

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

(World Day of the Poor)

Saturday 17th	6.15 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Sunday 18th	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	F. Fox RIP + Fams
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Private Intention
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Mrs. Celestine Tighe RIP

Monday 19th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Elaine Proudfoot RIP [Anniversary]
Tuesday 20th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Margaretta Wright
Wednesday 21st		The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	NDL
Thursday 22nd		St Cecilia, V.M.
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Maureen & Tom McElroy
Friday 23rd		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Dr. Fridolin Koch RIP
<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Funeral Mass: Maureen Gallagher RIP
Saturday 24th		Ss. Andrew Dung Lac, Pr & Comp, Mm
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mrs. Aleykutty George RIP

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING [B]

[Youth Day]

Saturday 24th	6.15 pm	Frank and Heather Mills RIP
Sunday 25th	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Anthony Southon RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Douglas & David Finch RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Celestine Tighe 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 are 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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WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

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Today is the Second World Day of the Poor; Pope Francis' words from this day last year continue to inspire us: "Blessed are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are hands that bring hope. Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity. Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no "ifs" or "buts" or "maybes": they are hands that call down God's blessing upon their brothers and sisters."

In that spirit, Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is launched by Bishop Alan today, to serve Essex and East London. The word caritas means charity, in the fullest sense of Christian love, and our Diocesan Caritas exists to support and encourage everyone who is working to put Christ's love into action by supporting the ill, the poor and the marginalised. Our Caritas is part of a national and international network. Please keep this new initiative in your prayers.

On behalf of Bishop Alan

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	following 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 NOVEMBER: Please join with Pope Francis in praying for **"In the Service of Peace"** That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

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

HOLY SOULS: November is the month of Holy Souls. If you wish to remember your loved ones, special envelopes are available in the porch and Masses will be offered for them during the month.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Nora Ecdwards and Colin Whittle who have both recently passed away. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families. Nora's funeral has been arranged at Colchester Crematorium on Wednesday, 28th November at 2:45pm. Colin's funeral details to be advised.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Thursday 29th November 2018** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm -9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: Is National Youth Sunday on **25th November.**

HEALTH & SAFETY VOLUNTEER(S) required at Priory Street, no experience necessary as training will be provided. If you are interested in serving the parish in this way and would like to find out more about what is involved, please speak to Fr Chris after mass or contact him on (01206) 866317.

GIFT AID CO-ORDINATOR Volunteer required: We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to John Sales for his sterling work and commitment in his role of Gift Aid Co-Ordinator over the last years. John now feels it is time for him to relinquish this role but will personally hand over to whoever takes this on. If you are interested in serving the parish in this role and would like to find out further details on what is involved- please speak to Fr Chris after mass or contact him on (01206) 866317.

CHRISTMAS MARKET on Saturday 24th November: This coming week the request is for donations of Food items, Cakes and Biscuits for Hampers and bottles of Alcohol & Soft drinks for the Tombola also still accepting any unwanted gift items. Please drop all donations into the Presbytery or speak to Frances or Norah after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday alternatively contact Norah (01206) 503410 or Frances (01206) 369568 to arrange collection.

KSC CHRISTMAS GRAND DRAW: GRAND DRAW TICKETS available at this Mass. Kindly please take draw tickets for sale to friends and relations in support of St. James the Less and St. Helen. We urge each family to buy at least one book of tickets. £475 to be won plus other quality prizes. Michael Irvine GK of CO. 270 KSC

REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards, Diaries and Calendars are now available to purchase after the 10.30am mass on Sunday. **ADVENT 2018: WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS** - These are available to purchase (£1 each).

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next showing is on **21st November** with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening *"Ben Hur" Part 1*. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR CHURCH CLEANING & CLEANING TEAM LEADER – Please contact the Presbytery if you can spare approx. 3hrs per month on a Monday or Thursday.

SVP NEWS: We are a group of volunteers inspired by the charitable work of St Vincent de Paul. Throughout this year we have continued to help the homeless with our soup run in Colchester town centre and have contributed to helping families suffering in poverty. We are now in a position to renew our efforts to reach out to anyone in the parish who needs a helping hand. 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. SVP contact details: Mobile: 07493 439427 / email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

MILE END NEWS: Coffee Morning on **2nd December** after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

ADVENT REFLECTION: *'Where Christ Dwells'* on **Saturday 15th December starting at 11am.:** Further details to follow in due course.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: Sundays of Advent December 2nd, 9th and 16th Meditative Evening Prayer at 74 Howe Close, Colchester, CO4 3XD. Tea from 4:00pm, Prayer 4:30pm. Also, a **Quiet Day Friday 21st December 10:00am to 3:00pm** at 74 Howe Cl, Colchester, CO4 3XD. Please come for the day or call in for part of the day. Tel: 01206 867296 or email crssuk@canonesses.co.uk to let us know if you are coming. Bring lunch. All welcome.

CARITAS BRENTWOOD: www.caritasbrentwood.org This website will be launched on **18th November**, the World Day of the Poor and will allow Parish, Diocesan and National groups to have an online presence to showcase their charitable work. The website will be structured in a way that attracts those looking to be volunteers, linking them with those who are seeking volunteers.

ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) *"Christmas Gifts of Faith"* Booklet in Church Porch with lots of gift ideas – your kind contribution makes a big impact and enables ACN to provide much needed practical and spiritual support for suffering brothers and sisters in the countries where they work.

VACANCY: Social, Digital and Print media designer for the BCYS and Caritas. We are recruiting for this new role, which also includes updating and refreshing our websites (familiarity with Wordpress is essential). Part time (12 hours/week), £14/hour. Full details at www.bcys.net/vacancy-media - deadline for applications is 30th November 2018.

❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Telephone number - 07493 439427.

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** cb.hall@btinternet.com
or Tel: 07758 805263 [**answerphone only** – please leave a message]

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday 22nd November 2018: Team 4.