

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents

Saturday 10th	Church	6.15 pm	Brian James Scobey RIP
Sunday 11th	Church	8.00 am	David Anthony Hill RIP
	Church	9.15 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Donal Carey RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Ints: Fr. Neil Brett
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Private Intention
Monday 12th			SS Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga, Rel
	Church	10.00 am	Diana Catherine Lacey RIP
Tuesday 13th			Feria
	Church	10.00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Wednesday 14th			Feria
	Church	10.00 am	Ints: Maggie Rose Ganjehbaf
	Church	3.30 pm	Reception into Church: John Edward Sales RIP
Thursday 15th			St Teresa of Jesus (Avila) V, Rel, D
	Church	10.00 am	Jane Doro RIP
	Church	12.00 pm	Funeral Mass: John Edward Sales RIP
Friday 16th			St Margaret Mary Alacoque, V
	Church	10.00 am	Ivan Norfolk RIP
Saturday 17th			St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp, M
	Church	10.00 am	Frances Ellen Conner RIP

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

World Mission Day

Saturday 17th	Church	6.15 pm	Hector Silva RIP
Sunday 18th	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	9.15 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Andrew Morton RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Sam, Edward + Bernard Harrison RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Tony Dixon 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 3yrs)

There is no obligation for the faithful to attend Sunday Mass. You can attend Mass on any weekday.

- ❖ 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 morning or evening mass.
- ❖ 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.

 Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news + clergy photos and videos. Please remember to like and follow our page.

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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WEEK COMMENCING 11TH OCTOBER 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE

A friend of mine once asked, "wont heaven be boring?" On one hand I was shocked by his question (how could you say that) On the other hand, the honesty of his question intrigued me. After all, who really wants to sit on a cloud in the sky bored out of your eyes for all eternity? The truth is, *what we believe about heaven shapes and defines what we believe and practice in life.*

In the first reading Isaiah describes heaven as a banquet on a mountain where there will be the finest foods and the richest of wines (Isa 25). Even this is only a faint picture compared to the reality. Trying to describe heaven is like trying to explain colour to a man born blind or trying to explain the fragrances of Chanel to a woman who cannot smell. For now, we struggle with illustrations and shadows, however, then we will see with clarity what no eye has seen, hear what no ear has heard and possess the awesome fullness of a deep lasting loving relationship with God (1 Cor 2:9).

Now we are pilgrims then we will be at home. If we get too attached to the things of the journey, we might miss the destination (Matt 22:11). Let us strive in our prayer to think of the things that are above, heaven our true home (Col 3:2). Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for him **now**, for they shall be satisfied in him **then**.

Fr. Paschal

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer at 9.45 _{am}	from Monday 12 th October
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	All Temporarily suspended
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 _{pm})	

Dear Parishioners and Friends,
Covid-19 still presents many challenges to us all. It can seem at times overwhelming but 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 :-

- 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) and that you wear it so that it covers both your mouth and nose.
- When chatting with people from outside your household (or bubble), before or after Mass, you must maintain social distancing. If you are wearing a mask, this means a minimum of one-metre distance. If you are not wearing a mask: two metres distance is essential.
- 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.
- We are still required to have stewards at every Mass and after the service; the church will be cleaned in readiness for the next Mass.

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 POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

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 Leslie MacDonald and Patricia Cawtheray who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Leslie and Patricia's funeral details are to be advised.

2nd COLLECTIONS: A basket is at the church exit for your donations. (PACT) Prisoners Sunday today 11th October and (APF) World Mission Day next Sunday 18th October. The Donation form for World Mission Day is at the back of the August Edition of *Mission Today*. Please take a free copy of magazine, which is available in the church porch. Thank You.

CHRISTMAS CRIB: This year we are hoping to have an outdoor Christmas nativity scene in the Church forecourt (*in front of the Church*) as well as the nativity scene/crib in the Lady Chapel inside Church. If anyone feels like they could help to build this, please can you contact Fr Chris on 01206 866317 or speak to him after mass. Let us make our Church a beacon of light for what has been for many parishioners a time of darkness and bring the true spirit of Christmas for all to enjoy - that the birth of Jesus *'is the reason for the season'*!

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Isaiah 25:6-10 Phil 4:12-14 Matt 22:1-4) **Add another stitch.** God our Father invites us all to His great wedding feast in heaven! In living out our married life, we have been making our wedding garments! It is woven, sewn and stitched with all the little acts of loving kindness, long forgotten, the courtesies in every little action we show toward each other, our children, family and friends.

MERSEA NEWS: Mass Bookings will continue at Mersea in order to control numbers attending. Please use the following links for masses over the next 5 weekends (right click booking form and open hyperlink) alternatively, links for booking forms are on website under mass times: -

Sunday 18th October [Booking Form](#) Sunday 1st November [Booking Form](#)
Sunday 25th October [Booking Form](#) Sunday 8th November [Booking Form](#)

CONTACT REQUEST: We have received a cheque from M. T. Williams - please can you contact the presbytery on 01206 866317. Many thanks

THANK YOU: Our thanks to Colin for the kind donation of winter pansies for the hanging baskets outside our church and to both Colin and Armando for all their hard work on the baskets and church forecourt. They will be a sight to behold come winter. Thank you

NHS COVID-19 APP: This is now available to download on your mobile device for free <https://covid19.nhs.uk/>. It is part of the NHS Test and Trace service to help stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The app includes contact tracing, local area alerts and venue check-in. The Government is urging people across England and Wales to download it to help control the spread of coronavirus and protect themselves and their loved ones as case numbers rise. The QR Code is on a poster at entrance to church for scanning via the app.

PARISH FINANCES: Some people have experienced financial hardship during the lockdown and face uncertain financial futures. Our parish has also experienced the challenge of much reduced finances, which is a serious concern. 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

BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society): Paper copies of the Autumn Newsletter are not being sent out this year, but a downloadable version is available to read and the link for this is: - https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/5316/0147/4309/bccs_Newsletter_Autumn_2020.pdf

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL: The hall is closed and all group activity suspended until further notice.
SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society): Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com