

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (B)

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

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| Saturday 5th | Church | 6.15 pm | Bidoor Michael RIP |
| Sunday 6th | Live Stream Church | 8.00 am | Dudley Southon RIP |
| | Church | 10.30 am | Parishioners |
| | Church | 2.00 pm | Polish Mass |
| | Church | 4.00 pm | Filipino Mass |
| | Church | 6.30 pm | Ints: Jim Lynas |
| | West Mersea | 8.30 am | Private Intention |
| | Monkwick | 10.15 am | Ints: Mary Davies |
| Monday 7th | | | Feria |
| Live Stream | Church | 10.00 am | Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas |
| Tuesday 8th | | | Feria |
| | Church | 10.00 am | Mrs. Annamma Joseph Cunnil RIP |
| Wednesday 9th | | | St Columba |
| Live Stream | Church | 10.00 am | Stephen Silvere RIP |
| Thursday 10th | | | Feria |
| Live Stream | Church | 10.00 am | Ints: A. Harley |
| Friday 11th | | | THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS |
| Live Stream | Church | 10.00 am | Bridget (Ann) Hopgood RIP |
| | Church | 11.30am | Funeral Mass: Barbara Joyce Byrne RIP |
| Saturday 12th | | | The Immaculate Heart of Mary |
| Live Stream | Church | 10.00 am | Dec. Rels. Betts Family |
| ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) | | | |
| Saturday 12th | Live Stream Church | 6.15 pm | Jean Silk RIP |
| Sunday 13th | Church | 8.00 am | Private Intentions |
| | Church | 10.30 am | Peter Edwards RIP |
| | Church | 2.00 pm | Polish Mass |
| | Church | 6.30 pm | Howard Ashcroft RIP |
| | West Mersea | 8.30 am | Parishioners |
| | Monkwick | 10.15 am | Olive Hewitt RIP |

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

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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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Week Commencing 6th June 2021



Our deepest desire is for love! The desire for meaningful relationships in which we are healed, affirmed, cared for and understood at the core of our being. This love is often captured and given in the simplicity of a gift. The gift of time, goods, words etc. Giving can be a way of expressing love whilst receiving gifts a way of accepting love, establishing and renewing the bonds fellowship and communion. On the feast of Corpus Christi, we reflect on the gift of the Eucharist, Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity. In the first reading, this gift was prefigured in the old covenant. Moses sprinkled the blood of a lamb on the altar and the people, thus showing how faithfulness to the covenant brought about the union of God and his people. Simultaneously, the blood spoke of how a lack of faithfulness would result in blood shed and the death of the unfaithful. Wounded by sin and enslaved by evil, the people of God were not capable in their own power of receiving the love God wanted to give them. So, God in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit made a way for us to love him with the strength of his own love! On the night before he was to suffer and die Jesus took bread and wine and by the power of his word Jesus gave us sacramentally and tenderly what we had rejected so recklessly, the fullness of his love. In receiving worthily this sacrament of love, our deepest hunger is fed and our deepest wounds are healed, slowly but surely, we become what we receive, Eucharistic; a people of thanksgiving and love!

Fr. Paschal

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

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| 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 JUNE: The Beauty of Marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Exodus 24: 3-8 Hebrews 9: 11-15 Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26) **A promise of eternal life.**

Today, the letter to the Hebrews speaks of a new covenant, a new promise of eternal life. We became a new covenant when we promised to be a married couple on our wedding day. We renew our married covenant each time we nourish and feed each other in our relationship with acts and words of tender kindness.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Thomas Syrett and Colin Andrews who have recently passed away, may they rest in peace. The parish community offers their family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Colin's reception into Church is 23rd June at 4^{pm} and his Funeral Mass is on 24th June at 11.45^{am}. **We require volunteer Stewards for these 2 Funeral services. Please contact the Presbytery if you are able to assist. Thank you.**

SAVE THE DATE! PARISH DAY ON SUNDAY 18th JULY. Subject to any regulations which may be in place, we are hoping to host a parish lunch. It would be a way of thanking many people for their involvement during the pandemic and also a way of getting back together as a community. We have some ideas about the format but would like your input and suggestions; also, anyone willing to help put the day into practice. Please contact the presbytery.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection today for ***the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund***. The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund is part of the Diocesan Charity, which helps and supports our retired and sick clergy.

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 13th June [Booking Form](#) **Sun 20th June** [Booking Form](#)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We congratulate all the children who have made their First Holy Communion this weekend. We ask God's blessing on those children and their families that they may grow in love for Jesus as they receive Him at Mass now and for the rest of their lives.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE JOHN DOLAMORE: For those unable to attend this service in person, please see the download link below to watch John's Requiem Mass: <https://wettransfer.com/downloads/e873cc77d973cc61eda995bf893081aa20210602220557/0b665695fbab7ec48ebcc734b16240bb20210602220642/4cfde6>. Alternatively, it can be viewed on our facebook page. If you would like to share any stories, thoughts or memories about John on his website which Hunnabal's have set up. It is johndaviddolamore.muchloved.com. This would be much appreciated by John's family. Also, there are some Order of Service booklets in Church Porch.

MESSAGE FROM CAFOD: Thank you for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £649.37. It means so much to us that you have reached out to our brothers and sisters around the world, when life here at home is quite changed. Thank you so much for being there for our global family.

FAITH FOR THE FAMILY: This will be a short friendly interactive discussion with Fr Paschal on each Sundays Gospel readings on Mondays at 5^{pm} (via Zoom) lasting approx. 30 mins. It would be great if all family members (all ages) could drop by, you don't have to commit to weekly! If interested in participating - Meeting ID: 843 2602 2208/ Passcode: 883004. We hope to see you there.

RED MISSIO BOXES (APF): Please remember to collect your emptied "Red Boxes" from the Presbytery. Thank 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.

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