

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B] [Home Mission Day]

Saturday 15th	6.15 pm	Hector Silva RIP
Sunday 16th	8:00 am	Thanksgiving
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Ints: Mr Thomas (Tom) McElroy
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Veronica Smith RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Leslie Hawken RIP

Monday 17th		MONDAY - FERIA
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Thomas McElroy
Tuesday 18th		TUESDAY - FERIA
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Martin Mercy & Emmanuela
Wednesday 19th		WEDNESDAY - FERIA
<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	A. Lowe & Associates RIP
Thursday 20th		THURSDAY - St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Comps
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Dionys RIP
Friday 21st		FRIDAY - St Matthew
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	
Saturday 22nd		SATURDAY - FERIA
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday 22nd	6.15 pm	
Sunday 23rd	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Ints: Anna Dominique
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Bert Hewitt RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (confession): Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE: www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org under events where a list of course dates are available

COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL: If you would like to arrange for a priest to visit a Catholic relative in hospital please contact the presbytery direct on (01206) 866317, we can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the patient so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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Today, the Gospel explains the basis of our Faith as acceptance of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God and our Lord and Saviour. It also tells us that Jesus Christ became our Saviour by his suffering, death and resurrection. Finally, it outlines the three conditions of Christian discipleship, namely, denying oneself, taking up one's cross and following Jesus. Jesus saw aspects of his own life and mission foreshadowed in Isaiah's Servant Songs. Hence, while in the Gospel, Jesus foretells his passion, death and Resurrection for the first time, in response to Peter's profession of Faith in him as God's Messiah and Saviour. A large portion of the Third Song of the Suffering Servant in the first reading today provides the background for the revelation of Jesus as the suffering Messiah and it describes Jesus' life was one of radical obedience and conformity to God's will. James in the second reading reminds us that suffering is not only something to be accepted but also something to be alleviated. Hence our Faith in Jesus, should help us to alleviate suffering in others by our works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual.

Fr John

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	8:30am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:50am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	following 8.00am Mass
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: Please join with Pope Francis in praying for **Young People in Africa:** That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Vicky Culham, Peter Ledgley

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism Isaac. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend there will be a collection for Home Mission Day.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Thursday 27th September 2018** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the Course. [If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office].

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS [RCIA]: Journey in Faith or RCIA is the process developed by the Catholic Church for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, teachings and practices with a view to becoming Catholics, or for those who have a background in the Catholic Faith but who have not yet been confirmed, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Sessions are held weekly from 7pm to 8.30pm on Thursday evening in the Crypt of the church. They will run from October until Easter. The start date for 2018 will be October 4th at 7pm. To register your interest please, give your name and contact details to one of the priests or contact Cathy O'Connor 01206 735623 There will be an open evening for information on **September 20th at 7pm**. Entrance to the Crypt is through the Church. Cathy O'Connor cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CONFIRMATION COURSE: Confirmation classes will begin today **Sunday 16th September** with our first parent and candidate session at **12:00** after the 10:30 mass in the crypt (Entrance to Crypt via Cardinal Bourne Hall). Information packs are available at the back of church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018/2019: Dates have now been agreed and the Programme will start in November. The parish offers this course for young people in school year 3 and above. Information packs are available at the back of church. For further information contact Hywel and Pam Edwards via prioryst_fhc@btinternet.com or 01206 867325.

INTERESTED IN CATECHESIS - If you are interested in helping on the various sacramental preparation courses available in the parish why not have a chat with the existing teams? Members of the Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation teams will be available in the crypt after Mass on **Sunday 7th October** - no pressure, we'll even buy you a coffee or tea! If you can't make it see Hywel Edwards after the 10:30 Mass any week.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

THURSDAY SOCIAL GROUP: Every Thursday from **10.30am to 1.30pm** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Everyone is warmly invited to join this friendly social group.

MONASTIC SISTERS CHOIR of ST. ELISABETH CONVENT, BELARUS (UK tour): will be holding a concert in St James the Less and St Helen Church on **Friday 5th October;** concert start time **7pm**. The programme for each concert is presented in two sections. The 1st part consists of church hymns based on ancient chants. The 2nd part follows up with well-known and popular church songs and canticles, the beauty and wisdom of which lies in their simplicity and uniqueness led by choir master Sister Iuliana (Denisova) author of more than 150 church songs and chants, harmonisations and variations. No ticket fee only a voluntary donation. There will also be an exhibition of their crafts and CDs for sale. Please join us for this special event.

RIDE & STRIDE: Thank you to everyone who participated in this event and we hope you enjoyed your day. **MESSAGE FROM JANE HARGREAVES:** "I have completed the Ride and Stride, visiting 45 Churches on 8th September. Please give your sponsorship money to me or leave it, labelled, at the Parish Office. Thank you to all who supported me. Jane Hargreaves"

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP: Musical Magic and Mayhem to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Lesley and Claire running the group. A glittering evening of past songs from musicals and films. **28th and 29th September** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, 7.30 pm. Door open 7.00. Tickets £5 for adults and £2.50 children and concessions. For more information please contact Lesley (01206) 970960.

KSC (Knights of St Columba): Day of Prayer & Reflection at Clare Priory on **Saturday 29th September** commencing with mass in the village RC Church (Adjacent to the Priory) @ 10am. The day should finish @ 4pm. £16.00 pp - bring your own packed lunch. Refreshments provided. Please contact Ron Griffin (01206) 571590 or Michael Irvine (01206) 854803 if you wish to come or if you would like a lift as we will not be running a coach.

AFTERNOON TEA & CHILDRENS FESTIVAL OF DANCE: in Cardinal Bourne Hall on **Saturday 6th October from 3-5pm**. Food and a raffle. If you would like a group of children to present their native/cultural dancing on the afternoon, please contact Norah (01206) 503410 or Frances (01206) 369568. Adults £6 / Children under 12yrs £3. All are most welcome.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: *Beginning Experience* from **5th to 7th October 2018**. There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.

A DAY OF REFLECTION & ENRICHMENT FOR READERS: Saturday, 20th October 10am-3:30pm at The Becket Centre, St Thomas of Canterbury, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB. For info, contact adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org or Bernadette at richardebling@btinternet.com

BCYS ANNUAL YOUTH GATHER: 20th - 21st October 2018: Please see posters in porch.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL: If you would like to help the current Stewards of the Gospel or just know more about their task, there are a series of events over the next 9 months. Please look on the parish Website or contact Jane Hargreaves; 01206 734241 ; jmowens@doctors.org.uk

ALL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A SAFETY REP TRAINING SESSION ON WED 19TH SEPTEMBER @ 7.30pm IN CRYPT – Please see poster in porch

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society): Telephone number - 07493 439427.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com or Tel: 07758 805263 [answerphone only – please leave a message]

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 17th September 2018: Team 3.