

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Saturday 15th	Church	6.15 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 16th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Ints: Obiageri Egeolu
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	John Dolamore RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	John Dolamore RIP
Live Stream	Monkwick	10.15 am	Parishioners
Monday 17th	Feria		
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Athene Jones RIP
Tuesday 18th	Feria		
	Church	10.00 am	Arlene Taer + Rudy Tavera RIP
Private Service	Church	11.30 am	Funeral Mass: Frances Poppy Norman RIP
Wednesday 19th	Feria		
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Pat Joe McGinley RIP
Private Service	West Mersea	11.45 am	Funeral Mass: Peter Louis Roberts RIP
Thursday 20th	Feria		
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Rod Hume RIP
Friday 21st	Feria		
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Ints: Jim Lyons
Saturday 22nd	St Rita of Cascia, Rel		
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Jean Silk RIP

PENTECOST SUNDAY (B) (Day of Prayer for the Church)

Saturday 22nd	Live Stream	Church	6.15 pm	Dec. Mem. Zepeda Faria Fam
Sunday 23rd		Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
		Church	10.30 am	Private Intentions (S.J.)
		Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
		Church	6.30 pm	Ints: A. Harley
		West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intentions
		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 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)

St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester

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

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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Week Commencing 16th May 2021

This Sunday's Gospel is part of what is known as the priestly prayer of Jesus, uttered at the last supper, because in it he makes it clear that in his Passion and death he is the Lamb of sacrifice and also the priest who offers the sacrifice (himself). He prays that we might be consecrated, in other words dedicated, to the truth. Every validly baptised person, at the moment of their baptism, begins to share in the priesthood of Christ. It is the priesthood of all the faithful (on which the distinct ordained ministry builds). We can call to mind the words of St. Paul, 'With Christ I hang upon the cross'. In baptism we are joined to Christ on the cross and so we also share in his priesthood. The baptised exercise their priesthood when they offer themselves, in their thoughts, words and deeds, to the Father as Jesus did in his daily life and especially on the cross. Every baptised person who lives up to their vocation thereby helps build up the Church, the Body of Christ, which is the new creation in its beginnings. The world, in the Gospel passage, is the old order which is passing away.

Fr. Chris

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 MAY: *The World of Finance*

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 1John 4: 11-16 John 17: 11-19) **Strive for unity.** Since even before we married, we have worked to bring about unity in our love relationship. Today we are reminded that by loving one another; "*God will live in us and His love will be complete in us*". Let's take a moment to hold hands, look at each other and say "you are my beloved 'till the end of time".

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

VOLUNTEER CHURCH STEWARDS. We require a volunteer Steward for Reception into Church 27th May at 4.00_{pm}. **Please contact the Presbytery if you are able to assist. Thank you.**

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 23rd May: [Booking Form](#) **Sun 30th May** [Booking Form](#) **Sun 6th June** [Booking Form](#)

FAITH FOR THE FAMILY: This will be a short friendly interactive discussion with Fr Paschal on each Sundays Gospel readings on Mondays at 5_{pm} (via Zoom) lasting approx. 30 mins. It would be great if all family members (all ages) could drop by, you don't have to commit to weekly! If interested in participating - Meeting ID: 843 2602 2208/ Passcode: 883004. We hope to see you there.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN: Final dates below for last year's candidates to complete their Holy Communion course and make their Holy Communion: -

- **Session 3:** Saturday 29th May 2021 from 2-5_{pm} in Cardinal Bourne Hall;
1st Holy Communion Mass - Saturday 5th June @ 12.30_{pm} (Arrival in Church 12.15_{pm})
- **Session 4:** Saturday 12th June 2021 from 2-5_{pm} in Cardinal Bourne Hall;
1st Holy Communion Mass -Saturday 19th June @ 12.30_{pm} (Arrival in Church 12.15_{pm})

Please call the Presbytery office On 01206 866317 to reserve your child's place and advise which Session they can attend (first come/first served basis). **Please note that we require volunteers to act as Stewards to assist (this can be Parents). Thank you.**

SVP APPEAL: we have had a request for children's clothes for a baby (6-12 months) and a little boy (2-3 years). If you can help please drop them off at the Presbytery and we will ensure that they go to the family in need. We have continued to support our beneficiaries throughout this difficult year but as always, if you know of anyone who is in need of help please let us know. Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Last year's candidates will be making their confirmation at 4_{pm} on 23rd May 2021 and they have been completing the confirmation course via zoom with Fr Paschal each Saturday. If your child started the course last year and you have not been attended these meetings, please email for info and link colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org

DIOCESAN VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM (Saturday 29th May): Bishop Alan will lead a virtual pilgrimage from the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, which we can join using the Shrine's live-streaming service via their website www.walsingham.org.uk or their YouTube channel 'Walsingham Catholic TV'

POPE FRANCIS has invited Catholics and 30 Marian Shrines around the world, including the Shrine at Walsingham, to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. For links to all the shrines and the dates they will be streaming the Rosary please see this link <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-05/shrines-around-the-world-linked-for-recitation-of-the-rosary.html>

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: available for collection from the Church Porch. Thank 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

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society): Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com