

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)** Week of Prayer for Prisoners and their dependants

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| <b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>                  | Church      | 6.15 pm  | Edgardo Bartolome Senior RIP   |
| <b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>                   | Church      | 8.00 am  | Int: S. Jacob  |
|   | Church      | 10.30 am | Private Intention  |
|   | Church      | 2.00 pm  | Polish Mass  |
|   | Church      | 6.30 pm  | Parishioners   |
|   | West Mersea | 8.30 am  | Private Intention  |
|   | Mile End    | 9.15 am  | Thanksgiving   |
|   | Monkwick    | 10.15 am | Ints: Georgia Spicer-Manning   |
| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>                   | Church      | 9.30 am  | <b>St John XXIII, P</b><br>Mr. Rolly Benerayan RIP   |
| <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>                  | Church      | 9.30 am  | <b>Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe &amp; Cuthberga, Rel</b><br>Thanksgiving (SJ) + Ints: M + T McElroy |
| <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>                | Church      | 9.30 am  | <b>Feria</b><br>Kay Brenna RIP   |
| <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>                 | Church      | 9.30 am  | <b>Feria</b><br>Madeline Smith RIP   |
|   | Church      | 11.00 am | <b>Funeral Mass:</b> Lourdes Capinanes Dinglasan RIP   |
| <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>                   | Church      | 9.30 am  | <b>St Teresa of Jesus (Avila) V, Rel, D</b><br>Donors Intentions (C.F.T)                         |
| <b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>                 | Church      | 9.30 am  | <b>St Margaret Mary Alacoque, V</b><br>Lily Green RIP  |
| <b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> |             |          |  |
| <b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>                 | Church      | 6.15 pm  | Ints: Bernard Shand  |
| <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>                   | Church      | 8.00 am  | Private Intention  |
|   | Church      | 10.30 am | Ints: Maya, Monica + Julian  |
|   | Church      | 2.00 pm  | Polish Mass  |
|   | Church      | 6.30 pm  | Maeve McAleer RIP  |
|   | West Mersea | 8.30 am  | Parishioners   |
|   | Mile End    | 9.15 am  | Ints: Marisa   |
|   | Monkwick    | 10.15 am | Kay Brennan RIP  |

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or 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.

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** Then please complete one of our Parish Registration forms, which can be found in the porch at the back of the church.

Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy/Church photos/videos. Please remember to [like](#) & [follow](#) our page!

# 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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### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

This Sunday we are drawn in to the story of the rich young man, his restless and hungry heart runs up to Jesus, kneels before Him and asks with all sincerity; what can bring me happiness? What must I do to inherit eternal life? Whilst our feet may not seem to run to Jesus with the same keenness I believe our hearts certainly beat with the same restlessness as we too incessantly ask in our coming and going; how do I get true satisfaction? Fulfilment? Eternal life? In response, after first establishing the necessity of following the natural law, Mark gives us one of my favourite lines of the Gospel. "Jesus, looking upon him loved him" It is in that look of love that the human person is challenged and changed. Challenged perhaps as his eyes reveal that this world and its treasures will fade, changed as his eyes reveal the unchanging truth of God's love for us. Here we see our true value and worth but the decision remains for us an invitation to let things go and let God in. In looking away and choosing something lesser I am reminded of my own weakness, distractions, sin and selfishness. That said I am more importantly reminded and renewed with fresh conviction that God looks at me with a steady gaze of unchanging goodness and love, a love that is always calling me to more. Lord open my eyes to see that you are my true treasure in the face of all the choices let me chose you!

Fr. Paschal

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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| DAILY                          | Morning Prayer                    | at 9.15 am            |
| CHRISTIAN MEDITATION           | Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall) | at 8.00 pm            |
| DAILY Mon-Fri                  | Rosary/Divine Mercy               | at 8.45 am            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY | Eucharistic Adoration             | Temporarily suspended |



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: Missionary Disciples**

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Please refer to the Website Home Page or External Church Notice Board for details on the **Relaxation of Covid restrictions**.

*As a Reminder: 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.*

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30) **The call to change: no his or hers.** Today, the Gospel calls us to share ALL that we have. We promised to do this on our wedding day when we said that we would change the things that come between us and develop the things that bring us together. It is this journey of change that makes our marriage the sign of Jesus' love for us all.

