgia Spicer-Manning

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 10am Mass and 5.30pm-6.00pm
- ❖ Mass Intentions. These can be posted through the presbytery letterbox and they will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook).
- ❖ 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.

NEW TO THE PARISH? Then please complete one of our Parish Registration forms, which can be found in the porch at the back of the church.

Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy/Church photos/videos. Please remember to [like](#) & [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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Week commencing 3rd October 2021

This weekend sees the launch of our Diocesan response to Pope Francis' encyclical, 'Laudato Si' concerning care for our common home, the earth. Copies of Bishop Alan's pastoral letter are available so parishioners can read and reflect upon it at their leisure. A couple of observations of my own. Firstly, if one analyses government commitments, of which there are many round the world, they are not sufficient to reduce global warming to a manageable level. China will be increasing its emissions of CO₂ until at least 2030 and we can note that that country's emissions in 2019 were both more than double those of 2000 and greater than those of the US, India and Russia combined. Secondly, we are seeing the impact round the world of the surge in demand for goods of all sorts, with shortages, disruption to supply chains etc. That demand is coming from individuals, ultimately, so we might reflect on Bishop Alan's quote of St. Teresa of Calcutta about drops of water in the ocean.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
DAILY Mon-Fri	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	Temporarily suspended



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Please refer to the Website Home Page or External Church Notice Board for details on the **Relaxation of Covid restrictions**.

As a Reminder: 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.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16) **Two in one flesh**

God said: "It is not good that the man should be alone." Do I value my husband, my wife? Do I really know you, my beloved and lifelong companion? When was the last time we were intimate or celebrated our sexuality; the essence of our being two in one flesh? How much of a priority are you in my life?

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, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Lourdes Capinianes Dinglasan, Grazyna Osmolski, Thomas Dunne and Margaret Johanna Martini-Facio who have all recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Lourdes funeral Mass will be held here on 21st October at 11am. Grazyna's Funeral Mass will be held here on 4th October at 10.15am.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: This weekend there will be a collection taken at all Masses for **CAFOD Re Family Fast Day – Crisis Appeal**. Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Envelopes will be available in the Church from this weekend.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: This has now restarted at 8.45am in Church followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet. All welcome

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: The Christian Meditation group started again on Wednesday at 8pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Please note the new venue and day. Arrivals from 7.30pm (the Hall doors will be closed from 7.55pm). **All Welcome.**

MISSIO MAGAZINE (Autumn Edition): Available in the church porch, please take a free copy

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES: Collection from Presbytery.

AFRICAN CHOIR: Will be singing at the 10.30am Mass on 17th October 2021.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: There are still uncollected Gift Aid box sets in porch. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE COMMENCING 9th OCTOBER 2021 at 11.00am in Cardinal Bourne Hall (finishing at 1.00pm): One or both parents/carers must attend each week and remain throughout session.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: A further course will commence early in 2022 – Please check on Newsletter in January 2022 for details.

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS are a series of talks for adults who want to grow in understanding & confidence when questioned or speaking about their Catholic Faith. The talks and discussion will take place on Zoom from 4-5pm on **Sundays 3rd and 10th October: What does it mean to speak about God?** This talk will be given by Fr Mark Reilly, parish priest of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford. To join this discussion please email adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org For more info www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk.

OCTOBER YOUTH MASS WITH ONE HOPE PROJECT: On Thursday 7th October from 6pm, Brentwood Cathedral. The BCYS invites all young people from around the Diocese to join us, where we will provide a meal, before we begin a FREE music workshop and performance followed by monthly Youth Mass at 7.30pm, celebrated in the Cathedral where we will have invited Fr Paschal Uche to preach. More info on our website www.bcys.net, no need to book.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE: Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Lannicelli. Starts Wed 29th September 2021. X8 Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm). Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

CATHOLIC SINGLES SUPPER CLUB: Calling all Single Catholics for a relaxed evening out, with great company at restaurant *suppers with Bene!* Supper Club for Catholic Singles. Please contact for more details: benesupperclub@yahoo.com

THE CRY OF THE POOR - STUDY DAY FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION: A study day on Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti* on 'fraternity and social friendship' will be live-streamed from 11 - 12.30pm on Saturday 2nd October. The study day, entitled '*The Cry of the Poor*', is organised from Gidea Park parish, and the speaker is Fr Ashley Beck, expert on Catholic Social Teaching. The event is free of charge and no registration is necessary. To access the livestream go to www.whatgoodnews.org where the previous study day 'The Cry of Creation' (exploring *Laudato si'*) is also available.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE: The Catholic Universe newspaper had appeared weekly since 1860 but when the pandemic closed the churches it removed the main outlet for sales. Now under changed management the new Universe Catholic Weekly will be topical, controversial, stimulating and packed with news opinion and features. The weekly edition paper is just £20 a quarter paid subscription (13 copies) paid simply and directly to the publisher. Further news to follow in due course.

MASS INTENTIONS: Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church Entrance, please complete envelope and drop through presbytery door. A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCES: 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 or Parish Maintenance) or in the Donation Basket situated at Church entrance & Exit
- 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. 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

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: 14/10/21: **Team 1** (Rotas in Church porch).