

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Evangelii Gaudium Day

Saturday 16th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Robbie RIP
Sunday 17th	Church	8.00 am	Sarah Betts
	Church	10.30 am	Mem .Int: Donovan & Southon Families
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	A. A. Akpa RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Ints: David Rodrigues
Monday 18th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Tuesday 19th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield
Wednesday 20th			St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Pr, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Comps, Mm
	Church	9.30 am	Bridget Lloyd
Thursday 21st			ST MATTHEW, AP, Evangelist
	Church	9.30 am	Cyril Farrell RIP
Friday 22nd			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Rene Ager RIP
Saturday 23rd			St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Pr
	Church	9.30 am	Galvin + Panchio Family RIP
			TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Saturday 23rd	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Ints: Grace McCartney
Sunday 24th	Church	8.00 am	Ints: Mary Sherry Lane Bulalauque
	Church	10.30 am	Doris Driscoll RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Anniversary: Barry Fitzgerald 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
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

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.



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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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Week Commencing 17th September 2023

I am deeply humbled and honoured to join this wonderful Parish of St James the Less and St Helen as an assistant priest. With the warm welcome given to me by Monsignor Chris and you all, I already feel so much at home. With great sense of humility, I embrace this opportunity to serve you the best way I can. I look forward to getting to know you more, sharing in your joys, and challenges, and walking together with you on our faith journey. This journey will be guided by love, compassion, and friendship. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all, Amen.

Fr. Philip

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

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



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: *For people living on the margins.* We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Eccles 27:30-28:7 Rom 14:7-9 Matt 18: 21- 35) ***The call to forgive.*** How can I love my spouse and bring life? We are called to set aside resentment, to listen gently to our beloved, seeking understanding. In today's gospel, the servant who is forgiven refuses to forgive the man who owes him. God forgives us everything, but are we willing to let go of the hurts we have experienced via our spouse?

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Roger Kemp, Margaret Brookes, 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 soul of John Patrick Cresswell who has recently passed away. The parish community offers his family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. John's funeral details to be advised.

NEXT 2nd COLLECTION: After all Masses today there will be a 2nd collection taken for *Evangelii Gaudium Day*. *Evangelii Gaudium – Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer*. *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “*Evangelii Gaudium*” is Latin for “*Joy of the Gospel*”. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through: Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023. Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024. To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions, which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday> A range of resources are being prepared for the Year of Prayer in 2024 which include a course on the Lord's Prayer from small groups for Lent, encouragement to try different ways of praying from the tradition of the Church. The Mission Directorate will be supporting the Jubilee co-ordinator appointed by each diocese. Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP TBNG, A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us on the weekend of 24th September to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated - when you help the poor you help our Lord. Please do take a look!



CUPPA CLUB: We meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in the Hall.

MISSIO VOLUNTEER PARISH REPRESENTATIVE (Missio Red Boxes): We are currently looking for a volunteer to take on the role of the Missio representative for this Parish. For further details on this position, please speak to Fr Chris.

QUIET DAY FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION on September 23rd at St Mary's Church, Maldon, CM9 5HW. A lovely venue by the river. Further info in porch or from Valerie Quinlivan 07941903227.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING: Anyone who has half-an-hour to spare after Mass is most welcome to 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 NEEDED: keeping our place of worship glorious for The Lord. Volunteers are desperately needed to keep our church looking clean and welcoming. If you can spare 1-2 hours per month to help clean the Church and would like to become a “heavenly duster” or a “hoover angel” Or form a new team with friends, community groups. As the saying goes,...Many hands make light work. Please contact Linda in the Presbytery office (01206 866317) Thanks.

THE SEASON OF CREATION: St Teresa's, Lexden, will be holding an afternoon of prayer and reflection on Sunday 24th September. People are welcome to join us at any time between 2pm and 4pm. There will be prayer stations based on this year's theme, 'Let Peace and Justice Flow', reflections and activities. The afternoon will conclude with a short Taize-style ecumenical prayer service followed by tea and cake in the parish hall.

LOVE THE STRANGER: Earlier this year the Bishops of England and Wales produced a document on Migrants and Refugees, entitled 'Love the Stranger: A Catholic Response to Migrants and Refugees'. Liam Allmark, who works at the Bishops' Conference, will present the document at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) on Saturday 7th October from 11am. Refreshments will be available from 10.30. Ample parking available and local eateries. Five minutes' walk from the Elizabeth Line. This free event is both in-person and live-stream. Please go to www.whatgoodnews.org for details. A recording of the study day will be made available on the website

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS) offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their centre in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Donna Booth dbooth@bccs.org.uk who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service, but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website: www.bccs.org.uk

YORK PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND: During the weekend of 21st -22nd October, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to York, visiting the shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, York Oratory, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Abbey. This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and any Catholics interested in history. For details of how to book onto this free weekend email Damian Barker at youngcatholicadult@gmail.com

VACANCY: The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Primary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic. Further details and an application form can be obtained via the following link: Primary Link Adviser – Brentwood Diocesan Education Service or by emailing: victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 18/09/23: **Team 4** / Friday 29/09/23: **Team 5**
COFFEE MORNING: 17/09/23: Matthew & Mariamma / 24/09/23: African Community Group