

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Healing of Hearts
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Chris Gibson RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Matthias Asakpa RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	John Mauger + Co Rijcken RIP

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	<b>St Dominic, Pr</b> Members of Parish J + P Group
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<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	<b>ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, V,M</b> Thanksgiving (SJ)
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<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>ST LAWRENCE, Deacon, M</b> <b>No Mass</b>
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<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	<b>St Clare, V</b> Margaret Moriato RIP
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<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	<b>Feria</b> Mr. Jose Malayil RIP
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<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Patrick + Mary English RIP
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Our Lady of Fatima Procession + Polish Mass

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (C) HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Ints: Julie May Carbery
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Ints: Denis + Della O'Connor
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Fr Philip Willenbrock RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Bridget + Michael Brady RIP

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Marriage Preparation: Please be aware that 6 months' notice of intention for Marriage is required especially if marrying outside the Parish. Couples who are planning to get married should contact us **at least 6 months** in advance. Thank you.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.30<sub>am</sub> Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00<sub>pm</sub> Mass (Monkwick).
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church entrance, please complete envelope & drop through presbytery door. A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass. The Mass Intention will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook or collection from Church).
- ❖ 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).

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Bookings:** [colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org)
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)



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# 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

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) WEEK COMMENCING 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022

In biblical Judaism and the Greco-Roman World, together with other ancient and medieval civilisations, wealth is highly considered as a sign of divine favour with the obligation to give to the poor. The ecclesiological (Church) interpretation of Jesus telling us to sell our possessions and give alms and set up treasures for ourselves in heaven in today's Gospel does not in any way suggest that all Christians should sell all their possessions and give the money to charity organisations to help the poor. It is a call of detachment from anything that would constitute an impediment for us from inheriting the kingdom of God. Mere renunciation of wealth by itself is not enough to guarantee salvation. We need to respond to Jesus's call to discipleship by detaching our lives from material possessions and be committed to our Christian calling, which includes giving alms and helping the poor. The servant who is faithful during the time of fulfilment before the *Parousia* (the second coming of Christ) will share in the eschatological (heavenly) banquet. In today's Gospel, Jesus has told us how to live until returns: We must watch for him, work diligently, and obey all his teachings. These attitudes are imperatively essential for all Christians. Watchful, prayerful, and faithful Christians would be given increased opportunities and responsibilities. The more resources, talents and understanding we have, the more we are responsible to use them effectively. God will not hold us responsible for the gifts he has not given us, but all of us have enough gifts and duties to keep us working for our salvation until Jesus comes.

Seminarian – Moses

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES		
<b>DAILY (Mon-Fri)</b>	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<b>at 8.45 am</b>
<b>DAILY</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>at 9.15 am</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 8.00 pm</b>
<b>ADORATION &amp; PRAYER</b>	Thursdays	<b>at 7.30 pm</b>



### THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Wisdom 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-9; Luke 12:32-48) *Too tired to love! Where is our treasure? Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.* It is easy to get life out of balance and let other activities be more important than loving our spouse, and then falling into bed too tired to talk or make love. If our love is the most important thing in our lives, we must spend prime time together daily.

**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, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need and for those who have recently died.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dominic Francis Sutton who has recently passed away. The parish community offers his family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Dominic's funeral service will be at St James the Less & St Helen on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 1pm.

**CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION COURSE.** We are looking for volunteers to help run the next course beginning in September. Please email Parish to express your interest. **PARENTS:** details on course (*Dates/times*) to be advised in due course.

**CHURCH CHOIR:** The Church choir will resume singing on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September as usual with choir practice on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 12.30pm. **New Members always welcome.**

**CHURCH CLEANING 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 (01206 866317). Thank you.

**FIRST COMMUNION APPLICATION FORMS:** If your child will be starting in Year 4 or above in September and would like to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion - application forms are in the church porch, please complete and drop through Presbytery door. Programme begins early September – details to follow.

**CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS:** There is usually an annual celebration of this Sacrament for young people in Year 9 or above. Application forms are in the church porch, please complete form and drop through Presbytery door. The Programme begins early September– details to follow.

**GIFT AID:** Please consider gift aiding your offertory donations. Information can be found on the Parish website. Parish Registration Forms with attached Gift Aid Declaration forms can be found in the Church porch. Every £1.00 you donate to the Church is worth £1.25 when you Gift Aid it, at No Extra Cost to You.

**RIDE & STRIDE:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 9-5pm. **ENGLISH HERITAGE DAY:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am-5pm

**MESSAGE FROM BCCS:** Thank you ever so much for the cheque received in the post today for the collection boxes that the First Holy Communion children collected change for amounting to the huge total of £312.36. That is an amazing amount raised for us and we are truly grateful to the children, their families, and everyone involved in the parish who helped with this. The amount raised will help support the children that we work with at this time of high demand for our services so thank you to all involved who helped to make this happen.

**TABLE TOP SALE!** Cardinal Bourne Hall will be hosting a Table Top Sale on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August from 10am to 1pm.** There will be a variety of stalls selling Children's & Adults Clothes, Shoes, Toys, Handbags, Books, Cakes and lots more... Everyone is welcome to go along to enjoy the fun and collect a bargain. Tables are still available at £5 a table (*cost of table proceeds will go to Church Funds*), sellers keep their sales proceeds. 01206 866317 or email [colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**MARK HEALY RE BCCS 100 RELAY:-** Throughout August, I plan to run 2 + bike 1 of the legs for the BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) and if you might sponsor or send me encouragement, I would be grateful. Leg 1 is a 7-mile run from Our Lady of Light & St Osyth (Clacton) to Church of the Sacred Heart & St Francis (Frinton). Leg 2 is a 13- mile from Church of the Sacred Heart & St Francis (Frinton) to Lady Queen of Heaven (Harwich) and Leg 3 is a 19 mile (although I will bike there to so 38 mile) from Lady Queen of Heaven (Harwich) to St Joseph (Mill Rd). BCCS provide much needed counselling services and in-depth training programmes to children, parents and staff in schools in Essex. If you would like to donate, please follow this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/relay100> or any encouragement would be most welcome.

**SVP CUPPA CLUB:** will meet every **Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games & crafts, etc., will be available.

**MARCH FOR LIFE UK** happens in London on **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> of Sept.** We have aborted 10 million of our children and so many woman and men have been left hurting - We can be bystanders no more. Join the thousands of others at this family-friendly event in saying "10 Million Too Many!" Full details can be found at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk). If you would like to join the coach party, please add your name to the list in Church Porch.

**RENEWAL EAST ANGLIA** invites you to a Day of Prayer and Renewal at Clare Priory, Ashen Road, Clare CO10 8NX. Led by Fr Stefan Park OSA and Fr Gladson Dabre OSA. **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August. 10.30 - 4.30pm.** Theme: 'Do you believe I am able to do this?' Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Contact Clare Fox: 07906523496

**RETREAT FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS:** During the weekend of the **7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022**, Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops. Theme: "The Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics". Prices start from £12 (come for the day) and £55 per person per night (residential). Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend (16/09/22). For More info: <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/> or <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk>. To book go to :- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2022>

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Thursday 11/08/22 : **Team 1/** Monday 15/08/22: **Team 2**  
**CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA:** 07/08/22: **Yolande + 1 /** 14/08/22: **SVP**



**WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE TODAY. FOR  
PEACE AND THE LAYING DOWN OF WEAPONS.**

