

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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My dear friends,

After eight years as your Parish Priest, this will be my last weekend with you before I move to Halstead. I want to say what a privilege it has been to serve this great parish in Colchester and how much I have enjoyed your friendship. It is a very special relationship between the priest and his parishioners and, in all my different postings, Colchester has been very special. Thank you for all your love, support and prayers, especially during this last year of illness. I want to thank Fr Alex and Fr Philip for their friendship and assistance in caring for you all. I wish them well under their new "boss", and I wish Mgr Christopher Brooks every blessing in his new appointment when he arrives later this week.

I cannot single anyone out, as you know, but thank you to all those who have helped in any way at all to keep the parish ticking along. Thank you to everyone in all the different ministries which you have carried out with faithfulness and commitment. I will give thanks for everything at the special Mass this evening and look forward to being with you at this special evening of celebration.;

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday September 9th	6:15 pm	Ints: Joe Parkinson = 90 th Birthday
Sunday September 10th	8:00 am	Caterina Gottifredi-Sabbadini RIP
	10:30 am	Arthur & Patricia Urquhart RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Intentions: Fr Tony [MF]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Intentions: Pauline Carter
Monday 11th	Feria	
	Church 9:30 am	Intentions: Brendan Feehilly
Tuesday 12th	Feria	
	Church 9:30 am	Derek Harvey RIP
Wednesday 13th	St John Chrysostom, Bp, D	
	Church 12:15 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	Church 6:30 pm	Fatima Procession/Mass – Polish/English
Thursday 14th	EXULTATION [TRIUMPH] OF THE HOLY CROSS	Feast
	Church 9:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
	Church 12:00 pm	Funeral – Mary Banks RIP
Friday 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows	
	Church 9:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Saturday 16th	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian, Bp, Mm	
	Church 9:30 am	Mr & Mrs Milford RIP

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday September 16th	6:15 pm	Hector Silva RIP
Sunday September 17th	8:00 am	Sarah Betts RIP
	10:30 am	Julieta Seewoonundun RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Win Robinson RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Leslie Hawken RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes

[NO HOLY HOUR TODAY]

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:50am
FILMS FOR FAITH: Please see below

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, John Ashdown-Hill, Pat Banks, Frank Campbell, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Margaret Doorish, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Roger Kemp, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Canon Anthony McKentey, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Elizabeth Pace, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Maureen Sheeran, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White.

PARISH SEMINARIAN: Fr Tony Writes: Adrian Lowe, our Student for the Priesthood, will be going back to the Beda College in Rome to start his second year of training. If you would like to support him in his next phase, there will be a collection after Masses next weekend.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Lewis Russell**. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR TONY: This will take place today at 6:30pm, followed the social get-together in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

FILMS FOR FAITH: The next showing will be on **13th September** and will be Lessons 4-6 of the “*Chosen*” Course. All are welcome, and refreshments will be provide in the Crypt at 1pm for a 1:15pm start. Each session lasts for approximately 90 minutes.

FATIMA PROCESSION: The penultimate Fatima Procession and Mass in Polish/English take place this Wednesday, 13th September, at 6:30pm. All welcome,.

JOURNEY IN FAITH - RCIA 2017/18: Journey in Faith or RCIA is the process developed by the Catholic Church for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, teachings and practices with a view to becoming Catholics, or for those who have a background in the Catholic Faith but who have not yet been confirmed, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Sessions are held weekly from 7pm to 8.30pm on Thursday evening in the Crypt of the church. They will run from October until Easter. The start date will be published in the parish newsletter in due course. [***There will be an introductory meeting this Wednesday, 14th September, at 7pm in the Presbytery; future meetings will be held in the Crypt.***]

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: The next baptism Course for newborns up to age six will take place this Wednesday, **14th September, and next Wednesday, 21st September**, here in the Crypt from 7:30-9pm. No appointment is necessary but both Sessions must be attended. The dates of the baptisms will be arranged during the Course.

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP: present The Great Disney Countdown in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street on Friday 15th September at 7.30 pm and Saturday 16th September 3.00 pm and 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5.00 for adults and £4.00 for children or concessions. If you enjoy Disney songs from the films, this is the show for you. For more information please contact Lesley on 01206 970960.

KSC – CLARE PRIORY RETREAT: The Knights of St Columba, Colchester, are organizing their annual retreat to Clare Priory from the 23rd September from 10am-4pm. All parishioners are welcome. Cost - £16 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. The theme of the Day will be “Our Lady of Fatima”. For more information, please contact Stefan on 07948 148531.

NEXT PARISH DAY OF REFLECTION: On Saturday, 23rd September, in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. More information on the Website now and the poster in the Porch. VQ

WALSINGHAM HOUSE, ABBOTSWICK FUNDING APPEAL: Fr Dominic Howarth writes: Each year over 5000 young people across the Diocese enjoy a retreat with the Walsingham House team. In January 2018 this work is moving to Abbotswick, which is in need of significant refurbishment. An appeal will be made on the 23rd/24thSeptember. Please support it as generously as you can. In the words of Bishop Alan: “this project builds a prayerful and inspiring future for the young people of the Diocese”. Thank you.

DIOCESAN CENTENERY EXHIBITION: Will be visiting our parish on 14/15th October

PARISH COUNCIL AGM: Takes place on Sunday, 15th October, at 7:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL: Open Meeting on 17th September from 12-1pm. In the Hall. See Insert.

FOOD BANK: An appeal for donations of tinned/dry goods for Colchester Food Bank. Thank you.

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CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: September 14th – Team 2.