

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Sunday of the Word of God			
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Canon John Bloomfield
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Ints: Una Nagle + Family
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.15 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Ros Sutcliffe RIP

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	9.30 am	<b>St Francis de Sales, Bp, D</b> Stephen Hilton RIP
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	9.30 am	<b>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Ap</b> Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	9.30 am	<b>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus, Bpp</b> Brigida + Elvie Balagtas RIP
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	9.30 am	<b>Feria</b> Private Intention (L.M)
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	9.30 am	<b>St Thomas Aquinas, Pr, D</b> Mrs. Carmen Finch RIP
	Church	11.00 am	<b>Funeral Mass:</b> Gabrielle Anne Hogg RIP
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	9.30 am	<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Norah Hewitt

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)			
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	6.15 pm	Jim, Pat Joe, Connell McGinley RIP
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Alan Michael Buck RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Ints: Andrew Johnson
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	3.30 pm	First Holy Communion (Children + Fams)
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.15 am	Private Intention
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Georg-Marie Dimech RIP

- ❖ 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).
- ❖ 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

# 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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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**  
Sunday of the Word of God  
**WEEK COMMENCING 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2022**

The second reading today is considering the Church as a body, a familiar image and a challenging one. In our baptism we receive the Holy Spirit and, unless we enter into serious sin and do not confess it, the Spirit will remain with us. Accordingly the passage from St. Paul applies to each of us. The Spirit is given for a purpose which means we cannot be merely passive members of the church, turning up at Mass and saying our prayers but otherwise taking no active part in the life of the church. Someone might claim that they are prevented from doing anything else, which may be true but may be self-delusion (what do we find time to do? Football? Clubbing? The gym?) An opportunity therefore this Sunday to ask ourselves how we demonstrate our life in the Spirit.

Fr. Chris



Please note that Face Masks must be worn in Church, unless medically exempt.



**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 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 JANUARY: *True Human Fraternity*.** We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22) ***Being what we promised to be.*** Today's feast tells us who Jesus really is; it calls us to be what we promised at our wedding – a sign to the world of God's love for all of us. At the core of this commitment is the undertaking to trust our spouse with who we really are – feelings, thoughts, ideas; all that makes us who we are today.

**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 are ill or have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Iris Jay and Eileen Adams who have all recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Funeral details for Iris to be advised.

Each year on the **Third Sunday of Ordinary time**, the Church marks 'Sunday of the Word of God'. It is a time to acknowledge and celebrate the central place of God's Word in our lives of faith. We are a people who live by God's Word. We are gathered by God's Word.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** After all Masses this weekend there will be a collection for (SPUC) White Flower Appeal.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Please be aware that 6 months' notice of intention for Marriage is required especially if marrying outside the Parish. Couples who are planning to get married should contact us **at least 6 months** in advance. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION IN AID OF THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** In accordance with Diocesan policy, our Crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord [February 2<sup>nd</sup>] and these offerings will go to the (BCCS) Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** This will take place after the 10.30am Mass on today (23<sup>rd</sup>).

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES** last few copies remaining in Church Porch. Priced at £2.80 per copy (money to go in "*Repository*" Box in church porch).

**RED MISSIO BOXES:** Please collect your emptied boxes from the Presbytery Office. Thank you.

**2022 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** RCIA 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. To register your interest, please email your contact details [colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Thank You

**SATURDAY EVENING SOUP RUN ROTA FOR HOMELESS/HOUSED:** Volunteers are required (aged 18 + over) to make up a team of 4+ persons. Volunteers would have to be available one Saturday a month from about 5.30 to 8pm; this includes time for setting up & clearing up afterwards. Teams will distributing the food and drinks and chat to the folks. (The soup run itself will be from 6.30-7.30pm. the location will be The Salvation Army Car Park, which is situated opposite the police station). If interested please contact SVP Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com).

**CHURCH CHOIR:** Claire Williamson has taken over running the choir but more musicians and singers are needed. An organist is needed for the first Sunday of the month when Brian is engaged elsewhere. The choir sings at the 10:30am Mass at Priory Street and for all the major Feast Days. The Easter Triduum and the Vigil Mass are next on the calendar. Choir Practice takes place every two weeks so please contact Claire for more details on 07582253284. New Members Welcome.

**BCYS FEBRUARY YOUTH MASS WITH TALK FROM MILLION MINUTES:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at Brentwood Cathedral. From 6pm join the BCYS for pizza and drink in the Parish Hall, and from 6:30pm Beth Warren, former Walsingham House Assistant Manager and now Senior Parish Engagement Officer for "Million Minutes" will help us prepare for the upcoming Lenten Season, with their SiLENT campaign and other exciting ventures! This will be followed by Mass at 7:30pm, where we will be joined by Fr Paschal Uche and Fr Michael Barwick who will preach the gospel. All info about this and other events can be found on our website [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net).

**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL** will be hosting a 'Be a Cathedral Chorister for a Day' opportunity for boys aged 7-12 on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The day will begin at 10.30 with a welcome for families and will end with Choral Vespers at 4pm, an opportunity for everyone to hear the boys sing. We hope the day will be of interest to all boys who enjoy singing, whatever their prior musical experience. We will be holding a similar day for girls later in the year. For more info and to register a place, please visit [www.cathedralbrentwood.org](http://www.cathedralbrentwood.org) or telephone 01277 265288.

**THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: *What do the Martyrs teach us about the life of faith?*** Input will be given by Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector at Oscott seminary, Birmingham on Sundays 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January 4-5pm. via Zoom. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to [adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org). For more information go to [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk)

**VACANCY AT SIR WILLIAM PETRE ALMSHOUSES, INGATESTONE.** A vacancy has arisen at the Almshouses situated along the High St in Ingatestone. The Almshouse is a one-bedroom property for single persons. Candidates must be over 50 years of age and in need. Preference may be given to Roman Catholics. To apply please contact Mike Falcone, Trustee, Ginge Petre Trust on tel 07935 959388"

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Thursday 27/01/22: **Team 1** / Monday 31/01/22: **Team 2**  
**CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA:** 23/01/22 (Yolande + 1) / 30/01/22 (SVP)  
 2022 Rotas are available in Church Porch.



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