

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – [Racial Justice Day]

Saturday 16th	6.15 pm	Mrs Oksana Zakhleniuk RIP
Sunday 17th	8:00 am	Private Intention
	10:30 am	Nora Tighe RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Thanksgiving
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Giovanni Dimech RIP
Monday 18th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas
Tuesday 19th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Michael & Ellen Kate Conlon RIP
Wednesday 20th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	Rose Donovan RIP
Thursday 21st		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Dr. Halley Mathew RIP
Friday 22nd		THE CHAIR OF ST PETER FEAST
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Desmond Worley RIP
<i>Colchester Hospital Chapel</i>	12.00 pm	Thomas & Bridget Lohan RIP
Saturday 23rd		St Polycarp, Bp, M
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	K. Dodd RIP + Fam

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 23rd	6.15 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 24th	8:00 am	Mr Alfie Heaney RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Private Intentions
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Stephen Hill RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Martin Coughlin RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Peter McCartney 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 is 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
1 PARISH , 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



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Today's readings teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, and when we work to uplift them, thus declaring our "option for the poor," as Jesus did. Contrary to the popular belief, wealth, health, power and influence are not the source of true happiness. The word "beatitude" means "blessedness" in a double sense: both enjoying God's favor and enjoying true or supreme happiness. What makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for the Faith but living these in the context of our commitment to Jesus and His spirit of sharing

Fr. John

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 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 FEBRUARY: "Human Trafficking"

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Our calling is to love one another.* Does 'the world speak well of me'? God wants us to use our talents to fulfil His plan, not for our own glory. His plan for marriage is that we love each other before everything else, which means listening deeply. When I focus on doing any job I need to ask: 'How do you need to be loved just now?'

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Dykes who has recently died. May she rest in peace. We also pray for the comfort of her bereaved family and friends. Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Logan Thomas Johnson, Tife Osikomaiya and Daria Gabriella Colac.** God bless these children and congratulations to their respective families.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTIONS: After all masses this Sunday there will be a 2nd collection for Racial Justice Sunday; Funds received will be used for promoting racial justice in England and Wales.

GIFT AID: Are you out of *Special Collection Envelopes* ? You can still donate using a plain envelope and adding your number from your Gift Set.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Thursday: 28th February 2019** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary. *[If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office].*

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is this Wednesday, **27th February**, with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening St. Paul. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

RCIA: Reminder there will be no meeting on Thursday 21st February (half term).

100 CLUB DRAW WINNERS: The winners in the January Club Draw are: 1st Valerie Thurston; 2nd Bernadette Morrison-Ebling; 3rd Mike Andrews. Congratulations!

CHURCH CAR PARK: The Church car park is closed due to fire damage to the garages; Please **DO NOT** park across the entrance as priests need access at all times! Last Sunday Fr Chris was unable to get to a mass centre due to vehicle obstruction.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Parish Events): -

- **PRIORY THEATRE GROUP** are holding auditions for their September performance "*Thurpernatural hotel*" on the **5th March 2019** in the Cardinal Bourne hall at 7.00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please come along or contact Lesley (01206) 628003 for more details.
- **LENT TALKS:** A new venture this Lent: we have speakers on Lent-related themes every Friday evening in Lent. A poster with the programme is at the back of the church. Please do support this initiative of Father Chris. We need a good crowd in the hall at 7.30pm, to welcome our first speaker, **Sr Helen Costigane on March 8th**. Admission Free. All are welcome.
- **ST PATRICK'S DANCE: Saturday 16th March** from 7.30pm -10.30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall with Good food, live entertainment, dancers, singing. Prize Raffle, tea and coffee provided; bring you own drinks. Tickets £12.00 Adults + £6.00 children aged 6-12years. For Tickets contact Frances on (01206) 369568.
- **RACE NIGHT:** the SVP are holding a Race Night on **Saturday, 27th April** from 7.00pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall. All welcome. More info to follow.

MILE END NEWS: Coffee Morning on **3rd March** after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

A DAY OF FORMATION: working with and for our Youth. The Vicariate for Evangelisation are organising a formation day with Fr Dominic Howarth on **Saturday 9th March** in Hornchurch. This is for you if you are working with youth or you are interested in employing a youth co-ordinator. To sign up please use the Doodle link below or email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org or <https://doodle.com/poll/n9ptqbmqqvvhmbm7c> Time: 10 am – 3 pm.

(BCCS) BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY Anniversary Concert: We are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio '**The Priests**' have agreed to hold an Anniversary Concert for us on **Saturday 15th June 2019** at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. Early bird tickets are available now at a special price of £15 plus booking fee until 1st March after which all tickets will be £20 plus fee. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite – www.eventbrite.co.uk - look for **The Priests** under **Event**, or click the link on our website www.bccs.org.uk under **Our 35th Anniversary/Anniversary Events**. We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21- 26 July, under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams. For details see leaflet or contact Pilgrimage Administrator, Mrs. Cathy O'Connor (01206) 735623 or email cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org

LANDINGS: We are holding a workshop to explain what *Landings* is and to see what it would look like in your parish. On **Saturday 23 February at 11 am-3 pm** at Conference Centre, Brentwood Cathedral, Ingrave Road, CM15 8AT. email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org OR Click to register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/landings-welcoming-back-catholics-tickets-55639104058?aff=affiliate1> Jane Hargreaves has 3 spaces in her car if you are interested in attending and would like a lift – Tel: (01206) 734241.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS (Lent 2019): Are now available at £1 each

❖ SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society): Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com
❖ CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com or Tel: 07758 805263 [answerphone only – please leave a message with contact number].

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 18th February: Team 3. *2019 Cleaning Rotas in porch.*