

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 3rd	Church	6.15 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 4th	Church	8.00 am	Ints: Marco B
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
Live Stream	Monkwick	10.15 am	Peggy Wilding RIP
Monday 5th			Feria
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Thanksgiving
Tuesday 6th			St Maria Goretti
	Church	10.00 am	Mary Brennan RIP
Wednesday 7th			Feria
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Patrick Cunningham RIP
Thursday 7th			Feria
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Ints: Advika Sonan
Friday 9th			Feria
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Barbara Byrne RIP
Saturday 10th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Ints: Julieta Marconi
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) SEA SUNDAY			
Saturday 10th	Live Stream Church	6.15 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 11th	Church	8.00 am	Dec. Mem. of the Critchley & Whiteside Family
	Church	10.30 am	Cordell's 11 th Birthday
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	3.00 pm	African Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Sybil Kathleen Lyons

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 11yrs)

- ❖ 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 10^{am} Mass and 5.30^{pm}-6.00^{pm}
- ❖ 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.

LIVE STREAM: DAILY MASSES AND A SUNDAY MASS
(Weekdays 10^{am}, please see Schedule for Sunday Live Stream Mass Time)

St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester

Please check out our Facebook page for Live Stream Masses and 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

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Week Commencing 4th July 2021

On Sunday the 11th of July, after the finals of the European championships, we may be singing; it's coming home its coming home footballs coming home! Picture the scenes of jubilation and joy as a nation welcomes its heroes. However, such a homecoming did not await Jesus. In this Sundays Gospel, Jesus returns home and the locals are astonished by his teaching, awe struck by his miracles but no sooner have they begun to venerate him they start to denigrate him. Choosing to focus on what made Jesus ordinary and commonplace. After all they say; Jesus is a carpenter and the Son of Mary his family are they not with us also? They see that he is man but dismiss the journey that would lead them to discover that he is also God! As a result, Jesus can work no miracles there. In their case familiarity has bred contempt, and their contempt for him has ultimately condemned them. Christ has limitless power to do good in us, through us and for us. However, he is limited by our lack of faith. The opening prayer says that God bestows on those he has rescued eternal gladness! If we are to feed our faith and grow in grace we would do well to ask for more of the gift of the Holy spirit, the same spirit that made Ezekiel in our first reading attentive to God's word. That same spirit can bring joy to our souls as in each Eucharist Jesus is welcomed with delight in to the home of our hearts.

Fr. Paschal

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer at 9.45 ^{am}	All Temporarily suspended
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
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2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 ^{pm})	



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY: Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Ezekiel 2: 2-5 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10 Mark 6: 1-6) *Recognising our real beauty.*

When we married we became, together, a 'prophet', not predicting the future, but proclaiming the good news of marriage, here and now. Yet, there are times when we feel sorry for ourselves, blaming each other. Let's admit our own faults and weaknesses and remind one another of the beautiful qualities we found when we first fell in love.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

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 which remain in place in order to promote a COVID 19 safe environment :-

- Churches will open 15 minutes before start of Mass
- Facemasks must be worn when entering all places of worship (unless medically exempt)
- 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 Church) and that you wear it so that it covers both your mouth and nose.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times within Church.
- An Offertory Collection box will be situated at entrance 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 Church Stewards in attendance at each Mass and the Church will be cleaned after each Service in readiness for the next Mass to be held.
- No mingling with other people you do not live with after Mass outside the Church.

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.

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

PARISH BBQ: We will be hosting the annual Parish BBQ on Sunday 25th July which will take place after the 10.30^{am} Mass until 4^{pm}. This is a chance to catch up with friends old and new whilst enjoying delicious food hot off the grill! There will be a Raffle, Entertainment from Parish groups and the chance to find out about the various Ministry roles with the opportunity to join if interested. We would be happy to accept donations for Raffle prizes and will need volunteers on the day to help set up and manage the event. Please contact Frances on (01206) 369568 if you are able to assist on the day. Everyone welcome!

SUNDAY MASSES (8^{am} & 10.30^{am}): We are pleased to advise that Fr David Pearce will celebrate these Masses. Please give him a big welcome and keep him in your prayers.

MERSEA NEWS: Please use the following links for reserving seats at Mass (right click booking form and open hyperlink) alternatively, links for booking forms are on website under mass times:
Sun 11th July [Booking Form](#) **Sun 18th July** [Booking Form](#)

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: SEA SUNDAY. There will be a 2nd collection taken on 11th July for Stella Maris (*Apostleship of the Sea*), this is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church and is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. To listen to an audio version of the appeal talk below by Bishop Paul Mason, our Bishop Promoter for England and Wales <https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Sea-Sunday-2021-Appeal-Talk-Bishop-Paul-Mason.mp3>

AFRICAN MASS: There will be an African Mass next Sunday at the earlier time of **3.00^{pm}**. Thereafter it will be on the Second Sunday of each month at 3.30^{pm}.

HANGING BASKETS DONATION: We have received a lovely donation from a Parishioner towards the cost of the Plants & Flowers outside the Church. To the donor we **thank you** for your kind thoughts and generosity.

NEW CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION COURSE 2021: The Confirmation course started on 20th June in Cardinal Bourne Hall at 4^{pm} until 6^{pm} followed by all candidates attending the 6.30^{pm} Mass in the Church after. The course will run every Sunday up to the end of school term. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who is interested in his or her child making this sacrament.

MISSIO MAGAZINES FOR SUMMER 2021 are available free in the church porch, please take a copy. **RED MISSIO BOXES (APF):** Please remember to collect your emptied "Red Boxes" from the Presbytery. Full boxes can also be dropped off here. Thank you

BCYS: "LOURDES AT YOUR LOCAL": Colchester Deanery, Tuesday 27th July. We would like to invite all Parishes in the Deanery to join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service on Tuesday 27th July at 11^{am}, for a "*Lourdes at your Local*" Mass at Our Lady of Light, Clacton-on-Sea. Mass will be presided by Bishop Alan, with Anointing of the Sick. This is one of 5 Masses for the week around the Diocese, and each Mass will be recorded and streamed online at 5^{pm} for anyone not able to attend during the day. **All ages are welcome to celebrate Mass and enjoy our virtual events.** Further details and a full itinerary are available on our website www.bcys.net/events.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: available for collection from the Church Porch. 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