

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

[Remembrance day]

Saturday November 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs Milford RIP
Sunday November 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Miriam Murray RIP
	10:30 am	Derek Harvey RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5:00 pm	Holy Hour
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
West Mersea	8:30 am	Bernadette Boyle RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Yadi Khodaverdi RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Bert Hewitt RIP

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> *Feria*  
 Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> *Feria*  
 Church 9:30 am Martin Coughlin RIP

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> *Feria*  
 Church 12:15 pm Lester Robert William RIP

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> *St Edmund of Abingdon [Rich] Bp*  
 Church 9:30 am Intentions: Thelma Cullen

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> *St Elizabeth of Hungary*  
 Church 9:30 am Ann de Smith RIP

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> *Feria*  
 Church 9:30 am Margareta Wright RIP

### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday November 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
Sunday November 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Miriam Murray RIP
	10:30 am	Alard Family RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Elaine Proudfoot RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	November Dead List
Mile End	9:15 am	Ernest Jardim RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm**  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required**

### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

[Remembrance Day]

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What is the Lord asking of us in the Gospel? Stay awake, we might reply. However, all ten bridesmaids fall asleep, so the call to stay awake seems odd. It is principally a matter of translation, as 'awake' could also be expressed as, alert or watchful or ready; the verb also has the sense of 'rise up' (and relates to the word used for Resurrection). In the parable the key to being ready lies in the flasks of oil, that is all that distinguishes the two groups. We also need to note the place of the parable in the Gospel, the section to which it belongs gathers together several parables and exhortations from Jesus, all of which relate to the end of days. There will be a final reckoning for the whole world when Christ comes again, in glory, but before then people continue to meet their own end when they die. Jesus puts before us the certainty of God's final and complete victory when all will be made new and the Kingdom of God will be revealed in its fullness so as to provide the setting for our own life and hence our death. The flasks of oil represent the response we have made to God's grace in this life. The foolish bridesmaids have heard the Gospel, they can say, 'Lord, Lord' but they have not put the Gospel into practice, they have ignored grace. We might observe here that Baptism is a wonderful gift but it is not magic, none of the Sacraments are. The Sacraments are given that they might be used by us in order to build up God's Kingdom, otherwise we are merely standing idly by.

Fr Chris

**Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes**

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, 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, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire.

**UPDATE – FR TONY:** Fr Tony had an operation last Thursday; he is still in recovery. Please continue to pray for him. Get Well cards can be sent via the Presbytery to be taken to him in hospital.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Maureen Keane-Millar, Maureen Sheeran and Mary Powling. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families. Maureen Keane-Millar's funeral will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> November at Colchester Crematorium at 1:15pm; Maureen Sheeran's funeral will take place here at Priory Street on 28<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. The funeral of Mary Powling has yet to be arranged.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>:** This week we are requesting biscuits, cakes – or ingredients for cakes, items for the tombola and children's toys in good condition. Thank you as always. Frances 369568; Norah 503410.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS AND DIARIES:** On sale in the Repository after the 10:30am Sunday Mass.

**FILMS FOR FAITH:** The next showing – “St Francis of Assisi” is this Wednesday,. All are welcome and refreshments will be provided in the Crypt at 1pm for a 1:15pm start.

**ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL:** Are looking for a School Cleaner. Hours 3:30-5:30pm, 5 days a week, term time only. Salary: £7.83 per hour. Please contact the School Office for further details on 01206 865722.

**St Thomas More's School Draft Admissions Policy 2019-2020:** The draft admissions policy for St Thomas More's School for 2019-2020 is available to view under the admissions tab on the school website [www.stthomasmores.co.uk](http://www.stthomasmores.co.uk).

**TEACHING VACANCY:** St Peter's Catholic Primary School in Dagenham is urgently seeking a teacher for our 12 place ARP. We have 12 fabulous children from Rec to Y6 with communication difficulties but who integrate in main school in the afternoons. Please call me if you are remotely interested in a January start. Salary negotiable according to experience. Daniel Craft HT 0208 2706524

**ABBOTSWICK–** Mass for the Holy Souls. In particular remembrance of those whose ashes are interred and those who are remembered with plaques and memorials at Abbotswick, Mass will be offered at 2.30pm on Sunday 19th November, in our “building works chapel” in the coach house at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, Brentwood, CM14 5SH). The Mass will be followed by tea and cakes. All are welcome, and if you would like to stroll the grounds before Mass, please feel welcome to arrive any time from 1.00pm. You can just turn up, but it will help to knowletter if you are coming: please call Fr Dominic on 01277 373959 or email [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL** invites you to a special Mission and an opportunity to renew your faith. Monday 20th - Friday 24th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral each evening. For more information go to [www.cathedral-brentwood.org](http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org). Everybody welcome.

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** from all four Mass centres are invited to attend a meeting in the Church at Priory St. on Saturday December 2nd, 4pm. There will be some spiritual input and also discussion on practical matters. The gathering will end by 5pm, probably earlier. I hope that as many Ministers as possible will attend

*Fr Chris*

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN ADVENT: Lectio Divina** from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 5pm in the Crypt.

**Day of Reflection:** Saturday 9th December in Bourne Hall. Last year we reflected on the material circumstances of Jesus' birth and the outcasts and foreigners who were its witnesses. This year the focus is on Jesus, the Eternal Word.

**LOURDES:** 2nd April (Easter Monday) -7th April inclusive 5 nights/6days 2018 St. Helen's Parish Westcliff-on-Sea annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. Flying from Heathrow airport B.A. to France luxury coach transfer to 4\* Hotel. Price includes 23kilos luggage allowance. We welcome pilgrims from any parish to join us, you will be made most welcome. Price is £630 per Adult based on two Adults sharing double room. Generous discounts for children. Full board basis. If you prefer to go direct to the airport we can meet you there!! Under the spiritual direction of Fr. Joseph Whisstock. Further details please contact Sue on 07979746707 or Parish office mornings on 01702 342324.

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) 07758 805263  
**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: THURSDAY, November 13<sup>TH</sup> – Team 3.**