

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (B)

Saturday 9th	Church	6.15 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 10th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	9.15 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Close friends of F.G.
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
Live Streamed	Monkwick	10.15 am	Mrs. Celestine Tighe RIP

Monday 11th			Feria
	Church	10.00 am	Novatus A. Matoju RIP

Tuesday 12th			Feria
	Church	10.00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas

Wednesday 13th			Feria
	Church	10.00 am	Ints: Kathleen Gillooly

Thursday 14th			Feria
	Church	10.00 am	Ints: Bridie Gomes
Private Service	Church	11.30 am	Funeral Mass: Piotr Kwasny RIP

Friday 15th			Feria
	Church	10.00 am	Holy Souls

Saturday 16th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM)
	Church	10.00 am	Anne Chapman RIP

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) PEACE DAY


Saturday 16th	Church	6.15 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 17th	Church	8.00 am	David Anthony Hill RIP
Live Streamed	Church	9.15 am	Joseph O'Connor RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Jim Ruarty RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Celestine Tighe 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 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 STREAMING OF SUNDAY MASS: (see Schedule for Live Stream Mass Time)

VIA  St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester

 Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news/ Clergy photos/videos, Reflections from Fr Paschal. Please remember to like and follow our page.

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Week Commencing 10th JANUARY 2021



Recent world events have highlighted the dangers of living in an alternative reality, especially if people in power peddle illusions to those living in a world of fantasy. We should not be surprised; for many years the message of politicians, the media etc. has been one of relativism, the truth is what you wish it to be (curiously, the same politicians etc. insist that people conform to their view of 'truth'). Meanwhile the Catholic Church continues to proclaim the truth of the Gospel, as revealed in Scripture and Tradition, since believing anything else will not lead to anything. The Baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in which he announced the Good News. In the coming months may we endeavour to enter more deeply into what is life-giving truth, following Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer at 9.45 ^{am}	All Temporarily suspended
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 ^{pm})	

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: HUMAN FRATERNITY. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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.

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, Joan Jeal, Jimmy Clarin. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Antonietta (k/a: Toni) Foley, Piotr Kwasny and Graciela Mendez-Ureta who have all recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Toni's funeral will take place here on 22nd January at 12.30^{pm}. Piotr's will take place here on 14th January at 11.30^{am} and Graciela's will take place at Colchester Crem on 28th January at 3.30^{pm}.

MISSION TODAY: 2021 Calendars are available on the table in church porch; Please take a free copy of calendar and/ or Mission Today Magazine.

MERSEA NEWS: Mass Bookings will continue at Mersea in order to control numbers attending. Please use the following links for masses over the next 2 weekends (right click booking form and open hyperlink) alternatively, links for booking forms are on website under mass times: - Sunday 17th January [Mersea Booking Form](#) Sunday 24th January [Mersea Booking Form](#)

100 CLUB: If anyone pays their annual subscription by Standing Order, please could you cancel this. Further information/news to follow concerning the remainder of the 2020 draws. Thank You.

CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION IN AID OF THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: In accordance with Diocesan policy, our Crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord [February 2nd]. Thank you.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection for World Peace Day (Pax Christi) on 17th January 2021. Pope Francis Message on World Peace Day 2021 is '*Culture of Care as a Path to Peace*'. A collection basket will be situated at the exit of church if attending Mass in Church alternatively, an envelope can be posted through Presbytery letterbox (please mark envelope as World Peace Day donation). Please give what you can to enable Pax Christi to continue their vital work throughout the World.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES are on sale at the back of the church. These are very useful as they contain the liturgical calendar for the church year and information about all parts of the Diocese including Diocesan contact details, parishes, schools, prayer groups and other organisations and societies. Priced at £2.80 per copy (money to go in "*Repository*" Box in church porch). **REPOSITORY:** 2021 Diaries still available in Church Porch – Reduced to ½ price!

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society): SVP: SVP news: We are concerned that this new lockdown will cause greater hardship for families suffering from loss of income or loneliness. If you or anyone you know needs some extra help over the coming weeks please let us know using these contact details. Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION: On 23rd January from 11^{am} until 12.30^{pm}, Dom Henry Wansbrough will be presenting a live stream talk entitled '*The Adventures of a Biblical Translator*'. Dom Henry is the editor of the *New Jerusalem Bible* and the recently published *Revised New Jerusalem Bible*. The event will be presented by Dr. Sean Ryan, chair of the Catholic Biblical Association. The event can be accessed live by going to www.sppilford.org.uk and will be available to download subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org Questions for Fr Henry, and other queries, may be directed to catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com

AUSTEN IVEREIGH LIVESTREAM EVENT: On Saturday 30th January from 11^{am} until 12.30^{pm}, Dr. Austen Ivereigh will speak about the book he recently co-authored with Pope Francis. '*Let us Dream*' presents the Pope's vision for the post-pandemic future. To access this livestream event please go to www.sppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services. Questions for Austen may be emailed beforehand to adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org

PARISH FINANCES: We thank you in advance for the offering that you give today. 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)
- Donation baskets are 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>

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