

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday 22nd	6.15 pm	
Sunday 23rd	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Ints: Anna Dominique
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Bert Hewitt RIP

Monday 24th		MONDAY - Our Lady of Walsingham
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Simone Osborne RIP
Tuesday 25th		TUESDAY - Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Maureen & Tom McElroy
Wednesday 26th		WEDNESDAY - Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: John Peter
Thursday 27th		THURSDAY - St Vincent de Paul
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	
Friday 28th		FRIDAY - Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	
<i>Colchester General Hospital</i>	12.00 pm	Hospital Chapel
Saturday 29th		SATURDAY - SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving

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Saturday 29th	6.15 pm	Padraig Mulrennan RIP
Sunday 30th	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	People + Gov. of Nigeria
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Ints: Deceased Relatives of Rafferty Family
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Veronica Smith RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (confession): Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE: www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org under events where a list of course dates are available

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, we can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the patient so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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Today's readings invite us to become great in the sight of God by doing God's will, as Jesus did, surrendering our lives in the service of others. The passage from the Book of Wisdom sounds like a messianic prophecy similar to the "Suffering Servant" prophecy in Isaiah referring to Christ's passion. It urges us to choose the path of righteousness in spite of painful consequences. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a glimpse of what walking that path is, namely, welcoming and serving the vulnerable in our midst: the defenceless children, the despairing poor, the mentally ill and the marginalized. Jesus also teaches his apostles that only child-like humility and selfless service make one great in the eyes of God. The second reading is in tune with the dispute among the apostles about who is the greatest. In it, James warns us that selfish ambitions destroy peace and cause conflicts and war. So, James advises us to choose the path of righteousness and humble service which leads to lasting peace.

Fr John

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	8:30am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:50am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00am Mass
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: Please join with Pope Francis in praying for **Young People in Africa:** That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Vicky Culham, Peter Ledgley

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Craig Findlay who has recently passed away. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family and those that mourn: Funeral details to be advised.

NEXT DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION: Harvest Day (CAFOD) on Sunday 7th October.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism Harry-James. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs will take place on **Thursday 27th September 2018** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the Course. *[If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office].*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018/2019: Dates have now been agreed and the Programme will start in November. The parish offers this course for young people in school year 3 and above. Information packs are available at the back of church. For further information contact Hywel and Pam Edwards via prioryst_fhc@btinternet.com or 01206 867325.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS [RCIA]: Journey in Faith or 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. Sessions are held weekly on a Thursday evening from **7pm to 8.30pm** in the Crypt of the church and they will run from **4th October** until Easter. To register your interest please, give your name and contact details to one of the priests or contact Cathy O'Connor 01206 735623 cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL: If you would like to help the current Stewards of the Gospel or just know more about their task, there are a series of events over the next 9 months. Please look on the parish Website or contact Jane Hargreaves; 01206 734241 ; jmowens@doctors.org.uk

INTERESTED IN CATECHESIS - If you are interested in helping on the various sacramental preparation courses available in the parish why not have a chat with the existing teams? Members of the Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation teams will be available in the crypt after Mass on **Sunday 7th October** - no pressure, we'll even buy you a coffee or tea! If you can't make it see Hywel Edwards after the 10:30 Mass any week.

WEDNESDAY 26th September: Please note that Mass will be at 9.30am and not 12.15pm.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: [Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.](#)

MONASTIC SISTERS CHOIR of ST. ELISABETH CONVENT, BELARUS (UK tour): will be holding a concert in St James the Less and St Helen Church on **Friday 5th October**; concert start time **7pm**. The programme for each concert is presented in two sections. The 1st part consists of church hymns based on ancient chants. The 2nd part follows up with well-known and popular church songs and canticles, the beauty and wisdom of which lies in their simplicity and uniqueness led by choir master Sister Iuliana (Denisova) author of more than 150 church songs and chants, harmonisations and variations. No ticket fee only a voluntary donation. There will also be an exhibition of their crafts and CDs for sale. Please join us for this special event.

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP: Musical Magic and Mayhem to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Lesley and Claire running the group. A glittering evening of past songs from musicals and films. **28th and 29th September** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, 7.30 pm. Door open 7.00. Tickets £5 for adults and £2.50 children and concessions. For more information please contact Lesley (01206) 970960.

AFTERNOON TEA & CHILDRENS FESTIVAL OF DANCE: in Cardinal Bourne Hall on **Saturday 6th October from 3-5pm**. Food and a raffle. If you would like a group of children to present their native/cultural dancing on the afternoon, please contact Norah (01206) 503410 or Frances (01206) 369568. Adults £6 / Children under 12yrs £3. All are most welcome.

KSC (Knights of St Columba): *Day of Prayer & Reflection* at Clare Priory on **Saturday 29th September** commencing with mass in the village RC Church (Adjacent to the Priory) @ 10am. The day should finish @ 4pm. £16.00 pp - bring your own packed lunch. Refreshments provided. Please contact Ron Griffin (01206) 571590 or Michael Irvine (01206) 854803 if you wish to come or if you would like a lift as we will not be running a coach.

HOLY HOUR: Will be held at St James the Less and St Helen on **Wednesday 24th October at 7.30pm** to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. This year the Vocations office have planned to pray for vocations in all 12 deaneries within the Diocese, one for every month in 2018. All are welcome whether you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or want to pray for those who are. This event will include a testimony from Mgr. John Armitage who was the Vicar General of this diocese and is now Rector to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk.

FLAME 2019: takes place on **2nd March** next year; the ticket price is currently £20 and this will rise to £23 when the early bird discount finishes on 15th October, so now is the time to book! For further details or to book, please see www.cymfed.org/flame2019.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: *Beginning Experience* from **5th to 7th October 2018**. There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.

BRENTWOOD NEWS MAGAZINE: September issue is now available in church porch.

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society): Telephone number - 07493 439427.
CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message]

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday 27th September 2018: Team 4.