

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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 St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 4th	Church	6.15 pm	Colin Andrews RIP
Sunday 5th	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Ints. Emmanuella Quist Agbezuge
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Terry Hilton RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private intention
	Mile End	9.15 am	Ints. Kenyon Family
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Private intention

Monday 6th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Thanksgiving (BJ)

Tuesday 7th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Ruperto Gallego RIP

Wednesday 8th			Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Church	9.30 am	Tony Dixon RIP

Thursday 9th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Ints Mary Jacob & Rejoy Jacob

Friday 10th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Anne Sears RIP

Saturday 11th			Saturday memoria of Our Lady
	Church	9.30 am	Ints M & T McElroy

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 11th	Church	6.15 pm	Ints T Mangundu
Sunday 12th	Church	8.00 am	Salvacion Naciongayo RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Private intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	John Sales RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield
	Mile End	9.15 am	Terry Hilton RIP
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Parishioners

- ❖ 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.

LIVE STREAM: The Live Streaming of Masses is currently suspended

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!

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Week commencing 5th September 2021

Today we welcome the Comboni Fathers to our parish as they make the annual Mission Appeal here. For about 150 years, inspired by their founder Daniele Comboni (now a Saint), men and women have sought to preach the Good News of the Kingdom, initially in Africa but now all over the world in many countries. All Christians are called to be missionaries, because of their baptism; it is an act of charity to others to tell them about the Gospel and witness to it in their own lives, inviting others to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament there is described much missionary work, especially by St. Paul, with the founding of new communities. Since then the Church has continued this good work of proclamation. Although we may not be able to travel to distant places, we can support those who do while at the same time recognising that we share in their work by being missionaries here in Colchester. 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	Rosary/Divine Mercy	All Temporarily suspended
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: The Church
Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Relaxation of Covid restrictions: There will no longer be restrictions on group sizes for attending communal worship. Our collective challenge, as restrictions are lifting, is to make sure we all continue to keep ourselves and others as safe as possible. Please note the following changes that will be implemented:-

- ◆ There will be an expectation that face coverings are worn in the Church, as per the advice of the Government (*unless, of course, a person is exempt from doing so*).
- ◆ As Social distancing rules have changed there will no longer be Church Stewards at Mass guiding people to their seats, this means that people now have the option of choosing where they wish to sit.
- ◆ We will retain a section of the church roped off for those who wish to maintain the 2-metre social distancing.
- ◆ Weekday Masses have returned to their normal time of 9.30am with Morning Prayer at 9.15am.
- ◆ Entrance to Church will be via the main door (no one way system needed)
- ◆ The side door will remain open for ventilation and can be used for exiting if wished.
- ◆ Communion will remain under one kind.
- ◆ Sign of peace will remain not physical
- ◆ For the time being there will be no singing at Mass
- ◆ We will continue to supply hand sanitiser stations at entrance and side door.
- ◆ An Offertory Collection box will be situated at side door; the donation station in church porch is also useable
- ◆ There will be no restrictions on the number allowed to attend Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings

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: (Proverbs 9: 1-6 Ephesians 5: 15-20 John 6: 51-58) **Called to nourish each other.** In marriage, we must try to lead intelligent lives as St. Paul reminds us in his letter. No one says you have to be clever, but the wisdom to see through ignorance, folly, thoughtlessness and so on will help us to nourish our love for each other. In this way our marriages will give thanks to God.

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. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The Certificates are ready for all children who celebrated their special day with Fr Chris and Fr Paschal this year. Collection is from the Presbytery.

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

CHURCH WELCOMERS: We would like to invite our "Church welcomers" to once again be an active presence at Mass. Please speak to Fr Chris if you are able to assist again. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS: We would like to invite back all the teams for the church cleaning, as we will be restarting the Rota's shortly. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Can you spare 1-2 hours per month to help clean the Church (dusting, vacuuming, polishing etc..) If you are able and willing, please contact the Presbytery. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: The Christian Meditation group will start again on Wednesday 1st September 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).

Annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral: Archconfraternity of St Stephen, invites all Altar Servers to the annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd October 2021 at 2.30pm**. Principal celebrant Rt. Rev. Nicholas Hudson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Servers from beyond the Westminster Diocese are welcome to this Mass if they can't attend the National Mass on 25th September in Wolverhampton. If MCs and Senior / Altar Servers would like to attend this event, please email johnmccormack528@gmail.com by **18th September 2021**. We will need to know how many Altar Servers (& families) will be attending from your Parish, so that accurate numbers can be established.

LANDINGS RETREAT. Please see the poster on the notice board. For more information, please contact the Landings team, (contact details on the flyer) or; Stewart Taylor 07545829333.

SEASON OF CREATION STUDY DAYS

During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1st September to the feast of St Francis on 4th October, thousands of Christians on six continents will unite to pray and take action in defence of our common home www.seasonofcreation.org Study days on Saturday 2nd October from 11.00 to 12.30 BST – 'The Cry of the Poor' will be given by Fr Ashley Beck, associate professor at St Mary's University, Twickenham. For access to these free live stream events go to www.whatgoodnews.org No registration needed.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION For those children who would have normally prepared for summer 2021, preparation will hopefully begin soon. Please submit details to the presbytery asap

THANKS FROM THE SVP for all who came to their Tea party. Total raised was £445.30, to be split equally between SVP and parish.

CYCLING FOR CHARITY ("Pedalling through the Pandemic"). Fr Dominic Howarth, a priest of the Diocese, has been cycling for many months, heading towards 5,000km – and he now has just 500km to go. He is raising money for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, Walsingham House, HCPT Easter Lourdes Group 709, and Help Refugees. For more info or to donate <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50>, 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: The new Cleaning Team Rotas are in the Church Porch, please take a copy and Thank you for all you do for our Parish. 6/9/21: **Team 4**