

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (B)

YOUTH DAY

<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Doris Driscoll RIP
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Gatha Nally RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	November Dead List
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.15 am	Deceased Members of Larkin Family
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Private Intention

<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>			<b>St Cecilia, V, M</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Deceased Relatives of Farrell Family
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Des Fuller RIP
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr, &amp; Comps, Mm</b>
	Church	*10.30 am	Mrs. Aleykutty George RIP
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Holy Souls (M.T.)
	Church	10.30 am	<b>Funeral Mass:</b> Teresa Ann (Tessa) Southon RIP
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Anthony Southon RIP
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Anniv: Alice + Frank Waddell

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	David + Douglas Finch RIP
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Sidney Finch + Rose Jane Castell
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	5.00 pm	Holy Hour & Vespers
	Church	6.30 pm	November Dead List
	West Mersea	8.30 am	November Dead List
	Mile End	9.15 am	Deceased Members of Page + Gilmore Fams
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Parishioners

### \* Mass on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November will be at 10.30am and not 9.30am

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, Please contact the Presbytery.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 10am Mass and 5.30pm-6.00pm
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ Repository in Church Porch: Mass Intention Cards available in Church Porch; All items purchased - Monies to be left in Repository Box.
- ❖ 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



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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 RC Church, Colchester

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Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Today is Youth Sunday! In his message to young people, Pope Francis chose as the theme *Arise and Bare witness to Jesus with your lives*. Reflecting at length on the conversion of St Paul, Pope Francis wants young people to know that they have been personally called, powerfully equipped and purposefully appointed to bare witness to the life and love of Jesus. As a young Catholic (many years ago), I was and still am excited about the call of God on my life. I believe young people thirst with a unique passion and fervour for an authentic noble adventure, for a cause of ultimate significance capable of changing the whole world for the good. We see it in many great activists today. However it was when Paul met Christ on the road to Damascus that he could say with Elvis Presley I am not the King Jesus Christ is the King. Perhaps the great adventure a young people longs for is the joy of discovering that we are not here by accident, mistake or chance. We have been loved in to existence by a king who rules us his subjects through self-sacrificing service and love. In light of this ongoing discovery that we call our faith journey, we discover that truly it is a privilege to serve him. Where the king is there is his kingdom, and long may he reign in our hearts!

Fr. Paschal

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
DAILY Mon-Fri	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	Temporarily suspended

Please refer to the Website Home Page or External Church Notice Board for details on the **Relaxation of Covid restrictions**.

*As a Reminder: 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.*



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: People Who Suffer from Depression.** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS.** During this month, prayers and Masses are said for the Faithful Departed. *November Altar Lists of dead & Envelopes* are available in the Church Porch. Please put the names of your deceased family and friends on the list and place this in the envelope along with your donation and either hand the envelope to a priest or drop the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (1Daniel 7: 13-14 Revelation 1: 5-8 John 18: 33-37) **Marriage, called to be a kingdom of love.** In our sacramental relationship, we are called to be a 'kingdom of love'. Just as God's kingdom is for all, so our marriages are not private relationships. We are a 'sign' for all, especially for our children where truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, desire, passion, tenderness, joy and peace reign. It sounds a tall order - but not with God!

**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, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

**DIOCESAN 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** This weekend there will be a collection taken at all Masses for Youth Day. National Youth Sunday is now **World Youth Day** and it is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church in England and Wales along with the global Church.

**HOLY HOUR & VESPERS:** This will be held on the on the following Sundays from 5-6pm; 28<sup>th</sup> November + 5<sup>th</sup> December + 12<sup>th</sup> December +19<sup>th</sup> December. Please do try to come.

**'WALK WITH ME' Booklets (ADVENT EDITION):** in church porch at £1 a copy.

**REPOSITORY:** Christmas Cards & Diaries are now available for sale in the Church Porch. All monies to go in Repository Box.

**ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS:** Please note that **Mass on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November** will be at **10.30am** and **not** 9.30am. This is the Annual Remembrance Mass celebrated by Deanery Clergy at which we remember deceased Parishioners and Clergy.

**SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION:** At the heart of every Catholic's faith should be weekly attendance of Sunday Mass. This obligation has been suspended since last March and it is now hoped with suspension lifted it is possible for all Catholics to fulfil this most important Church precept by the First Sunday in Advent 2021 (next Sunday). We look forward to seeing all our Parish Community back together. Thank you.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS FAMILY AFTERNOON TEA** on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30pm -4.30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall . There will be a good variety of Cakes and Sandwiches along with Tea/Coffee. Please donate any unloved gifts for stall sale at event. Tickets: Adults -£7, Children 5-10yrs -£3. Contact Frances 369568 or Nora 503410.

**LAUDATO SI' INVITATIONS, COMMITMENTS AND ACTIONS:** This is our response to the heartfelt plea from Pope Francis, *"Listen to the Cry of the Earth, the Cry of the Poor."* It is for every parishioner in the Diocese. Please collect a leaflet and pledge card from Porch.

**LAUDATO SI' COMMITMENTS:** Following on from the Bishops letter regarding Laudato Si' we are looking to form a working group of volunteers to see what we can do as a Parish in response to this. So far, we have received no reaction from Parishioners on how we should respond to the Popes request. If you would like to be involved in this group, please contact us on 866317 to join. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

**BCCS:** This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to re-launch their virtual **Tree of Angels** which will allow you to light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of 'bccs'. Please visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/christmas/tree-angels> to make your dedication and secure donation.

**SVP NEWS:** Every year the SVP give Christmas presents to the young people in Brett House. Bernard Brett House is a specialist supported housing scheme for young homeless people at risk in the Colchester area. This year we are asking for your help. Are you able to donate a few chocolates or toiletries that can be wrapped up and give someone a lovely surprise this Christmas? There will be a box in the church porch for these to be collected in.

**JOSIE'S KITCHEN:** Josie sends her heartfelt thanks for your generous Toiletry donations this year, she is so touched by your caring and support for "her boys and girls" who will be delighted with their care packages. Josie is looking for donations to make Food parcels for the Homeless to tide them over the Christmas period when Josie's Kitchen is closed. If you can spare any of the following items: - Dried Milk Powder, Longlife milk and Juice, Dried Mashed Potatoes, Tea & Coffee, Sugar, Soup sachets/boxes, small multipacks of biscuits, cakes, chocolates etc. Please drop your Donations into the Presbytery. Thank you

**THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** You know that Catholic friend who has everything and you can never think of what to buy them as a gift? How about a quarters subscription to The Universe Catholic Weekly? They'll think of you whenever it drops onto their table or smartphone. It's easy to set up, click here: [universecatholicweekly.co.uk/subscribe](http://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/subscribe). Or ring Michelle on 07436617650 or email: [sales@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:sales@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

**(BCYS) BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE & WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK** offer retreats, pilgrimages and many other events for many thousands of young people every year; most of the work is led by volunteers, trained as young leaders in the Church. The BCYS also supports our catechists and school lay chaplains.

**PARISH FINANCES:** If you wish to make an offering/donation this can be done 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):-  
**Priory St:** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>  
**Mile End:** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-c>  
**Mersea:** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>  
**Monkwick:** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

**Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you**

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Monday 22/11/21: **Team 3**  
**CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA:** 21/11/21: KSC (Rotas in Church porch).