

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mr Alfie Heaney RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Parishioners
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Private Intentions
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Stephen Hill RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Martin Coughlin RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Peter McCartney RIP
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<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Ints: Ross Hamilton
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<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Ints: Emilio Gizzi
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<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
<i>School Mass in Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Michael + Ellen Conlon RIP
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<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Margaret Barker RIP
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<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>		<b>ST DAVID, BP, Patron of Wales (Women's World Day of Prayer)</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Joseph O'Conner RIP
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<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Mike Sheehan RIP

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)  
(Day for the Unemployed)**

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Sean Lohan RIP
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Parishioners
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Mr Peter Egeolu RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>4.00 pm</b>	Filipino Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Mrs Molly Wilson RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Maria Nila T. Aganon RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Ronda Schuler RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Private Intention

**Please Note - Mass on Wednesday is at 9.30am NOT 12:15pm**

**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](http://www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org) under Events where a list of course dates is 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  
1 PARISH , 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY**



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**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]  
WEEK COMMENCING: 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE141**

The Gospel continues the Sermon on the Plain. Jesus emphasises the pre-eminence of love, or better, charity. It is easy to go through life being 'nice' to people in a selective way, doing good to those who do good to us and so on, while rejecting those we do not like. Is that charity? Jesus' answer is, no. The real test of charity comes when faced with someone who very clearly does not like us or wish us good. What to do then? Dislike them in return? No, we are called to relate to them with genuine charity. If we find that a difficult suggestion, we might reflect on the nature of sin. All sin is a rejection of God, a failure of love. If God were to treat us as we often wish to treat others who have rejected us, we would be in trouble, unforgiving and unforgiven. Instead, we follow the example of the Word made flesh, who prayed even for those who crucified him.

Fr.Chris

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	following 8.00am Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: "Human Trafficking"**

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Open to receive*** 'That the love with which you loved me may be in them and so that I may be in them' – the prayer of Jesus before returning to the Father. God made us to be channels of His love – wife to husband, vice versa, parents to children. Our openness to His love enables it to flow out through us to others.

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margot Duce, Maria Dykes and Patricia Morgan who have all recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We also pray for the comfort of their bereaved families and friends. Margot's Funeral is at 9.30am on Thursday 28th at Colchester Crematorium. Maria's Funeral is at 2pm on Tuesday 12th March at Colchester Crematorium and Patricia's Requiem Mass will be at 10.30am on Friday 15th March

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Ella**. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

**UPCOMING 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS:** Church Lent + Easter Flowers (M.End + P.Street) on 10th March and Parish Renovation Fund (3 of 4) on 17th March.

**PROCEEDS OF RECENT SECOND COLLECTIONS:** BCCS (CRIB) - £559.09, Pax Christi - £791.29, National Youth Sunday - £692.40. Thank you for your kind generosity.

**GIFT AID:** Are you out of *Special Collection Envelopes* ? You can still donate using a plain envelope and adding your number from your Gift Set.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Thursday: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary. *[If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office].*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** will take place here every Friday of Lent at 12pm (Noon) and also Mersea at 9.30am, commencing on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, also here every Tuesday of Lent from 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm for our Polish Community.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Reminder:** Please remember to tick your name on the list in the Sacristy to show you are present and if you are unable to attend please swap your date with another minister. Thank you.

**RCIA:** Recommences on Thursday 28th February

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Parish Events): -**

- **PRIORY THEATRE GROUP** are holding auditions for their September performance "Thurpernatural hotel" on the **5<sup>th</sup> March 2019** in the Cardinal Bourne hall at 7.00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please come along or contact Lesley (01206) 628003 for more details.
- **LENT TALKS:** A new venture this Lent: we have speakers on Lent-related themes every Friday evening in Lent. A poster with the programme is at the back of the church. Please do support this initiative of Father Chris. We need a good crowd in the hall at 7.30pm, to welcome our first speaker, **Sr Helen Costigane on March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Admission Free. All are welcome.
- **ST PATRICK'S DANCE: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** from 7.30pm -10.30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall with Good food, live entertainment, dancers, singing. Prize Raffle, tea and coffee provided; bring you own drinks. Tickets £12.00 Adults + £6.00 children aged 6-12years. For Tickets contact Frances on (01206) 369568.
- **RACE NIGHT:** the SVP are holding a Race Night on **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April** from 7.00pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall. All welcome. More info to follow.

**WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP:** The next Film showing is this Wednesday, **27<sup>th</sup> February**, with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening St. Paul. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

**MILE END NEWS:** Coffee Morning on **3<sup>rd</sup> March** after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection taking place on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**PALM CROSSES:** We would be grateful if people could bring their old palm crosses back to us. A basket is situated in the church porch for collection of these.

**(BCCS) BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY Anniversary Concert:** The Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' have agreed to hold an Anniversary Concert for us on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019** at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. Early bird tickets are available now at a special price of £15 plus booking fee until 1<sup>st</sup> March after which all tickets will be £20 plus fee. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite – [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) - look for **The Priests** under **Event**, or click the link on our website [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) under **Our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Anniversary Events**.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21- 26 July**, under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams. For details see leaflet or contact Pilgrimage Administrator, Mrs. Cathy O'Connor (01206) 735623 or email [cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org](mailto:cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org)

**CHURCH CAR PARK:** The Church car park is closed due to fire damage to the garages; Please **DO NOT** park across the entrance as priests require access at all times!

**WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS (Lent 2019):** still available at £1 each

❖ <b>SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):</b> Tel: 07493 439427 or email: <a href="mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com">colchestersvp@gmail.com</a>
❖ <b>CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:</b> <a href="mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com">cb.hall@btinternet.com</a> or Tel: 07758 805263 [ <b>answerphone only</b> – please leave a message with contact number].

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February: **Team 1:** *Caroline/Pascalina/Francoise.*