

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

SEA SUNDAY

Saturday 10th	Live Stream Church	6.15 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 11th	Church	8.00 am	Dec. Mem. of the Critchley & Whiteside Family
	Church	10.30 am	Cordell's 11 th Birthday
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	3.00 pm	African Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Sybil Kathleen Lyons

Monday 12th FERIA

Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Dr. Bonny Pereira RIP
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Tuesday 13th FERIA

	Church	10.00 am	Tony Galcus RIP
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Wednesday 14th FERIA

Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Mary & John McGinley RIP
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Thursday 15th St Bonaventure, Bp, D

Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Belen & Sally (Marcelina) De Jesus RIP
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Friday 16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Patrick + Mary English RIP
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Saturday 17th Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Ints: Michael Kane
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 17th	Church	6.15 pm	Beatrice Floyd RIP
Sunday 18th	Church	8.00 am	Ints: Mrs. S. Jacobs
	Church	10.30 am	Our recently deceased
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Stan + Winifred Doble
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Olive Hewitt RIP

FACE MASKS. 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 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.

LIVE STREAM: DAILY MASSES AND A SUNDAY MASS
(Weekdays 10am, please see Schedule for Sunday Live Stream Mass Time)

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Please check out our Facebook page for Live Stream Masses and 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

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SEA SUNDAY

Week Commencing 11th July 2021

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out. The disciples have been following Jesus for a while and now they have their first assignment and mission. In the middle of our busy lives how often do we stop to ask what is my life's purpose and mission? Pope Francis gives us a wonderfully liberating answer. We are not called to hold a torch or possess a light we are not called to go on mission or be part of a great mission, no deeper still, we ourselves are a mission. It is so central to the very heart of our lives that we cannot uproot it from our lives without destroying our very selves. In and through the Spirit of love we have a mission to invite others to share in the communion of life between the Father and the Son. Whether you are a Shepherd like Amos, an Apostle like Paul a teacher, an engineer, a parent or a catechist we have been sent out in to the world to call others in to the Kingdom of God. This is why we are here on earth. We are called now to be the *now* of God. You are the unique, unrepeatable manifestation of God's beauty, power and love. Today's Gospel captures the how of mission and mission itself captures the heart of Christian life.

Fr. Paschal

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

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



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY: Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Amos 7:12-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:7-13) *Sent out in pairs.* Sending pairs out to proclaim the Good News is repeated in other parts of the New Testament, including accounts of up to forty being sent out in pairs; it is even possible this included married couples. Jesus obviously thought pairs work well together. Married couples can draw spiritual strength from their Sacrament, particularly when they're working together for the Church.

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.
- No mingling with other people you do not live with after Mass outside the Church.

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

PARISH BBQ: We will be hosting the annual **Parish BBQ on Sunday 25th July** after the **10.30_{am} Mass until 4_{pm}.** This is a chance to catch up with friends old and new whilst enjoying delicious food hot off the grill! There will be a Raffle, Entertainment from Parish groups and the chance to find out about the various Ministry roles with the opportunity to join if interested. We would be happy to accept donations for Raffle prizes and will need volunteers on the day to help set up and manage the event. Please contact Frances on 369568 if you are able to assist on the day. Everyone welcome!

MERSEA NEWS: Please use the following links for reserving seats at Mass (right click booking form and open hyperlink) alternatively, links for booking forms are on website under mass times: **Sun 18th July** [Booking Form](#)

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: SEA SUNDAY. There will be a 2nd collection taken after all Masses today for Stella Maris (*Apostleship of the Sea*), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank You.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: On most Sundays of 2021 we shall be reading from the Gospel according to Mark. In 2 new video presentations Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, demonstrates the skill with which Mark put his gospel together, and how Mark's material was used by later evangelists. The talks are accessible free of charge from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org and also on the page entitled 'Faith Talks'.

MEMORIAL MASS – Fr Tom Jordan, RIP. Marking one year since Fr Tom's death, Mass will be offered at St Edward the Confessor, Romford, on Thursday 5th August, at 6.30_{pm}. Everyone is very welcome.

MESSAGE FROM PAX CHRISTI RE PEACE SUNDAY COLLECTION: Thank you so much for your donation of £265.90. Your continued support of our work gives us great encouragement.

BCYS: "LOURDES AT YOUR LOCAL": Colchester Deanery, Tuesday 27th July. We would like to invite all Parishes in the Deanery to join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service on Tuesday 27th July at 11_{am}, for a "*Lourdes at your Local*" Mass at Our Lady of Light, Clacton-on-Sea. Mass will be presided by Bishop Alan, with Anointing of the Sick. This is one of 5 Masses for the week around the Diocese, and each Mass will be recorded and streamed online at 5_{pm} for anyone not able to attend during the day. **All ages are welcome to celebrate Mass and enjoy our virtual events.** Further details and a full itinerary are available on our website www.bcys.net/events.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK: will be on Saturday 4th September in London. To get involved or for more info info@marchforlife.co.uk

THE 11th ANNUAL GK CHESTERTON WALKING PILGRIMAGE will take place on Saturday 24th July 2021. You can sponsor Stuart as he raises funds for Good Counsel on this 27mile walk here; www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gkcwalk21. You can email prayer intentions to be prayed for along the way, to; catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk. Find details and the prayer in a number of languages

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