

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 22nd	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 23rd	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Canon T. W. Clarke + Family
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Danny Farrell RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
Fr Chris Anniversary Mass	<i>Church</i>	* 4.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention
Monday 24th			St Charbel Makhlef, Pr
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Canon T. W. Clarke
Tuesday 25th			ST JAMES, Ap
		9.30 am	Kathleen + Victor Payne RIP
Wednesday 26th			Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mark Murray RIP
	<i>Church</i>	11.00 am	Funeral Service: Mrs. Christina Browse RIP
Thursday 27th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention (JF)
	<i>Church</i>	12.30 pm	Funeral Service: Mrs. Denisia Gray RIP
Friday 28th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mr. T. T. Thomas Thalanany RIP
Saturday 29th			Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Phil Treby RIP

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 29th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Ints: Mary Bulalague
Sunday 30th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Xavier Swampillai + Marie Bastianpillai RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Holy Souls
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Jim Lynas RIP

*** TIME CHANGE: Please note Mass will be at 4.30pm and not 6.30pm.**
Please do join us in celebrating Fr Chris on his special day. Thank you

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00pm Mass (Monkwick).
- ❖ 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.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@brcdt.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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Week Commencing 23rd July 2023

Everyone has a vocation inasmuch as all are invited into relationship with God. Prayer is at the heart of our vocation. What we think of as 'vocation' eg marriage, ordination, is still personal since those vocations are lived out in specific and unique circumstances. Vocation is also a gift and privilege, when it is accepted and lived, since it is our own individual way of living the Gospel in this world through which we are passing, our own individual way of serving God's purposes and building up the Kingdom. My own forty years of priesthood have introduced me to many people who have shared their stories, their journeys, with me. Thanks to all those to whom I have been asked to minister for what I have in turn received.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY (Mon-Fri)	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
ADORATION & PRAYER	Thursdays	at 7.30 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY: *For a Eucharistic life*

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Matt 13:44-52) **Discover what loving really means.** Instead of praying for 'treasure', King Solomon prayed for wisdom 'to discern good from evil'. When discerning what 'loving' really means, you find 'hidden treasure' in these weekly reflections on Scripture. They will also help you to discover the 'hidden treasure' in each other. Sharing this, you sow 'seeds' of love in the minds and hearts of others.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Diana Irlen, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Joyce Wrobel, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Jason McLean, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Elizabeth Haynes, Christina Browse & Nora McKnight 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. The funeral service for Mary will be held at St Cedds on Wednesday 9th August at 1.30pm. The Funeral Service for Christina will be on Wednesday 26th July at 11.00am (Priory Street). The funeral service for Nora will be on Wednesday 16th August at 11.30am (Priory Street).

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING: Anyone who has half-an-hour to spare after Mass is most welcome stay for coffee and biscuits after 10.30am Mass on Sundays. This is a chance to catch up in the spirit of friendship and community. Everyone is warmly invited.



CUPPA CLUB: will meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newcomers always welcome!

FR PASCHAL: Fr Paschal will be starting as Assistant Priest in Chelmsford at the beginning of September. Before he leaves St James The Less & St Helen Parish, we would like to show our appreciation by presenting him with a leaving gift/ monetary donation. If you would like to contribute to this, a leaving collection will be taken on 30th July after all Masses. Alternatively, a card/envelope can be dropped into Presbytery with his name on the front. A leaving reception will take place on Sunday 3rd September in Cardinal Bourne Hall following the 10.30am Mass – All parishioners are warmly invited to say their farewells.

COULD YOU DONATE TOOTHBRUSHES & DISPOSABLE RAZORS FOR REFUGEES?

Founded in 2017 after the demolition of 'The Jungle' refugee camp in Calais, Roots, a charity based in Dunkirk, provides displaced people with essential basic services such as drinking water, hot showers, waste management and access to electricity. Calais Light has sourced deliveries of toiletries from corporate donors for Roots, but none have offered toothbrushes or disposable razors, which are now really needed. Roots has plenty of toothpaste! Could you add a pack of disposable razors and / or a couple of toothbrushes to your weekly shop?

THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA NATIONAL RELIC TOUR 2023: We are delighted to announce that the Diocese of Brentwood will be graced with the presence of esteemed relics during the Knights of Saint Columba National Relic Tour 2023. From July 30th to August 12th, we welcome you to witness and venerate the sacred relics of St. Columba of Iona, St. Andrew the Apostle, and St. Margaret of Scotland. These relics, rich in spiritual significance, offer a unique opportunity for personal reflection and communion with these revered saints. Join us in this profound spiritual journey as we celebrate their enduring legacies. Stay tuned for more details and event schedules. Let us come together in faith and embrace the blessings of this extraordinary experience! The link for the timetable of the Relic Tour in Brentwood Diocese is: <https://ibb.co/VWMPsvV>

PRO-LIFE COFFEE MORNING. You are warmly invited to a coffee morning on Tuesday 8th August, 10.30am-12.30pm at the home of Clare Fox, Cherry Tree Farm, Bromley Rd, Ardleigh CO7 7SG. Come and enjoy a morning of tea, coffee and cakes with the opportunity to raise funds for and find out more about the life changing work of March for Life UK.

WORLD YOUTH DAY AT HOME: World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer. If you can't attend the main event, why not join WYD in London run by the Religious of the Assumption - a day celebration on **Saturday 5th August 2023** from 11am-5pm in the church by **Leicester Square**. Programme: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass, bringing together a young community of different nationalities in one faith! Venue: Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only. **To register** a group or individually, fill in the form: [/bit.ly/wydlondon](http://bit.ly/wydlondon)

YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION: The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such *Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham*. There are two choices of dates: 14th - 21st August or 30th August - 6th September. To find out more, please enquire by 31st July by emailing the COLW Sisters at freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org

LONDON MARATHON 2024: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the London Marathon on Sunday 21st April 2024. Please contact Damian Dillon for further details on 07912 308000 or at ddillon@bccs.org.uk. The closing date is Friday 28th July and there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1800 (excluding Gift Aid).

YEAR 13 RETREAT AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE IN SEPTEMBER: Will you be in Year 13 this September? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? If so, Year 13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There are 2 retreats on 13th - 15th September or 22nd - 24th September and the cost is £35. Please visit www.bcys.net/events for further details or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 24/07/23: Team 2 / Monday 07/08/23: Team 3

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS: We are still looking for a couple of volunteers for Cleaning Teams 1 + 3 as many hands make light work. If you are able to volunteer about 2 hrs every 5 weeks, please contact Linda in the Presbytery office (01206 866317) Thanks.

COFFEE MORNING (HALL): 23/07/23: SVP / 30/07/23: Matthew + Mariamma



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