

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME<sup>(A)</sup>

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Mrs. Paddy Phillips RIP
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Ints: Fr. Neil Brett
	Church	10:30 am	Lea Kernott RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Private Intention
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>ST LAWRENCE, DEACON, M</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Mr. Gordon Van-Sertima RIP
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Clare, V</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Marcelina (Sally) Widman RIP
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Mr. + Mrs. Noel L'Esperance RIP
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Thanksgiving
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Maximilian Kolbe, Pr, M</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Mr. T. T. Mathai
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	10.00 am	Mrs. Evangelina Robinson

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <sup>(A)</sup> HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Barbara Rooney RIP
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Patrick + Mary English RIP
	Church	10:30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Frederick. Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Private Intention
	Monkwick	10:15 am	

To reserve seat(s) at Weekend Masses, please right-click [HERE](#) and open the hyperlink, which will take you to the **Booking Form** for each Mass

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

**Please note that Sunday and Weekday Masses are of equal significance.**

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Mass Intentions. These can be posted through the presbytery letterbox and they will be published in the newsletter (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.

**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

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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WEEK COMMENCING: 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE

Dear friends

I was in the National Museum of Scotland last summer and noticed an exhibit of the oldest colour television in the world, from 1946. It is a large, primitive looking machine and I found it difficult to imagine what watching it would be like.

As with so many aspects of technology and modern culture, things change. There are now Catholic television channels like EWTN where Mass is broadcasted as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet and lots of interesting programmes about faith. The Vatican has a radio station: I was surprised to find out that it was set up in 1931! The Church has always made use of modern developments to evangelise. Sometimes we can look at the things we use everyday and decide if we can use them to spread the faith too. A mobile phone cover with a religious theme used to download a faith podcast, or our work computer with a religious piece of art as a screensaver can be a good conversation starter about our relationship with the Lord. I remember seeing cars with the Christian symbol of a fish on them or a rosary hanging from a rear view mirror.

God really is present in every aspect of our lives - the 20th Century mystic, Teilhard de Chardin wrote, 'God is not remote from us. He is at the point of my shovel, my paint brush, my sewing needle - and [in] my heart and thoughts.' Let us celebrate God in every aspect of our lives, including our technology. Praise him!

God bless, Father Adrian

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

DAILY	Morning Prayer	<b>All Temporarily suspended</b>
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 <sub>pm</sub> )	

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 in order to promote a COVID 19 safe environment :-

- Weekend masses need to be booked in advance (before 7<sub>pm</sub> the day before you wish to attend mass)
- Churches will open 20 minutes before start of Mass as it will take longer than normal to enter the church, please make allowances
- 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 mass)
- An Offertory Collection will be taken at each mass with 'collection bags' available on entry and exit; the donation station is also useable
- No touching of Statues or Images in Church
- Toilets will be closed except for genuine emergencies.

**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.*

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: *The Maritime World*.** We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (1 Kings 9:9, 11-13 Rom 9:1-5 Matt 14:22-33) ***Walking on water...falling through fear.*** Peter got out of the boat but, with fear of sinking, he took his eyes off Jesus. Life today is like travelling in a small boat on the rough sea of secularism that mocks religion and seeks to end traditional marriage. Life's storms can change into a gentler breeze when we get out of our boat and walk with Jesus.

**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 and their families.

**REQUIRED CHURCH STEWARDS/CLEANERS:** We are so grateful to all the volunteers who have come forward to help as without your assistance it would not have been possible to reopen our Church. In order to continue with our services, we still require MORE volunteers (*under Government regulations the masses will not be able to continue without sufficient volunteers for each mass*). If you would like to put your name forward, please call the Presbytery Office for details. Our Parish relies on you. Thank you.

**GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS:** Please can you collect your new box sets from the church porch

**PALM CROSSES:** These are available on exit from Church.

**FACE MASKS:** In order to keep the spread of COVID-19 under control, the government has announced that face coverings have to be worn in places of worship enforceable in law from Saturday 8 August. **Please remember to wear your face masks when attending mass.**

**FR PASCHAL UCHE** was ordained to the Priesthood at Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August. We wish him much success and happiness as he enters this new chapter in his life with God. Photos of the Ordination can be seen on our Facebook page (along with Fr Adrian's) and you can watch the recording of the Ordination on the following link (under Recordings): <http://ssppilford.org.uk/wp2/live-stream-church-services/?fbclid=IwAR18x6nCmThknQfX8kd0uFJdjOtU2d9gH5TAyTQXWdbKquUX0chf9hmY6D8>  
Fr Paschal will be joining our Parish as Assistant Priest at the beginning of September.

**TO RESERVE A SEAT AT A WEEKEND MASS:** This can be done via the following means: -

- Click on the Mass Bookings tab in the Newsletter
- Parish Website under the tab for Mass Times
- Clicking on the links on Facebook
- By phoning the presbytery office (*If you do not have access to the Internet*); when calling please advise how many seats you will require (*must be from same household*) and give your full name and contact number.

We will have stewards at every Mass and after the service the church will be cleaned to get it ready for the next Mass

**GARDENING VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for volunteers who are willing and able to contribute to the maintenance of the Church garden and outdoor space. No experience is necessary just a love of gardening! If interested, please contact the presbytery office.

**MAKING A DONATION:** If you wish to donate this can be done in various ways: -

- By dropping envelope through Presbytery door (please write on envelope Mass Offering)
- Donation baskets situated at entrance and exit of church
- Setting up a regular gift by Standing Order (please contact Presbytery office for form).
- The Donation Station (in Church porch)
- 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>

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. **Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you**

**LOURDES IN YOUR LIVING ROOM:** Someone who watched last week's pilgrimage said, *"I feel like I have been in Lourdes for the last five days. Thank you. I even bought croissants for breakfast!"* For pilgrims of all ages the week had a great impact, and if you have missed it, or want to watch and pray again, it is all on YouTube – turn a Staycation into a pilgrimage! You'll find everything at [www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodcys](http://www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodcys). If you have comments or questions, simply email [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net) or phone 01277373959. The 18-hour challenge has so far raised over £5,250, to be split between Cafod and the BCYS. Congratulations to all who took part, and thank you to everyone who has donated. More details [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** The SVP would like to thank all our volunteers who have continued to provide food for the needy of Colchester. We are grateful for our new members who have joined us in supporting anyone who has requested help during these difficult times. We are here for anyone who needs help whether it's active assistance or a listening ear. If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from a call please contact, using the details below and we will respond. Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL:** The hall is closed and all group activity suspended until further notice.