

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Day for Life

<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Live Stream Church</b>	6.15 pm	Ints: Jim Lynas
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Church</b>	8.00 am	John Dolamore RIP
	<b>Church</b>	10.30 am	Parishioners
	<b>Church</b>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<b>Church</b>	6.30 pm	Werner Ozwald
	<b>West Mersea</b>	8.30 am	Ints: Jane & David Hopgood
	<b>Monkwick</b>	10.15 am	Private Intention
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>			<b>St Aloysius Gonzaga, Rel</b>
<b>Live Stream</b>	<b>Church</b>	10.00 am	Mr. B. J. Mathews RIP
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>			<b>SS JOHN FISHER, Bp &amp; THOMAS MORE, Mm</b>
	<b>Church</b>	10.00 am	Michael Steves RIP
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
<b>Live Stream</b>	<b>Church</b>	10.00 am	Canon John Bloomfield
		4.00 pm	RECEPTION INTO CHURCH: Colin J. Andrews RIP
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>
		10.00 am	James Donovan RIP
		11.45am	<b>Requiem Mass:</b> Colin John Andrews RIP
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
<b>Live Stream</b>	<b>Church</b>	10.00 am	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>Live Stream</b>	<b>Church</b>	10.00 am	Ints: Marisa B

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Live Stream Church</b>	6.15 pm	
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Church</b>	8.00 am	Ints: S. Jacob
	<b>Church</b>	10.30 am	
	<b>Church</b>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<b>Church</b>	6.30 pm	Ints: A. Harley
	<b>West Mersea</b>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<b>Monkwick</b>	10.15 am	Vivien Clancy RIP

**FACEMASKS.** 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)

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Please check out our Facebook page for Live Stream Masses and all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy/Church photos/videos. Please remember to [like](#) & [follow](#) our page!

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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### DAY FOR LIFE

Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

This Sunday is the *Day for Life*, when we raise awareness about human life's meaning and value. It's providential, then that the readings see humans placed in the midst of great chaos, uncertainty and peril! God alone provides peace, calm and order – within them; we can appreciate his power over His creation. He rebukes the wind. He calms the sea. He bounds the waters. We have no such power and so – without faith in God – our reactions are ones of fear and distress. Why does he do these things? Because he loves us. Sailors on dangerous waters 'cry to the Lord in their need' and He rescues them. Moreover, they respond well with rejoicing and thanksgiving. In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples still don't know who He is. He's saddened by their lack of faith. They are panicking, when all they have to do is ask to be saved! The chaos of our secularised world so often takes the form of a contrasting lack of love for human life. Without God, we are tossed in our boats from one extreme of this disrespect to another – we are powerless to tame it on our own. Only by crying out to God for our salvation can we hope for the ordered peace where human life's true value is recognised.

Alex Wyndham (Seminarist)

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: The Beauty of Marriage.** Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Job 38:1, 8-11 2Corinthians 5: 14-17 Mark 4: 35-41) ***Make time for each other.*** Today the readings speak of turbulence and stormy waters. Life is like that! So it is in our married relationships. Nothing is ever completely smooth; our lives are often messy and difficult. As a couple, if we take time to take stock and trust in each other and the Lord, we might just hear His encouragement. *"Quiet now, be calm!"*

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 Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Valerie Thurston, Jimmy Clarin, Jim Lynas. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

- **PARISH BBQ/DAY ON SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY.** Subject to any regulations which may be in place, we are hoping to host a parish lunch. It would be a way of thanking many people for their involvement during the pandemic and also a way of getting back together as a community. anyone willing to help put the day into practice. Please contact the presbytery.
- **SVP News:** The SVP would like to invite you to a **Tea Party on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. More details to follow nearer the time. We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. All monies will be used to help those in need.

**DIOCESAN 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection after all Masses today for ***Day for Life.*** Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.

**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:  
**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> June** [Booking Form](#)    **Sun 4<sup>th</sup> July** [Booking Form](#)    **Sun 11<sup>th</sup> July** [Booking Form](#)

**NEW CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION COURSE:** We are pleased to advise that the next Confirmation course will commence this afternoon in Cardinal Bourne Hall at 4<sup>pm</sup> until 6<sup>pm</sup> followed by all candidates attending the 6.30<sup>pm</sup> Mass in the Church after. The course will run every Sunday up to the end of school term. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who is interested in his or her child making this sacrament.

**COLCHESTER CATHOLIC HERITAGE GROUP RE GATEHOUSE MASS:** This will be celebrated on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00<sup>pm</sup> on the feast day of St John the Baptist who was the patron saint of the former abbey. Numbers are restricted at the Abbey and in the Hall. A link will be available on Facebook and on the website to watch the service. If you would like to be part of this event by attending the hall, please contact Frances 01206 369568 as seats will be limited.

**FAITH FOR THE FAMILY:** This will be a short friendly interactive discussion with Fr Paschal on each Sundays Gospel readings on Mondays at 5<sup>pm</sup> (via Zoom) lasting approx. 30 mins. It would be great if all family members (all ages) could drop by, you don't have to commit to weekly! If interested in participating - Meeting ID: 843 2602 2208/ Passcode: 883004. We hope to see you there.

**CHURCH COMMUNITIES/ GROUPS: Re Parish BBQ on 18<sup>th</sup> July.** We are hoping that this will be a fantastic fun day out for all the family to enjoy a special day of entertainment, food and drink, while raising awareness for your group/Community. If you can give a little of your time to help out, it would be very gratefully received or If you would like to have a presence at the event, please contact the Presbytery with your suggestions/ideas i.e. stalls, etc.

**RED MISSIO BOXES (APF):** Please remember to collect your emptied "Red Boxes" from the Presbytery. Thank you.

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** Then please complete one of our Parish Registration forms, which can be found in the porch at the back of the church.

**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. 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**