

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Saturday 17th	Church	6.15 pm	Ints: Catherine
Sunday 18th	Church	8.00 am	Margaret Murray
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Clarke Family
Live Streamed	Church	6.30 pm	Clarke Family
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Olive Hewitt RIP

Monday 19th FERIA

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Ints: Catherine
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Tuesday 20th FERIA

	Church	10.00 am	Thanksgiving
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Wednesday 21st FERIA

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Bernadette McIntyre RIP
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Thursday 22nd FERIA

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Ints: A. Harvey
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Friday 23rd ST GEORGE, M PATRON OF ENGLAND

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Sidney Finch + Rose Jane Castell
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Saturday 24th St Mellitus, Bp

Live Streamed	Church	10.00 am	Ints: Wilga Marie Lyons
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Saturday 24th	Church	6.15 pm	David Shaw RIP
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Sunday 25th	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
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	Church	10.30 am	Hugh Pat Robinson
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	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
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	Church	6.30 pm	Ints: Bridie Lohan
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	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
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	Monkwick	10.15 am	Olive Hewitt RIP
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FACE MASKS. 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 photos/videos. Please remember to [like](#) & [follow](#) our page!



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Week Commencing 18th APRIL 2021

We are, I would hope, reasonably familiar with what Jesus said during his public ministry. It is good to be able to quote the scriptures. Something which perhaps receives less attention is the timing of Jesus' words, when they were spoken. Thus, in Mark's Gospel for example, the first words spoken by Jesus, right at the beginning of his ministry, are a call to repentance. Surely this is significant, Jesus is unlikely have begun with something of secondary importance. Similarly with his Resurrection appearances, when we consider what he chooses to say, given that he would necessarily be succinct. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus tells us what the apostles are to preach, their fundamental task; it again focusses on repentance. Why did Jesus come? To forgive us our sins, which first of all requires repentance.

Fr. .Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer at 9.45am	All Temporarily suspended
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
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2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00pm)	



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: Fundamental Rights. We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Acts of the Apostles 3: 13-15, 17-19 1John 2: 1-5 Luke 24: 35-48) *Let peace reign in our hearts.* There are times in life, as couples, when the demands of work, concerns about money and care of the children can seem overwhelming. In times like these let's acknowledge each other, take time out to clarify the issues and remind ourselves of the words of Jesus to the Apostles when they thought it was all over, "Peace be with you!"

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 John Dolamore, Jan H, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Valerie Thurston, Joan Jeal, Jimmy Clarin. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Peter Louis Roberts and Olive May Hewitt who have both recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Peter's funeral mass will be held at St Cedd's on 19th May at 11.45am. Olive's funeral Mass will be held at St Theodore's on 14th May at 9am. May they both rest in peace

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: Sunday 25th April [Booking Form](#) Sunday 2nd May [Booking Form](#)

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The new sets of envelopes are now available for collection from the Church Porch. Box sets are laid out in alphabetical order. Thank you.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: The latest edition newsletter from the sisters is available on this link: [Community Newsletter Extraordinary Edition Volume 14](#) (R.Click to open h/l).

CALAIS LIGHT: Calais Light's first online Zoom event features Celebrity Refugee author, Dina Nayeri, reading live from her award-winning book: The Ungrateful Refugee - What Immigrants Never Tell You. Dina escaped to the US from Iran at 8yrs old with her Mum, & won a Masters from Harvard. Register now for 22 April at 6.30 for exclusive reading & Q&A at: <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/calais-light> and find more info on the website: <https://www.calaislight.com/>

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE RE CHAPLAINCY WORKER: We are looking to appoint a practising Catholic, who as a chaplaincy worker will further develop and enhance the spiritual, liturgical and prayer life of the college. The successful candidate must be a practising Roman Catholic committed to supporting the inclusive Catholic nature of the college and spiritual journey of the members of its community. For further details about the role, please contact Mrs. Jo Santinelli, Principal on 01206 549222 and for further details about the college, please go to our website www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk. The closing date for applications is midday on Monday 7th June 2021 and interviews will be held w/b 21st June 2021.

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, GIDEA PARK: A Parish Administrator is required to provide support to our Parish Office. The successful applicant will ideally be a Secretary or Administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. S/he must be a good team player with excellent communication and MS office skills, incl. Word/Excel. Closing date: 28/04/21 at 12pm. Full details: [Vacancies - Brentwood Diocese \(dioceseofbrentwood.net\)](#)

ASSISTANT MANAGER, WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK: We are seeking to appoint an Assistant Manager at Walsingham House at Abbotswick to begin in the late summer. All info can be found on our website: <https://bcys.net/assistantmanager> Closing date for applications is midday on Monday 10th May 2021.

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. Joseph, Mile End: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-c>
 - 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