

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME<sup>(A)</sup>**

<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10:30 am	
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	
	West Mersea	8:30 am	Mary Hopgood RIP
	Monkwick	10:15 am	

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	10.00 am	<b>Feria</b> Anthony Southon RIP
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Church	10.00 am	<b>Feria</b> Canon T. W. Clarke + Fam
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Church	10.00 am	<b>ST MARY MAGDALENE</b> Anniv: Mr K. T. George + Mr B. J. Mathews RIP
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Church	10.00 am	<b>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Rel</b> Canon T. W. Clarke + Fam
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	10.00 am	<b>St Charbel Makhlouf, Pr</b> Ints: Teresa MacDonald
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	10.00 am	<b>ST JAMES, Ap</b> Dorothy Robinson RIP

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME<sup>(A)</sup>**

<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Ints: Mary Jacob
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	David Anthony Hill RIP
	Church	10:30 am	Mary (k/a Lee) Kernott RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8:30 am	George Birch RIP
	Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners

To reserve seat(s) at Weekend Masses, please right-click [Mass Bookings](#) and open the hyperlink, which will take you to the *Booking Form* for each Mass

**It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.**

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Mass Intentions. These can be posted through the presbytery letterbox and they will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website).
- ❖ 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.

**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, subject to hospital restrictions due to virus.

# 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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St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <sup>(A)</sup>

WEEK COMMENCING: 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE

Dear friends

My sincere thanks to everyone for your prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts for my ordination last week. I was moved by how supportive and kind the parish has continued to be, even during these strange and difficult times.

The ordination Mass was beautiful and there was still a real sense of joy and celebration with the smaller numbers that were permitted for this time. As with all ministries, priesthood is given not for the sake of the priest but for those whom he serves, and Bishop Alan preached about how striving for holiness and perfection are for that reason to be able to give more to others. Of course, the same is true for all of our vocations - whatever we do we strive to do so for the good of someone else and in a spirit of sacrifice.

Thank you again for all your kindness and support.

With my prayers

Father Adrian Lowe

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**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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DAILY	Morning Prayer	<b>Temporarily suspended</b>
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 <sub>pm</sub> )	

Dear Parishioners and Friends,  
Having assessed the situation, we feel it is no longer necessary to complete a booking form in order to reserve a seat at our weekday masses (Mon-Friday). Weekend masses will still need to be booked to ensure a fair distribution of seats are available for everyone wishing to attend mass. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise/update you as and when Government guidelines change.

Practical points to observe:-

- Churches will open 20 minutes before start of Mass
- 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 take longer than normal to enter the church, please make allowances
- It will be essential that people sit where they are asked and do not move from there
- An Offertory Collection will be taken at each mass with 'collection bags' available on entry and exit; the donation station is also useable
- Candles may be lit after Mass – Instructions to follow
- No touching of Statues or Images in Church
- Toilets will be closed except for genuine emergencies.
- The use of face covering is not obligatory but recommended by the NHS

*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.*

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**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY *Our Families*.** We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

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**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Matt 13:24-43) **Attentive listening:** The Gospel today raises questions about our ability 'to listen'. We easily hear criticism in a comment, or a question which often puts us at odds with each other. But if we listen with our hearts, in the way Jesus commanded us to do, we are enabled, in all our relationships, to follow His command "...listen, anyone who has ears".

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah. Valerie Thurston, Joan Jeal. Jimmy Clarin. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michelle Maguire, George Birch, Mary (k/a Lee) Kernott, Samantha Branter who have all recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Michelle's funeral service will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> July, Mary's (k/a Lee) funeral will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> July, Samantha's funeral will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> August. Details for George's funeral are to be advised.

**CHURCH STEWARDS/CLEANERS:** We are hoping to resume Funeral Masses in Church and are looking for volunteers who will be available to come in and assist as and when required; we have a Funeral Mass on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 11.45<sub>am</sub> and will require assistance for this. Also, Steward/Cleaners are still required for the following 10<sub>am</sub> masses: - Monday /Thursday /Friday /Saturday. If you have the time and are able to assist us, please contact the presbytery office with your contact details. Thank you.

**TO RESERVE A SEAT AT A WEEKEND MASS:** This can be done via the following means: -

- Click on the Mass Bookings tab in the Newsletter
- Parish Website under the tab for Mass Times
- Clicking on the links on Facebook
- By phoning the presbytery office (*If you do not have access to the Internet*); when calling please advise how many seats you will require (*must be from same household*) and give your full name and contact number.

We will have stewards at every Mass and after the service the church will be cleaned to get it ready for the next Mass. We are so grateful to all the volunteers who have come forward to help. It's a huge ask but the response has been tremendous. If you would like to Volunteer as a Stewart/Cleaner, please call the Presbytery Office. Thank you.

**MAKING A DONATION:** Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to make their offerings during this period. This is much appreciated; our Parish needs your continued support at this time as Coronavirus has raised some very particular financial challenges for us. Not only do we have no plate and envelope collection, but we cannot hire out our parish hall either. We must, however, continue to pay for essentials such as our priest's living expenses, the upkeep of our buildings and other ongoing costs. Of course, we realise that the current situation is affecting many people's income and they may not be able to continue their level of offerings. If this is the case, we fully understand, and our prayers are with you. If you usually give by envelope or via cash in the collection, you can either make individual payments whenever you like by dropping envelope through Presbytery door, or you can set up a regular gift by Standing Order. This can be stopped at any time, for example, if you wish to resume giving by cash or envelope once Sunday Mass is resumed. The Donation Station (in Church porch) can be used when attending mass or alternatively, you can donate online using the 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>

To those who have sent in offerings and set up Standing Orders - Thank you very much for your donation. Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support.

**GARDENING VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for volunteers who are willing and able to contribute to the maintenance of the Church garden and outdoor space. No experience is necessary just a love of gardening! If interested, please contact the presbytery office.

**FR ADRIAN'S ORDINATION:** There are some pictures of Fr Adrian's Ordination on our Facebook page. Please look for **St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester** (picture of Church). Please like the page in order to follow all the Parish/Diocese News.

**LOURDES IN YOUR LIVING ROOM, 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July.** Enjoy an inspiring daily pilgrimage programme, with Mass at 10.30 each day, Morning Prayer (9<sub>am</sub>) and Night Prayer (9.30<sub>pm</sub>) as well as afternoon reflections (4.30<sub>pm</sub>) from Bishop Alan, Michael Barwick, Rev Paschal Uche and Fr Paul Keane, Stations of the Cross (Friday 5<sub>pm</sub>) and a Marian ("Torchlight") procession with the Hail Mary prayed in over 40 languages (Thursday 8<sub>pm</sub>). Everything will be streamed on YouTube (BrentwoodCYS), and the full timetable and links are at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) This pilgrimage for all ages includes special events for those aged 15-23. Liturgy handbook can be downloaded at <https://bcys.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Liturgy-handbook.pdf>

**GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS:** Please can you collect your new box sets from the church porch. Box sets are laid out in alphabetical order. Thank you.

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- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)
  - **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL:** The hall is closed and all group activity suspended until further notice.
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