

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (A)

YOUTH DAY

Sunday 22nd	Church	8.15 am	(1) Mrs. Anne Barry RIP (2) Parishioners
Monday 23rd	Church	8.15 am	Feria (1) Bridget Ann Irvine RIP (2) November Dead List
Tuesday 24th	Church	8.15 am	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr & Companions, Mm (1) Anniversary: Mrs. Aleykutty George (2) Ints: S+ S
Wednesday 25th	Church	8.15 am	Feria (1) Holy Souls (2)
Thursday 26th	Church	8.15 am	Feria (1) Bernie + Ollie + Fam (2) Peter + Neil Rush
Friday 27th	Church	8.15 am	Feria (1) Holy Souls (2) Deceased members of Guild of St Stephen
Saturday 28th	Church	8.15 am	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1) The Healy + Barr Fams RIP (2) Canon John Bloomfield
FIRST DAY OF ADVENT (A)			
Sunday 29th	Church	8.15 am	(1) Anthony Southon RIP (2) Parishioners

FACE MASKS. 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)

- ❖ Church will be open daily from 10am to 11am for private, individual prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) can take place during daily private prayer - please speak to priest
- ❖ 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.

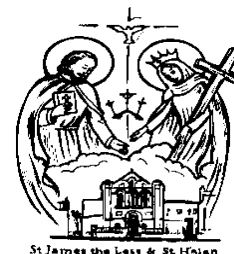
- **LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES:** The following link is to a website that has live streaming of church services in the UK <https://www.churchservices.tv/>
- **WALSINGHAM:** the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham has a 24 hour livestream service website <https://www.walsingham.org.uk>
- **BRENTWOOD PASTORAL DEAF SERVICE:** The only signed Mass streamed online is from the Diocese of Westminster: <https://www.churchservices.tv/pottersbar> or from the Church's own website look for the Live Streaming link near the end of the page <https://olasv.org.uk/>
- **POLISH MASS:** St Monica, Palmers Green, Sundays 3.30pm www.churchservices.tv/palmersgreen

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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WEEK COMMENCING 22ND NOVEMBER 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE

A first things first! In 1925, 7 years after the war Huddersfield town were league champions and Louis Armstrong was wowing crowds with his trumpet. Pope Pius XI released an encyclical *Quas Primas -in the first*. In this encyclical, the pope inaugurates the feast we celebrate today *Christ the universal king!* Those words *Quas primas* are so apt not just to the encyclical, to this feast but also to the needs of our day. COVID-19 has brought us in to a unique moment of adversity and anxiety. As the liturgical year comes to an end of a tumultuous year, Providence gives us a feast that gives us a saving perspective. Through it all, before it all, at the end of it all Christ is King. This feast invites us to look in to our hearts and ask honestly, who is on the throne of my life in my heart? Is it worry and uncertainty or hope and faith in Christ? Today's first reading from Ezekiel tells us how God personally vows to replace the false shepherds, idols, Gods or kings that lead us his flock astray. Instead, via the wood of the cross he will lead us to the green pastures of true interior freedom. Our part is to put first things first. Namely, the kingdom of God and his righteousness where Christ is King. When he is enthroned in our lives no matter the trial or challenge, he reigns and his reign brings ultimate justice, love and peace. Jesus alone is the universal King, come, let us worship him.

Fr. Paschal

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer at 9.45 _{am}	All Temporarily suspended
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 _{pm})	

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Due to the latest Government restrictions, we are currently not able to gather for public worship from 5th November to 2nd December. During this time, Fr. Paschal and I will continue to celebrate Mass separately each day at 8.15_{am} without a congregation; Mass intentions will be published for each Mass in the weekly newsletter. The Church will open daily (Mon-Sun) from 10.00_{am} to 11.00_{am} for individual prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you to all our volunteer Stewards, as without you this would not be possible. *Fr. Chris*

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 Private Prayer
- 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 daily for private prayer and the church will be cleaned in readiness for the next morning.

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.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: Artificial Intelligence. We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

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, Joan Jeal, Jimmy Clarin. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Gooch, Miroslaw (Mick) Pauk and Lynda Andrews who have all recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their respective bereaved family and friends. Michael's funeral mass will take place here on 2nd December at 11.45_{am}. Miroslaw's funeral mass will take place on 10th December at 11.30_{am} and Lynda's funeral mass will take place here on Tuesday 15th December at 11.30_{am}. Due to Government restrictions, funeral attendance is by family invitation.

WALK WITH ME (ADVENT EDITION): Now available in church porch at £1 a copy.

REPOSITORY: A selection of 2021 Diaries are available in Church Porch.

PARISH GIFT DAY: Fr Chris and Fr Paschal invite you to join them on **Saturday 28th November** from **11.00_{am}-12.30_{pm}** in the **Church porch** for our parish Gift Day, to help raise funds for your parish church. We are privileged to be members of this parish where our faith is nurtured and where we are passing it on through our children to future generations. We have four fine buildings in which to worship (and which need upkeep) and we are committed to reach out to our community and beyond, sharing our faith in word and deed, as Christ commissioned his disciples to do. For this ministry to be maintained and to flourish we need sufficient funds. We would urge everyone to join us and feel part of the move to put us back on an even keel on our Gift Day, whatever your level of giving (every penny counts!). Please hand your '*Parish Gift*' (cash or chq) to Fr Chris or Fr Paschal.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Ezek 34:11-12; 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26; 28 Matt 25:31-46) ***Called to be symbols of the way Jesus loves.*** Jesus says that those who respond to others are in effect responding to him. Our call as married couples is to be a symbol of Jesus' love for us. In each small way that we show our love: doing little jobs, spending quality time together, listening, forgiving and making up, we are responding to that call and nourishing one other.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL [ADMISSIONS FOR 2021/2022]: (Local Authority Closing Date 15/01/21). The signing of the "***Certificates of Practice***" will take place in the church porch on the following date: - **Today, Sunday 22nd November 2020 at 4.00_{pm} – 5.00_{pm}**

There is no need to make an appointment as both parents or guardians and the child applying to St Thomas, will be seen on a 1st come, 1st served basis. Only 1 family at a time in the Church porch. Please maintain social distance guidelines whilst standing outside church.

BCYS Brentwood Catholic Youth Service **RE NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY.** Today is the Feast of Christ the King, and the weekend where we especially honour and celebrate the place of young people. To discover more, incl. a series of short videos where young people share their experience go to www.bcys.net.

BCCS: Our Christmas card flyer, Newsletter and link to our new virtual Tree of Angels are all available to access on our website at www.bccs.org.uk.

SVP NEWS: Are you ready to take on the Sponsored Snowdon Staircase challenge? Details & sponsor form, which can be downloaded from our Facebook page (SVP Colchester)

2ND COLLECTION BASKET: A collection is being taken for National Youth Sunday on 22nd November. A collection basket is situated at the exit of church if attending private prayer in Church alternatively, an envelope can be posted through Presbytery letterbox (please mark envelope as Youth Sunday Donation). Please give what you can.

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PARISH FINANCES: We thank you in advance for the offering that you give today. 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)
- Donation baskets are situated at entrance and exit of church
- Setting up a regular gift by Standing Order, (please contact Presbytery office for form).
- The Donation Station (in Church porch)
- 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>

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

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