

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)			
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Monkwick	5.00 pm	The Persecuted Christians in Manipur State in India
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	The Persecuted Christians in Manipur State in India
	Church	10.30 am	The Persecuted Christians in Manipur State in India
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	The Persecuted Christians in Manipur State in India
	Mile End	9.30 am	The Persecuted Christians in Manipur State in India
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Maximillian Kolbe, Pr, M</b>		
	Church	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield
	West Mersea	7.30 pm	Ann Lambourne RIP
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION</b>	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: S. J. + Family
	Church	12.15 pm	Ints: Chinenye Stella Egeolu
	Church	7.30 pm	Pravin RIP
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: S.J. + Family
	West Mersea	1.30 pm	<b>FUNERAL SERVICE:</b> Nora Theresa McKnight RIP
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Marco
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Helena, Patroness of Colchester</b>		
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: R. J.
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
	Church	12.30 pm	Private Intention
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)			
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Special Intentions
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Ints: Mary Bulalague
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Anniversary: Daniel Milgate RIP
	Mile End	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Marriage Preparation: Please be aware that 6 months' notice of intention for Marriage is required especially if marrying outside the Parish. Couples who are planning to get married should contact us **at least 6 months** in advance. Thank you.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00pm Mass (Monkwick).
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church entrance, A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** [colchester@brcdt.org](mailto:colchester@brcdt.org)
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# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

### WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

### Week Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023

As a rapturous crowd of 500,000 young people greeted our Holy Father Pope Francis last week, the air was thick with excitement, joy and anticipation. Pope Francis proceeded to tell us and to tell you that *"God calls you by name...as you are ..yes his heart beats uniquely for you."* Whilst algorithms and social media know things about us, God knows us and has called us to authentic happiness. A happiness that does not consist in accumulation of things but a commitment of heart *"putting your life on the line"* for Christ. These days continue to be filled with exuberance fellowship, reflection and joy. The beauty of Lisbon its sounds, sites, and scenes is mirroring the beauty of God's work in our hearts. All of us a unique Master piece being called to the Masters peace. Prayers for you all.

Fr. Paschal

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

<b>DAILY (Mon-Fri)</b>	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<b>at 8.45 am</b>
<b>DAILY</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>at 9.15 am</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 8.00 pm</b>
<b>ADORATION &amp; PRAYER</b>	Thursdays	<b>at 7.30 pm</b>



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: *For World Youth Day.*** We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (1 Kings 9:9, 11-13 Rom 9:1-5 Matt 14:22-33) ***Walking on water....falling through fear.*** Peter got out of the boat but, with fear of sinking, he took his eyes off Jesus. Life today is like travelling in a small boat on the rough sea of secularism that mocks religion and seeks to end traditional marriage. Life's storms can change into a gentler breeze when we get out of our boat and walk with Jesus.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Diana Irvén, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Joyce Wrobel, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Jason McLean, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ann Lambourn & Luz De Castro who have both recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective families and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Funeral details to be advised.

**SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING:** Anyone who has half-an-hour to spare after Mass is most welcome stay for coffee and biscuits after 10.30am Mass on Sundays. This is a chance to catch up in the spirit of friendship and community. Everyone is warmly invited.

**CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS:** We are still looking for a couple of volunteers for Cleaning Teams 1 + 3 as many hands make light work. If you are able to volunteer about 2 hrs every 5 weeks, please contact Linda in the Presbytery office (01206 866317) Thanks.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CHURCH FLOWER GROUP:** We have a gifted group of flower arrangers here who work hard to ensure that there are always flowers on display in the church, and in particular for the major events during the year like Christmas & Easter. We are a small friendli team working on a rota, with 3 teams and each team taking a fortnight at a time, usually on a Friday morning. No experience is necessary simply enthusiasm and the physical ability to assist as we all teach and help each other. Flower arranging is an enjoyable ministry, if you are interested in getting involved please contact Jane Hopgood 07761557375 or email: [janehopgood735@gmail.com](mailto:janehopgood735@gmail.com) We look forward to welcoming new members to our group.

**DIOCESAN MASS TO CELEBRATE MISSIO:** Fr. Patrick Daly, Diocesan Director for Missio, invites all Red Box holders and supporters of Missio to a Diocesan Mass on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Our Lady of Light and St. Osyth Catholic Church, Clacton On Sea from 11am-3pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and cake are provided. Please reply by email at [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) or tel: 07593 544622 if you are planning to attend. Please could you also let Cathy Scott know on 07930 639575.

**FR PASCHAL:** A leaving reception will take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September in Cardinal Bourne Hall following the 10.30am Mass – All parishioners are warmly invited to say their farewells to Fr Paschal.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The next Procession will take place today (Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August) after the 2.30pm Mass and will be followed by the Rosary.



**CUPPA CLUB:** We meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in the Hall. This is an opportunity to relax and catch up with others from the local community. We are always pleased to see a new face and offer a warm welcome to newcomers!

**COULD YOU DONATE TOOTHBRUSHES & DISPOSABLE RAZORS FOR REFUGEES?** Founded in 2017 after the demolition of 'The Jungle' refugee camp in Calais, Roots, a charity based in Dunkirk, provides displaced people with essential basic services such as drinking water, hot showers, waste management and access to electricity. Calais Light has sourced deliveries of toiletries from corporate donors for Roots, but none have offered toothbrushes or disposable razors, which are now really needed. Roots has plenty of toothpaste! Could you add a pack of disposable razors and / or a couple of toothbrushes to your weekly shop?

**COULD YOU BE A VOLUNTEER FOR THE REFUGEE CHARITY CALAIS LIGHT?** We're recruiting NEW volunteers to support refugees in two N.Essex bridging hotels. Volunteer activities are open to anyone from chatting with refugees to playing board games, going for local walks, teaching English (spoken & written) and orienting them to life in the UK. Volunteers can help weekly or fortnightly, to find out more please contact the Lead Volunteer, John Bradley at: [johnbradley9255@gmail.com](mailto:johnbradley9255@gmail.com) If you are able to support financially, please donate via the website [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com)

**ENGLISH HERITAGE DAY:** The church will be open on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am-4.00pm for English Heritage day.

**THE LEGION OF MARY** are inviting all parishioners to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (which occurs on the 15<sup>th</sup>) with us on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August at St. Teresa's catholic church Hall, Lexden. This will start at 12 noon with a Holy Hour in the church with the Angelus, Rosary, songs and prayers and Eucharistic Adoration. It will be followed by a gathering in the hall with food and drinks from 1 pm. All parishioners are welcome.

**YEAR 13 RETREAT AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE IN SEPTEMBER:** Will you be in Year 13 this September? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? If so, Year 13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There are 2 retreats on 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September or 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> September and the cost is £35. Please visit [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) for further details or email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org)

**BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES:** If your child has made these sacraments, Certificates can be collected from Presbytery.

**RED MISSIO BOXES:** Please collect your emptied boxes from the Presbytery Office.

**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.

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTA: -**  
Monday 14/08/23: **Team 4** / Friday 25/08/23: **Team 5** / Thursday 31/08/23: **Team 1**

**COFFEE MORNING (HALL): -**  
13/08/23: Diane & Adrian / 20/08/23: The O'Sullivans / 27/08/23: Peggy & Anne