

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday 18th	6.15 pm	Anna Slevin RIP
Sunday 19th	8:00 am	Mr & Mrs Minator RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Marie Bastianpillai & Xavier Swampillai RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Kevin Doyle RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Mrs Jytte Hastell RIP

Monday 20th		MONDAY – St Bernard
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ursula & Chase Harrison
Tuesday 21st		TUESDAY – St Pius X
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Pat, Sean + Tommie Lohan RIP
Wednesday 22nd		WEDNESDAY - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	Ints: Mrs .Eleonora McLachlan
Thursday 23rd		THURSDAY – Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Charles Barber
Friday 24th		FRIDAY – St Bartholomew
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	Josephine Conneely RIP
Saturday 25th		SATURDAY – Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ken Fernandez RIP

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday 25th	6.15 pm	
Sunday 26th	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Anniv: Colin Taylor
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Mary Hazell RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Compton Poonan RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Ints: P & R Sutcliffe

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



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In the Gospel today Jesus gives us a very clear teaching about what we call the, 'real presence' – in the Mass, what we receive at Communion is truly the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ whole and entire under the appearance of bread and of wine. Real food and drink. The question the Jews ask is important, both in needing an answer (which the Catholic Church gives in her teaching) and also the nature of the question. It is a straightforward, realistic question, how can this man give us his flesh to eat – which reveals how they understood Jesus' words. They didn't take them in any abstract way, something metaphorical or anything along those lines, they took them as Jesus meant them, he was talking about his flesh. Real presence.

Fr Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	8:30am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:50am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 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 AUGUST: Please join with Pope Francis in praying for **The Treasure of Families:** That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Winifred Mary (Win) Healy who has recently passed away. May she rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of her bereaved family and those that mourn. A Requiem Mass will be held at St Teresa of Lisieux on Monday 20th August @ 11.30am .

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Thursday 27th September 2018** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the Course.

(RCIA) RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: An open evening to discuss course details will be held on **Thursday, 30th August at 7pm** in the Crypt (*entrance to the Crypt is via the Church*). (RCIA) Journey in Faith is the process developed by the Catholic Church for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, teachings and practices with a view to becoming Catholics, or for those who have a background in the Catholic Faith but who have not yet been confirmed, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Sessions are held weekly from 7pm to 8.30pm on Thursday evening in the Crypt of the church and they will run from October until Easter. The start date for 2018 will be **October 4th at 7pm**. To register your interest please, give your name and contact details to one of the priests or contact Cathy O'Connor 01206 735623 or cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism Harry and Angelique, Erin, Emily and Lorenzo. God bless these children and congratulations to their respective families.

DEACON GARY DENCH: Please give a warm welcome to Gary who has now moved here and has already started to serve our parish, we hope he enjoys his time with us.

COLLECTION FOR ADRIAN LOWE: A collection for Adrian Lowe our Seminarian will take place on Sunday after all masses.

MILE END NEWS: The next Coffee Morning will be on **Sunday 2nd September** after the 9:15am mass at St Joseph's and this will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD: We are proud to announce that Josie of **“Josie's Kitchen”** has been recognised by Prime Minister Teresa May for her outstanding volunteer work. Local MP Will Quince presented the Points of Light Award to Josie for her tireless work over the last 3 decades for providing support, food, and clothing to the homeless within our community.

THANK YOU JOSIE for your noble work and long may you continue in your endeavours.

PARISH BBQ: For Fr. Alex in gratitude for his services to our parish. We will be hosting a parish BBQ on **Sunday 26th August** after the 10.30am mass. All food donations are most welcome *especially* salads, savouries and desserts - please can you liaise with Frances Galvin (01206 369568) or Norah (01206) 503410 *before* the event if you are able to bring food

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Restarts on **Wednesday, September 19th**, here in the Crypt, 10:00am-12:00pm. Topic: Who is Jesus, the Christ for you? All are most welcome

THURSDAY SOCIAL GROUP has reconvened with its usual slot every **Thursday from 10.30am to 1.30pm** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Everyone is most welcome and please bring food to share with the group. Further information about social activities will be discussed. A £2.00 donation is much appreciated for the use of the hall.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next showing is on **22nd August** with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening **“Bella”**. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

THE CATHOLIC HERITAGE GROUP: will be meeting on **Monday 20th August at 11.15am** in the Crypt. If you would like to come and find out what we do/are planning, please do come as all newcomers are welcome. If you are interested in helping at the Gatehouse but can't make the meeting, please let the office have your details and we will be in touch. We have some interesting ideas and have some interesting links both inside the Church and the County.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: have requested the following items: tinned/dry goods incl. tinned tomatoes, pasta, rice, jars of sauces, long life fruit juices, milk and squashes, custard, jam, cleaning, hygiene & sanitary products and small packets of washing powder, liquid or capsules. **Thank you to all who donate**, we can advise that all goods are always greatly appreciated. Please keep donating much needed items and remember those we are helping in your prayers.

WALSINGHAM SUMMER FESTIVAL: 23rd to 27th August - 5 Day Camping Festival for young Catholics: Featuring Music/Creative Workshops/Worship/Sports/Friendship/Dynamic Talks/ Sacred spaces Please see posters in porch for more event details or www.youth2000.org

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - SATURDAY 15th SEPTEMBER: If anyone is interested in going on the Pilgrimage to Walsingham (departing from Greenstead), please contact Ann Roughan on 07889101762 for more details and to reserve seats on coach.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: -

- **WALSINGHAM HOUSE:** Official Opening **Saturday 1st September**
- **ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND:** On **Friday 7th +Saturday 8th September** at St James the Less and St Helen and at the Abbey of St John the Baptist on **Saturday 8th + Sunday 9th September**
- **RIDE & STRIDE:** will be taking place on **Saturday 8th September** from 9.00am – 5.00pm
- **ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND (“Catholics in Colchester”)** **Fri 14th & Sat 15th September**

Please see posters in porch for more event details or check our website under Events.

- **A DAY OF REFLECTION & ENRICHMENT FOR READERS: Saturday, 20th October** in Woodford Green.

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: Monday 20th August 2018: Team 3.