**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 pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Lourdes Capinanes Dinglasan, Thomas Dunne and Margaret Johanna Martini-Facio who have all recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Lourdes funeral Mass will be held here on 14<sup>th</sup> October at 11<sup>am</sup>.

**DIOCESAN 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** This weekend there will be a collection taken at all Masses for **(PACT) Prisoner's Sunday**. PACT is the national charity that provides support to prisoners, people with convictions, and their families through a range of family, court, helpline and prison and community-based services. Their vision of a society in which justice is understood as a process of restoration and healing, and where the innate dignity and worth of every human is valued.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** This has now restarted at 8.45<sup>am</sup> in Church followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet. All welcome

**MILE END NEWS:** Coffee Mornings will be resuming on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month after the 9:15<sup>am</sup> Mass at St Joseph's and will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – The Next Coffee Morning will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021. All are most welcome.

**MISSIO MAGAZINE (Autumn Edition):** Available in the church porch, please take a free copy

**CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES:** Collection from Presbytery.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE:** A further course will commence early in 2022 – Please check on Newsletter in January 2022 for details.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** There are still uncollected Gift Aid box sets in porch. Thank you.

**COMBONI MISSION APPEAL:** We have received a letter of thanks from the Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus in regards to the Parish Collection, which amounted to £1,236.78. *"We are very conscious of the fact that without people like your good Parishioners, we would be able to achieve precious little for our more disadvantaged sisters and brothers in Africa, Latin America and in Asia. The constant generosity of the Faithful never fails to deeply impress me. Pope Pius XI said that those who help an Apostle will receive the reward of an Apostle: be sure that we will pray that the Lord may reward them as only He Can."* Thank you for your generosity as always on 2<sup>nd</sup> collections and appeals from Missionaries.

**LAUDATO SI' INVITATIONS, COMMITMENTS AND ACTIONS:** The Diocese of Brentwood has launched Laudato Si' Invitations, Commitments and Actions last weekend (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> October). This is our response to the heartfelt plea from Pope Francis, *"Listen to the Cry of the Earth, the Cry of the Poor."* It is for every parishioner in the Diocese. There are lots of prayers, resources, links and ideas to help you dive deeply into what Bishop Alan names as *"an integral part of our faith"*. Please collect a leaflet and pledge card from Church Porch. Thank you.

**THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS** are a series of talks for adults who want to grow in understanding & confidence when questioned or speaking about their Catholic Faith. The talks and discussion will take place on Zoom from 4-5<sup>pm</sup> on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October: What does it mean to speak about God?** This talk will be given by Fr Mark Reilly, parish priest of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford. To join this discussion please email [adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org) For more info [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk).

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** New Rotas for the period covering end of Oct/Nov are now available in Church Porch for those covering Priory Street Masses on a Sunday. Thank you.

**SVP news:** Every year the SVP give Christmas presents to the young people in Brett House. Bernard Brett House is a specialist supported housing scheme for young homeless people at risk in the Colchester area. This year we are asking for your help. Are you able to donate a few chocolates or toiletries that can be wrapped up and give someone a lovely surprise this Christmas? There will be a box in the church porch for these to be collected in. Thank you.

**JOSIE'S KITCHEN:** Josie is looking for donations of Toiletries' to make care packages for the Homeless at Christmas. If you have any to spare, please drop in at Presbytery. Thank You.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES SUPPER CLUB:** Calling all Single Catholics for a relaxed evening out, with great company at restaurant *suppers with Bene!* Supper Club for Catholic Singles. Please contact for more details: [benesupperclub@yahoo.com](mailto:benesupperclub@yahoo.com)

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS.** During this month, prayers and Masses are said for the Faithful Departed. *November Altar Lists of dead & Envelopes* are available in the Church Porch. Please put the names of your deceased family and friends on the list and place this in the envelope along with your donation and either hand the envelope to a priest or drop the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church Entrance, please complete envelope & drop in presbytery letterbox. you.

**PARISH FINANCES:** 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 or Parish Maintenance) or in the Donation Basket situated at Church entrance & Exit
- 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. 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**

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** 18/10/21: **Team 2** (Rotas in Church porch).