

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME^(A)

Sunday 5th Church 11.30 am Ints: Mary Hazell

Monday 6th Church 10.00 am **Feria**
Ints: Rob Curran

Tuesday 7th Church 10.00 am **Feria**
P. Rollason RIP

Wednesday 8th Church 10.00 am **Feria**
Ints: Filipino Community

Thursday 9th Church 10.00 am **Feria**
Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas

Friday 10th Church 10.00 am **Feria**
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Saturday 11th Church 6.15 pm **ST BENEDICT, Ab** (Patron of Europe)
Sybil Kathleen Lyons RIP

Sunday 12th **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME^(A)** (Sea Sunday)

Church	8:00 am	Mass of Thanksgiving
Church	10:30 am	Ints: Pauline Rook
Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
Church	6.30 pm	Ints: Fr Adrian Lowe
West Mersea	8:30 am	Bill Wynne RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners

It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	(confession)	By appointment – please contact us
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:		At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE:		Contact the parish office

- For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact our parish office.
- Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- Please note also the guidance issued by Rome and published on our website re indulgences.
- Mass Intentions. These can be posted/popped through the letterbox of 51, Priory Street and will be published in the newsletter, which will be 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.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES: The following link is to a website that has live streaming of church services in the UK <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

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, subject to hospital restrictions due to virus.

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: 5TH JULY 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE

Dear friends

This Saturday, the Feast of Saint Benedict, will be the day that I am ordained priest for the Diocese of Brentwood. Thank you, everyone, for your prayers, good wishes and support over the last four years of priestly formation. I really appreciate how encouraging you have all been. Unfortunately, because of the current Coronavirus pandemic, it will not be possible for this to be open for everyone to attend. The ordination rite itself will be simplified to accommodate the way in which Mass has to be celebrated at the moment.

Although it will not be possible for us to celebrate my ordination as a parish, as we hoped, I still ask you for your prayers as you can be assured of mine.

God bless

Deacon Adrian Lowe

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	Temporarily suspended
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 _{pm})	

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We plan to return to celebrating Mass from **Monday 6th July** if we have enough Stewards/Cleaning volunteers in place. Seating capacity will of course be much reduced as we respect the 2 metre rule. A booking service for mass attendance has had to be put in place (contact details may have to be supplied for Track and Trace); you can only attend mass if you have booked a place (!). We request that you limit yourselves to one mass per person per week to ensure a fair distribution of seats are available for everyone wishing to attend a weekly mass (note that Sunday obligation remains suspended), although we will have a system for attending more if spare places are available. It will be essential that people sit where they are asked and do not move from there. Please note that the toilets will be closed. Practical points:

- ♦ Churches will open 20 minutes before start of Mass
- ♦ Entrance via the main door, exit by the side door;
- ♦ Hand sanitiser available at entrance and exit, though you may bring your own;
- ♦ It will take longer than normal to enter the church, please make allowances;
- ♦ An Offertory Collection will be taken daily at each mass with Collection bags available on entry and exit; the donation station is also useable;
- ♦ Candles may be lit after Mass – Instructions to follow
- ♦ Church opening for Private Prayer will be stopped when Masses resume
- ♦ Other changes to the celebration will be announced in church.

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 HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY *Our Families*. We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Zech 9:9-10 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30) **'Yoked' to Him we are not overburdened.** A 'yoke' keeps oxen together when carrying a heavy load or ploughing a field. On the day you married you chose to be 'yoked' together 'till death us do part'. The burdens of life can lower your spirits and create a barrier to intimacy in your relationship. Jesus says: "Stay 'yoked' to me and I will help you, however heavy the load."

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

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: Please can you collect your new box sets from the church porch. Box sets are laid out in alphabetical order. Thank you.

MERSEA NEWS: We will be open for private prayer this Sunday 5th July from 8.30_{am} to 9.30_{am}.

MAKING A DONATION: Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to make their offerings during this period. This is much appreciated; our Parish needs your continued support at this time as Coronavirus has raised some very particular financial challenges for us. Not only do we have no plate and envelope collection, but we cannot hire out our parish hall either. We must, however, continue to pay for essentials such as our priest's living expenses, the upkeep of our buildings and other ongoing costs. Of course, we realise that the current situation is affecting many people's income and they may not be able to continue their level of offerings. If this is the case, we fully understand, and our prayers are with you. If you usually give by envelope or via cash in the collection, you can either make individual payments whenever you like by dropping envelope through Presbytery door, or you can set up a regular gift by Standing Order. This can be stopped at any time, for example, if you wish to resume giving by cash or envelope once Sunday Mass is resumed. The Donation Station (in Church porch) can be used when attending mass or alternatively, you can donate online using the 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>

To those who have sent in offerings and set up Standing Orders - Thank you very much for your donation. Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support.

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON ADRIAN LOWE: The Ordination to the Priesthood of Adrian Lowe by Bishop Alan will take place on **Saturday 11th July 2020** at St James the Less and St Helen. Due to the current restrictions, this will be a private affair with only close family and friends able to attend. If you would like to leave a card or gift, please drop these into the Presbytery during the week. Ordination Cards are available in church porch; please put money for cards purchased into Repository box. A collection box will be available at each mass for Deacon Adrian's collection on exit. Fr Adrian will celebrate mass with us once ordained. Our prayers are with him on this special day. We also pray for a continued flourishing of vocations to the Priesthood.

LOURDES IN YOUR LIVING ROOM, 27th – 31st July. Join Bishop Alan and hundreds of people from across the Diocese for this virtual pilgrimage which incl. Mass, Angelus, Rosary, reflections, Morning and Evening Prayer each day, all via YouTube, as well as Stations of the Cross, a Marian Procession, and a talent show on the final evening. To be part of the virtual Marian ("Torchlight") procession, send photos of yourself, family members and friends each with a lighted candle, to info@bcys.net. If you are a singer, joke-teller, dancer or can entertain in some other way, email us at info@bcys.net before next Sunday, 12th July, for more details of the talent show. The full pilgrimage info is at www.bcys.net incl. a daily timetable, YouTube details, and additional events for those aged 15-23.

Please consider supporting the charities Mary's Meals at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk> and Cafod's coronavirus relief work at www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE: We have created a new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St-James-the-Less-and-St-Helen-RC-Church-Colchester-100703505047957/> Please drop by and like page to follow all the Parish/Diocese News.

- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com
- **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL:** The hall is closed and all group activity suspended until further notice.