

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday August 6th	6:15 pm	Bob Ratcliffe RIP
Sunday August 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Des Fuller RIP
	10:30 am	Frederic, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Arthur Urghart RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Pat Brookes RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Buenaventura RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Ints: Elizabeth Pace & Family

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> **St Dominic, Pr**  
Church 9:15 am Mary McGinley RIP

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> **ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, V.M**  
Church 9:15 am Joan Jackson RIP

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> **St Lawrence, Deacon, M**  
Church 12:15 pm John Sutcliffe RIP

Thursday 11th **St Clare, V**  
Church 9:15 am Michael and Ellen Conlon RIP

Friday 12th **Feria**  
Church 9:15 am Derek Harvey RIP

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> **Feria**  
Church 9:15 am Ints: Canon Anthony McKentey

## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION Solemnity

Saturday August 13th	6:15 pm	Cath and Edward McElroy RIP
Sunday August 14th	8:00 am	D/Rels: O'Grady Family RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Canon Anthony McKentey
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5:45 pm	Rosary & Marian Procession
	6:30 pm	Cristeta Poblador RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Mr Tinneveld RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Holy Souls RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm  
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

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From Adrian Lowe, Seminarian

Last week, I was privileged to be one of the chaplains for World Youth Day, journeying in pilgrimage with about ninety young people from our diocese to Krakow in Poland for ten days of catechises, prayer and the sacraments which ended with a series of liturgies presided over by Pope Francis. The final Mass was truly a celebration of the diversity and universality of our Catholic Church with several languages used for the readings and an estimated 1.6 million people attending from all of our world!

The Pope said in the opening ceremony,

'It pains me to meet young people who seem to have opted for "early retirement". I worry when I see young people who have "thrown in the towel" before the game has even begun, who are defeated even before they begin to play, who walk around glumly as if life has no meaning.'

At another time during the week he warned the young about becoming 'couch potatoes' and urged them to become involved in politics and social activism to create a just world.

This seems to resonate with the gospel this Sunday where Our Lord tells us to be 'dressed for action and have our lamps lit' as well as, 'Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes'. Perhaps the Pope's can words

speak to all of us, not just the young, as a kind reminder to be attentive to God and what He asks of us at all times. Our Lord came that we may have life in its fullest sense: no matter what our age or state of life, we can let the Holy Spirit transform our lives into one that is more dynamic, more loving and more giving to others.

Pope Francis went on to say:

“Whoever welcomes Jesus, learns to love as Jesus does. So he asks us if we want a full life: Do you want a complete life? Start by letting yourself be open and attentive! Because happiness is sown and blossoms in mercy”.

Please say a prayer this week for the many pilgrims who attended World Youth Day and especially those from our own Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.

**Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes**

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass  
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am  
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays - Crypt 8:00pm  
FILMS FOR FAITH Resume on September 7th

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Lorraine Belmonté, Frank Campbell, Vicky Culham, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Mercas, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Aimée Stammers, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**CHANGE IN MASS TIMES:** Please note that there will no longer be a Mass at 9:15am on a Wednesday. All other Mass times remain unchanged

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND:** We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, Oliver Stephen Hollands. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

**THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEW BORN UP TO AGED 6:** Will take place on *Fridays 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9pm*. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. There is no need to make an appointment – just turn up. Both sessions must be attended, and the date of baptisms will be booked during the course.

**MERSEA NEWS:** The next Coffee Morning takes place this Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Mar Richardson, Tel: 729074, starting at 10:30am. All most

welcome.

**HOLY HOUR:** Holy Hour next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, has been cancelled and is being replaced with the Rosary and Marian Procession at 5:45pm

**PARISH FAMILY BBQ:** Will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 3pm until 5pm in the Church garden. Everyone welcome and excellent food as always. Adults £6 and under 12's £3. Contact Norah (01206) 503410 or Frances (01206) 369568 for tickets in advance.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH (R.C.I.A.):** The Journey in Faith programme is a series of informal weekly meetings to provide knowledge and guidance to those adults who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Have you or someone you know ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Are you married to a Catholic or about to get married and want to know more? Perhaps you have been baptized as a child but for various reasons haven't received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation. Then this programme may be for you. The first meeting will take place on *Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September* at 7:00pm in the Crypt. Please come along if you are keen to find out about the Catholic Faith. Give your name and contact details to one of the Priests, to the Parish Office or contact Cathy O'Connor 01206 501146 email [cathy\\_oconnor83@hotmail.com](mailto:cathy_oconnor83@hotmail.com)

**DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRESENTATIONS:** Prayer in the Parish on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> September from 11am to 3.00pm here in the Crypt.

**YEAR OF MERCY Autumn Talks – Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. All Saturdays at 10:30am-12.00 noon.** 1<sup>st</sup> October “*Living the Works of Mercy in a secular age*” – Speaker: Fr Martin Boland. 15<sup>th</sup> October “*The Four Last Things*” – Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas. 5<sup>th</sup> November “*Transformed by Mercy*” – Speaker: Bishop Alan. To book: Call 01277 265285 [BRES Office] or email: [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1:15pm we are delighted to welcome the Domkantorei Koln choir who will be performing a concert of choral works entitled Faith, Hope, Love in our Church. This is a unique opportunity to hear this world famous choir perform in Colchester. Entry to this concert is FREE! However there will be a retiring collection for Aid to the Church in Need. Please come along and support what we hope will be the first of many world class performances to be held at St. James the Less & St. Helen's.

**REPOSITORY:** There will be no Sunday Repository for the duration of August, however a varied selection of cards, gifts and books are available in the Church porch.

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL:** To book: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) 07758 805263

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, Team 4.