

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Home Mission Day

Saturday 17th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Hector Silva RIP
Sunday 18th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: Geoffrey + Family
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Holy Souls
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Gemma
Monday 19th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	David Farrell RIP
	<i>Church</i>	7.30 pm	Queen Elizabeth II RIP
Tuesday 20th			St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Pr & Paul Chong Ha-Sang, & Comps, Mm
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Wednesday 21st			ST MATTHEW, Ap, Evangelist
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mr. Williams A. Emaghware RIP
	<i>Church</i>	3.30 pm	Funeral Mass: Myrtle Claire Duffett RIP
Thursday 22nd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.00 am	Canon John Bloomfield
Friday 23rd			St Pius of Pietrelcina, Pr (Padre Pio)
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Kathleen Margaret Christina Hunting RIP
Saturday 24th			Our Lady of Walsingham
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Dave Malkin

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 24th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Diana + Family
Sunday 25th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Margaret Fitzgerald RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: M. Ong
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola 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, 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 or collection from Church).

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Bookings:** colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS ON THURSDAY 22nd IS AT 9.00am



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ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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St James the Less and St Helen Catholic Church, Colchester

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HOME MISSION DAY

WEEK COMMENCING 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

The steward in this Sunday's Gospel is often called, 'unjust', which is a little unfair. He squanders his master's possessions, just as the prodigal son did in last week's Gospel. He's wasteful, careless, irresponsible. It is no surprise he's about to get the sack. His response is praised because he acts wisely. In those days, money could not be lent at interest, but goods could be. The steward is eliminating the master's profit and his own commission, thus putting the others in debt to him, they would have to look after him, that was the custom. We are children of light, do we act wisely? Do we get caught up with worldly possessions and affairs, neglecting what is truly important, our relationship with God? The prodigal makes the wise decision to return to his father, we are called to imitate him, and the steward, by seeking what is of real value. We also should note Jesus' approach to unfairness. The Pharisees were caught up with justice, doing what is right, and were very concerned with unfairness. God, however, knows that we are often 'unfair' ie sinners, what we need is mercy.

Fr. Chris

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: Abolition of the Death Penalty. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Amos 8: 4-7; 1 Timothy 2: 1-8; Luke 16: 1-13) **Money, money, money ...not much changes!** Dishonest traders, crippling taxes, money lenders and unpaid debts – things haven't changed much since the time of Amos. Honesty and trust are vital regarding all forms of wealth. Let us ask God for the gift of wisdom when deciding together how to use our money, wealth or scarcity. Dishonesty about money shows lack of trust and often leads to divorce.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Darline + Peter Wyatt, Dorothy Golding, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need and for those who have recently died.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Myrtle Claire Duffett who has recently passed away. The parish community offers her family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Myrtle's funeral mass will be at St James the Less on Wednesday 21st September 2022 at 3.30pm.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II: We will be holding an evening Mass in thanksgiving for Queen Elizabeth II life and for the eternal repose of her soul on Monday 19th September at 7.30pm. To read Bishop Alan tribute to the late Queen – click on the link below: - <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/bishop-alan-pays-tribute-to-the-late-queen/>

2nd COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend there will be a collection for **Home Mission Day**. Our prayers help them to be attentive to the Holy Spirit who directs their work and our donations to the second collection will enable them to help the local Church share the joy of the Gospel throughout England.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SACRAMENTAL COURSES. Our Faith Formation Programs rely on good Catechists and Volunteers to model God's love to the children and assist the parents in bringing them knowledge and understanding of the faith. We are looking for parents/volunteers to help run the Confirmation courses beginning in September. A **Preparation session for volunteers will take place on 18th September after 10.30am Mass.** . Please consider adding your name to the list in the Church Porch.

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. Please contact the Presbytery (866317). As the saying goes,...Many hands make light work. Thank you.

VISIT OF ST BERNADETTE RELICS at Brentwood Cathedral on **Sunday 16th October.** We are looking into hiring a coach for this special event; with the coach departing from East Hill at 12pm after 10.30am Mass and leaving Brentwood Cathedral at 2.30pm. If interested in going, please add your name to the Coach Seat reservation list in Church Porch.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: The Deanery is organising a day of input and prayer for all present Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. This will take place on a **Saturday 24th September from 10am to 4pm at St. Sabina, Brightlingsea, CO7 0LP**, please bring a packed lunch. If attending, please confirm by email to Colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org Thank you.

DATE CHANGE! SVP RACE NIGHT: Will now be held on Saturday 8th October 2022 from 7.30-10pm. Come and enjoy yourselves, try and win some money by picking the winners and raise money for the SVP. Tickets £5 an adult; children come free. Light refreshments provided. There will be a bar. Tickets available after each Sunday Mass or email Colchestersvp@gmail.com anyone who has already purchased their ticket and cannot make the new date can have a refund by contacting the SVP in person or phone or via the website. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS: There is usually an annual celebration of this Sacrament for young people in Year 9 or above. Application forms are in the church porch, please complete form and drop through Presbytery door. **The Programme begins on 25th September from 4.30pm-6.00pm in Crypt and Hall.**

RED MISSIO BOXES: If you have a full Red Missio Box please drop this into the Presbytery. Emptied boxes can also be collected from Presbytery.

LITTLE SAINTS TOTS: Our parish Tots group is every Wednesday during term time 8:50am-11am. All welcome for play, crafts and a snack. Tea/coffee for adults. If you attend with your child, please consider volunteering, please contact Julia on 07854296437.

SVP CUPPA CLUB: will meet every **Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games & crafts, etc., will be available.

BCYS + LOURDES: This is always the highlight of our BCYS calendar and, despite just returning, we are already planning for our 2023 pilgrimage! The applications will open from 24th October and you can apply online where you will find all the details of next Summer's trip www.bcys.net

PARLIAMENT IN YOUR PARISH (CAFOD): Last year, in the lead up to COP26, St Teresa of Lisieux took part in an on-line discussion with our MP, Will Quince, supported by Chris Driscoll from CAFOD. Mr. Quince has very kindly agreed to meet with us again, this time face-to-face in our parish hall, on **Friday 30 September at 11.30am**. If you are interested in attending this event, please email Peter Johnson maryandpeter13@btinternet.com for more info and advise that you are attending event.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: After a short summer break, we are delighted to welcome Vladimir Antonov-Charsky from Lithuania who is currently studying at the Royal College of Music in London. Vladimir will be giving a Lunchtime ORGAN Recital here in Brentwood Cathedral next Wednesday 21st September at 1pm to 1.45pm. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Song School.



PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE. Give comfort to those who suffer because of the violence. Give comfort to those who mourn their dead, and strength to neighboring countries to welcome the refugees. Convert the hearts of those who resort to arms and protect those who work to promote peace

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 19/09/22: **Team 3** / Monday 26/09/22: **Team 4**
CBH COFFEE MORNING: 18/09/22: **Peggy + Anne** / 25/09/22: **Yolande + 1**