

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]**

<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Parishioners
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Anniv: Colin Taylor
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Ints: Mary Hazell
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Compton Poonan RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Ints: P & R Sutcliffe

<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>MONDAY - St Monica</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>TUESDAY - St Augustine</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Betty Jones + Peter + Theres
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>WEDNESDAY - The Passion of St John the Baptist</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>12.15 pm</b>	Deceased Members of the Farrell Family
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>THURSDAY - Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Kathleen Shock RIP
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>FRIDAY - Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Patricia Urquhart RIP
	<b>12.00 pm</b>	Hospital Mass
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>		<b>SATURDAY - St Sebbi, King of the East Saxons</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]**

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Ints: John + Michelle Berghout & Family
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Parishioners
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Holy Souls
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>4.00pm</b>	Filipino Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Kathleen Shock RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	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](http://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

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### WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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WEEK COMMENCING: 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE 123

The Gospel today brings our journey through John.ch.6 to an end. It is a sobering conclusion. Jesus has given very clear teaching on the real presence in the eucharist, and it is met with unbelief by many, it is, 'intolerable language'. I find it striking what Jesus doesn't do; he doesn't modify his language or say he didn't really mean it or ask what they would find acceptable. He holds to what he has taught, despite many of his followers deserting him, and then challenges his apostles, do they wish to leave as well? Peter's response to that challenge is beautiful, a real expression of faith. Throughout the ages, and certainly today, the Church proclaims the Gospel in its fullness despite many voices clamouring for a change in teaching so as to bring the Gospel 'up-to-date', 'more relevant' etc. Proclaiming a different 'Gospel' which many who claim to be Christian in fact do, is a betrayal of Jesus and of people, other 'Gospels' are merely human words. It is the words of Jesus, faithfully transmitted, which are spirit and life.

Fr Chris

## 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 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST:** Please join with Pope Francis in praying for **The Treasure of Families:** That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

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

**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.

**(RCIA) RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** An open evening to discuss course details will be held on **Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm** in the Crypt (*entrance to the Crypt is via the Church*). (RCIA) Journey in Faith 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 from 7pm to 8.30pm on Thursday evening in the Crypt of the church and they will run from October until Easter. The start date for 2018 will be **October 4th at 7pm**. To register your interest please, give your name and contact details to one of the priests or contact Cathy O'Connor 01206 735623 or [cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND:** We welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism Holly & Jamie. God bless these children and congratulations to their respective families.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Robert and Lydia married here on Saturday. May God grant you all of life's blessings and love's joys.

**NEXT SECOND COLLECTION:** Our next Second Collection is for our Parish Renovation Fund and this will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Do remember that if you are in the Gift Aid Scheme you can put your donation in any envelope with your personal Gift Aid number on and the parish will then claim back another 25% from 'the tax man' on your contribution.

**FR JOHN VICTOR:** Please give a warm welcome to Fr John who has now moved here and has already started to serve our parish, we hope he enjoys his time with us.

**PARISH BBQ FOR FR. ALEX:** Please join us today after the 10.30am mass as we wish Fr Alex every success in his new role as Parish Priest at Westcliff-On-Sea.

**VALERIE THURSTON** (Organist @ 6.15pm mass Saturday): Valerie has returned home from hospital after her complete knee replacement and would like to thank all her well-wishers for their cards, kind thoughts and prayers.

**MILE END NEWS:** The next Coffee Morning will be on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** after the 9:15am mass at St Joseph's and this will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome

**MONKWICK NEWS:** Mary and Chris would like to thank everyone who participated, supported and assisted at the last Coffee Morning. The next Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 10am til 12 (Noon)** and will be hosted by Joyce Wrobel at 26 Queensland Drive, Colchester. All are most welcome.

**MERSEA NEWS:** The next Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30am til 12.30pm at the home of Anne-Marie Jacobs, Rewalls Farm, E. Mersea. All are most welcome.

**WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP:** The next showing is on **12<sup>th</sup> September with a start time of 1.15pm** screening "*Old Fashioned*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Restarts on **Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**, here in the Crypt, 10:00am-12:00pm. Topic: Who is Jesus, the Christ for you? All are most welcome

**THURSDAY SOCIAL GROUP** has reconvened with its usual slot every **Thursday from 10.30am to 1.30pm** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Everyone is most welcome and please bring food to share with the group. Further information about social activities will be discussed. A £2.00 donation is much appreciated for the use of the hall.

**MISSION TODAY:** *AUTUMN 2018 Edition* free magazines are available for all parishioners on the table at church entrance. If you would like to have a "Red Box" and do not yet possess one, please contact Ron Griffin on 571590 or after Saturday evening mass - 6.15pm.

**SVP APPEAL - KERALA FLOODS:** As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: -

- **WALSINGHAM HOUSE:** Official Opening **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September**
- **ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND:** On **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> +Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September** at St James the Less and St Helen and at the Abbey of St John the Baptist on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> + Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September**
- **RIDE & STRIDE:** will be taking place on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September** from 9.00am – 5.00pm
- **ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND ("Catholics in Colchester")** Fri 14<sup>th</sup> & Sat 15<sup>th</sup> September

Please see posters in porch for more event details or check our website under Events.

- **ADOREMUS,** the national conference is being held in Liverpool Sept 07-09
- **A DAY OF REFLECTION & ENRICHMENT FOR READERS: Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> October** in Woodford Green.

**SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Telephone number - **07493 439427.**

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message]

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018: Team 4.