

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]		
Saturday 26 th	6.15 pm	
Sunday 27 th	8:00 am	Maurice and Kitty Foley RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	
West Mersea	8:30 am	
Mile End	9:15 am	Donor's Intentions
Monkwick	10:15 am	Celestine Tighe RIP
Monday 28th		St Thomas Aquinas, Pr, D
Church	9.30 am	Margaret Murray
Tuesday 29th		Feria
Church	9.30 am	Connel McGinley, Moira O'Connell RIP
Wednesday 30th		Feria
SCHOOL MASS	* 9:30am*	V. Rev Joseph Whitfield
	12:15 pm	NO MASS
Thursday 31st		St John Bosco Bp, D
Church	9.30 am	Michael & Ellen Kate Conlon RIP
Friday 1st February		Feria
Church	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield
Saturday 2nd		THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Feast
Church	9.30 am	Ints: Monica & Adrian Galvin & Family

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)		
Saturday 2 nd February	6.15 pm	Noreen Downes RIP
Sunday 3 rd February	8:00 am	Dec. Members of Murray family
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	
West Mersea	8:30 am	
Mile End	9:15 am	Intentions of the Stammers Family
Monkwick	10:15 am	Georg Dimech 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 is available

***N.B. Mass on Wednesday morning is at 9:30am and is a School Mass
 There is no 12:15pm Mass**

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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Saint Luke writes his Gospel so that the reader “*may learn how well founded the teaching is*” that we have received. That certainty flows from the man in the synagogue who reads the scroll of Isaiah and promises that he will bring glad tidings to the poor; that he will proclaim liberty to captives; that he will give recovery of sight to the blind; that he will let the oppressed go free. Only God can work such wonders; that is why rejoicing in the Lord in our midst must be our strength. As the eyes of all those assembled in the synagogue focussed intently on Jesus, they began to form into the Body of Christ.

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
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 FEBRUARY: "Human Trafficking"

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

MARRIAGE MATTERS: A new creation. On our wedding day you and I became us! I am still me, you are still you, but we are now linked together in a unique relationship. When we share ourselves completely with each other, we are enabled to speak with the authority of faith, hope and love. In this context we bring the Good News of marriage to everyone.

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 Francis McCormack and Odette Close who have both recently died. Francis funeral has been arranged for Thursday 14th February at 12:30pm in the Cemetery Chapel at Colchester, followed by burial at Colchester Cemetery and Odette's funeral details are to be advised. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved family and friends.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Thursday: 28th 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].*

RED BOX APPEAL: This weekend we welcome Fr. Kevin Hughes MHM to give the five-yearly Red Box Appeal. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission – Missio – and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries through the red box. There will not be a second collection, but if you do not currently have a Red Box, please do consider taking one. It would be fantastic if every home had a Red Box to help care for our Church family throughout the world. You can find more information or set up a Direct Debit online at mission.org.uk/about-apf

DIoceseAN 2ND COLLECTIONS: Upcoming collections - Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund on 10th February and Racial Justice Sunday on 17th February.

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO A MONTH TO CLEAN YOUR CHURCH? Reliable and committed volunteers are URGENTLY REQUIRED to help with cleaning the Church; men or women, retired or working. We clean in teams of two or three and some of us used to bring along our children to sit in the Church quietly while we cleaned. Now we need a new generation of helpers to step in and volunteer. Please contact the Presbytery on (01206) 866317 if you would like to volunteer. *Also looking for a Cleaning Team Leader.*

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on **30th January** with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening "WildFlower". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates

100 CLUB: The annual subscriptions (£12) for 2019 are now due. Subscriptions due at Mile End will be collected today [27th].

MILE END COFFEE MORNING: Next Sunday, February 3rd, at "The Dog & Pheasant" after Mass.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK BOXES: Calling all supporters of the Good Counsel Network who have a box. It has been 2 years since we appealed for boxes to be emptied. Please do get in touch to organise the collection and emptying of your box for this very good cause. On behalf of the Good Counsel Network we thank you for your support. Contact Anne on 01206-865717

KSC CHRISTMAS DRAW PRIZES: There still remain a few prizes awaiting collection. If you have not collected your prize, please call at the Presbytery, during office hours if possible.

ANNUAL LOURDES MASS will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at 3 pm on **Sunday 10 February** at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea. During this Mass there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It will be lovely to see all those of you who have a particular devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes.

DIoceseAN 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

BCYS: Help get the homeless out of the cold! This winter Catholics are leading projects providing 45,000 nights of care, warmth and shelter for the homeless in Essex and East London. Support them! Join 1000 people from across the Diocese sleeping outside for the night at Walsingham House at Abbotswick on **12th-13th April**. No tents! Just you and a sleeping bag. Open to all ages, from 15+. Sponsorship target of £100/participant. Why not ask your company to match fund your sponsorship? Money will help local homeless charities and the work of the BCYS with young people. Mass at 11.15pm, sleep out Midnight – 7am. Full details and sponsor forms <https://bcys.net/events/sponsored-sleepout-walsingham-house-abbotswick/>

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 20th – 27th July 2019: Join the **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service** in Lourdes this Summer. Places will be allocated to ensure as many parishes and schools as possible from the diocese are represented and applications will remain open until **31st January 2019**. Where we receive a large number from one school or parish, places will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. Please be aware, this event is always heavily oversubscribed. The pilgrimage is open to anyone currently in school year 10 and above and the cost will be around £570 (TBC). For all information and the chance to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events or for any queries, please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

VACANCY: BCCS have a vacancy for a Head of School Services - please visit website www.bccs.org.uk or email bfisher@bccs.org.uk for further info or to arrange an informal chat.

MESSAGE FROM SVP: If you know of someone who is lonely, housebound or simply in need of a friend or to join our group, please contact us, using the details below. To support SVP in their work a collection box is at the back of the church.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 28th January: Team 3. 2019 Cleaning Rota's in porch.