

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 16th	Church	6.15 pm	Ints: Bernard Shand
Sunday 17th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Ints: Maya, Monica + Julian
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Maeve McAleer RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.15 am	Ints: Marisa
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Kay Brennan RIP
Monday 18th			ST LUKE, Evangelist
	Church	9.30 am	Anniversary: Alphonse M. Knapp RIP
Tuesday 19th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Fr Neil Brett
Wednesday 20th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Peter + Neil Rush RIP
Thursday 21st			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Bridget Ann Irvine RIP
Friday 22nd			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Our Parish Clergy
Saturday 23rd			Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary
	Church	9.30 am	Beatrice Ffloyd RIP
	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) World Mission Day		
Saturday 23rd	Church	6.15 pm	Madeleine Sterling RIP
Sunday 24th	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Christy Fernando + Ruby Ethel Fernando RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.15 am	Michael + Bridget Brady RIP
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Ints: Scanlan + Brown Families

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, Please contact the Presbytery.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 10am Mass and 5.30pm-6.00pm
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church Entrance, please complete envelope & drop through presbytery door. A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass. The Mass Intention will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook).
- ❖ 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
- ❖ 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.

Please check out our Facebook page for 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

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Week commencing 17th October 2021

It is commonly said that in Jesus' days the general expectation in Israel was that the Messiah would be a second David, bringing about a glorious earthly kingdom. Hence, the request of James and John was that they be given positions of great honour in the coming kingdom enabling them to bask in reflected glory and receive the acclaim of the masses. Jesus is having none of it. As for ourselves, it is unlikely that anyone reading these words will become famous, a household name, so it would seem that we won't fall into the trap that caught James and John. However, we can make the same mistake on a smaller scale. The desire to be liked, to get 'positive feedback', can be present even if the adoring crowd consists of only two or three people. Such a desire can lead to compromise of principles as we seek to please others. The first reading, from Isaiah, is one of the Suffering Servant passages, with Jesus the fulfilment of the text – he gives his life. In the same way, we are called to lay down our lives for the sake of the Gospel; if we do so with sincerity and true humility, then it will be God's praise we will receive and that really is worth having.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
DAILY Mon-Fri	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	Temporarily suspended

Please refer to the Website Home Page or External Church Notice Board for details on the **Relaxation of Covid restrictions**.

As a Reminder: 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.



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: Missionary Disciples
We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS. During this month, prayers and Masses are said for the Faithful Departed. *November Altar Lists of dead & Envelopes* are available in the Church Porch. Please put the names of your deceased family and friends on the list and place this in the envelope along with your donation and either hand the envelope to a priest or drop the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Isaiah 53: 10-11 Hebrews 4: 4-6 Mark 10: 35-45) ***To love is to be strong:*** Today we are reminded that Jesus has turned all worldly values upside down. When we place our faith in God's saving love and copy that in our marriages, we too, in spite of our weaknesses and failings, are renewed and made strong in our love for each other. The more we give our love away the more it grows!

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, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people.

LAUDATO SI' INVITATIONS, COMMITMENTS AND ACTIONS: The Diocese of Brentwood has launched Laudato Si' Invitations, Commitments and Actions last weekend (2nd/3rd October). This is our response to the heartfelt plea from Pope Francis, *"Listen to the Cry of the Earth, the Cry of the Poor."* It is for every parishioner in the Diocese. There are lots of prayers, resources, links and ideas to help you dive deeply into what Bishop Alan names as *"an integral part of our faith"*. Please collect a leaflet and pledge card from Church Porch. Thank you.

LAUDATO SI' COMMITMENTS: Following on from the Bishops letter regarding Laudato Si' we are looking to form a working group of volunteers to see what we can do as a Parish in response to this. If you would be interested in being part of this group, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: There are still uncollected Gift Aid box sets in porch. Thank you.

SVP NEWS: Every year the SVP give Christmas presents to the young people in Brett House. Bernard Brett House is a specialist supported housing scheme for young homeless people at risk in the Colchester area. This year we are asking for your help. Are you able to donate a few chocolates or toiletries that can be wrapped up and give someone a lovely surprise this Christmas? There will be a box in the church porch for these to be collected in. Thank you.

CHURCH FORECOURT: Our thanks to both Colin and an Anonymous contributor who has given him a donation for the winter floral arrangements outside the Church. Thank you.

JOSIE'S KITCHEN: Josie is looking for donations of Toiletries' to make care packages for the Homeless at Christmas. If you can spare any of the following items: - Deodorant, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Body spray/Cologne, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Toiletry Gift Sets etc. These items make a big difference to their lives and show them that they are cared for in our community. Please drop your Donations into the Presbytery. Thank You for your continued generosity.

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS are a series of talks for adults who want to grow in understanding & confidence when questioned or speaking about their Catholic Faith. The next talks will be on the **17th & 24th October** and the question being explored is *"What is the universal call to holiness?"* Fr Adrian Lowe, assistant priest at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, will consider this question. If you would like to join this discussion, please forward a contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org For more information about *The Thresholds of Hope Questions* go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: New Rotas for the period covering end of Oct/Nov are now available in Church Porch for those covering Priory Street Masses on a Sunday. Thank you.

MISSIO MAGAZINE (Autumn Edition): Available in the church porch, please take a free copy

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

ALL BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL/ADMIN VACANCIES (for which the Education Services Department are aware) are posted on the Diocesan website. To view current vacancies with further info please use this link:- [School Vacancies - Brentwood Diocese \(dioceseofbrentwood.net\)](http://dioceseofbrentwood.net) Admin Vacancies [Vacancies - Brentwood Diocese \(dioceseofbrentwood.net\)](http://dioceseofbrentwood.net)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: A further course will commence early in 2022 – Please check on Newsletter in January 2022 for details.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES: Collection from Presbytery.

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

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.

SVP: turning concern into action - If you know of someone who is lonely, housebound or simply in need of a friend, please contact us, using the details below. If you would like to join us the details of our next meeting are at the back of the church, along with a collection box

Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: 18/10/21: **Team 2** (Rotas in Church porch).