

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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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 26th	Church	6.15 pm	Rosa Sabin RIP
Sunday 27th	Church	8:00 am	Baby Joshua Walker RIP
	Church	10:30 am	Mr T M Sebastian RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	3.00 pm	Rosary
	Church	6:30 pm	Parishioners
West Mersea		8:30 am	
Mile End		9:15 am	Michael + Bridget Brady RIP
Monkwick		10:15 am	
Monday 28th	Church	9.30 am	SS Simon and Jude, App Mrs. Jessie Mascarenhas RIP
Tuesday 29th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Eden, Baby Ella, Adrian + Fams
Wednesday 30th	Church	12.15 pm	Feria
Thursday 31st	Church	9.30 am	Feria
	Mersea	7.30 pm	Vigil Mass
Friday 1st November		ALL SAINTS	SOLEMNITY- HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION
	Church	9.30 am	Sidney Finch + Rose Jane Castell
	Church	12.15 pm	
	Church	7.30 pm	Parishioners
Saturday 2nd		ALL SOULS	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
	Church	9.30 am	Alphonse Knapp RIP

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 2nd	Church	6.15 pm	Edward Lenton RIP
Sunday 3rd	Church	8:00 am	David Anthony Hill RIP
	Church	10:30 am	Thanksgiving Mass
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
	West Mersea		8:30 am
Mile End		9:15 am	Ints: Bernie Ashcroft
Monkwick		10:15 am	Parishioners

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 patients so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

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The tax collector, completely aware of the enormity of his sins, and therefore of his unworthiness, beats his breast and prays, *“God be merciful to me, a sinner.”* Where does he get the confidence to do this? His experience of limitation and failure has led him, not to despair, but to dependence. He remains certain that there is something beyond *“all evil attempts”* and that the Lord will rescue him. Maybe it was his sin that jogged his memory of the promise of Sirach in Ecclesiasticus: *“The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted his petitions will carry to the clouds.”* This is why the formerly sinful Paul can say without boasting; *“all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.”* For *“the man who humbles himself will be exalted”*.

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 OCTOBER: A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION – BAPTISED AND SENT (For the month of October)

Pope Francis has declared that October 2019 will be a special month of prayer and action to strengthen and grow God's mission through the Church. This month aims to encourage Catholics into a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer, to look to, and learn from, the actions and sacrifices of our Saints, martyrs and living missionaries; to financially support overseas mission, through Missio; and to rediscover and renew our understanding of overseas mission.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Piercing the clouds with our humble prayers.* *'The humble man's prayers pierce the clouds.'*

That is why Jesus said the prayers of the repentant tax collector won God's favour, and why the judgmental attitudes of the Pharisees didn't. There is a bit of the Pharisee in all of us; humility is knowing the truth about ourselves. Proud people deceive themselves; let us grow in humility together.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially, 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 Bridget Irvine and Pedro Daguio who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace and we also pray for the comfort of their bereaved family and friends. Funeral details to be advised.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Friday 15th November 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].*

ST. BENEDICTS CATHOLIC COLLEGE [ADMISSIONS FOR 2020/2021]: (Local Authority Closing Date 31/10/19). The signing of the **"Certificates of Practice"** will take place in the church crypt on the following dates: -

- Friday 25th October 2019 at 7pm - 8pm
- Saturday 26th October 2019 at 11am -12pm (Noon)
- Sunday 27th October 2019 at 3pm - 4pm

There is no need to make an appointment as parents and the child applying to St Benedicts, will be seen on a 1st come, 1st served basis – *entrance to the crypt is via the church.*

CONFIRMATION COURSE 2019/20: The confirmation classes for young people aged 13yrs to 18yrs old will commence on the **Sunday 17th November** after the 10:30am mass, from 12:00pm (noon) to 1:30pm in the church crypt. They will then continue monthly on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Please contact Andrew or Elspeth Johnson with the names of candidates Andrew.johnson@uwclub.net or tel: (01206) 618846.

"CUPPA CLUB" The SVP coffee morning will be starting on **7th November** in Cardinal Bourne Hall from 10.00am. Please do come along and join us.

HOLY SOULS: November is the month of Holy Souls. During this month, prayers and Masses are said for the Faithful Departed. *November Altar Lists of dead & Envelopes* are available in the Church Porch. Please put the names of your deceased family and friends on the list and place this in the envelope along with your donation and either hand the envelope to a priest or drop the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

SVP BEETLE DRIVE: Thank you to everyone who supported us. We raised the fabulous sum of £471.83, which will be used to support the homeless and needy.

SVP SOUP RUN: Thank you to our kind sandwich- making volunteers. A rota has been sent out.

CHURCH SOCIAL EVENT LEADER REQUIRED: If anyone would like to volunteer for this role which helps to raise much needed church funds then please leave your contact details with Linda in the presbytery office. Thank You.

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

MILE END NEWS: The next Coffee Morning is on **3rd November** after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

ACN CREAM TEA: Come and join us for a friendly and yummy cream tea **on Saturday 2nd November at 3pm** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. All proceeds to Aid to the Church in Need. £5 per person. Bring some friends along and a little something for the raffle. To help with the preparation, do let us know you are coming by calling Anne on 07880852738.

CLIMATE CHANGE – NO PLANET B! The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre warmly invite you to a presentation by *Jack Wakefield, Campaigner at Tearfund Action*, at St John Payne Parish Hall, Colchester CO4 3QD on Saturday, 30th November 2019 at 2pm for 2.15pm start, finishing with tea and Evening Prayer to mark the beginning of Advent (end time 5.30pm). To book a place email crssuk@canonesses.co.uk or call 01206-867296.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: Annual Mass for the Dead in the Chapel at New Hall on **Sat 2nd November 2019** (All Souls' Day) at 2.00pm. We are celebrating the Annual Mass for our deceased relatives and friends in particular those buried in our Cemetery and incl.anyone else who has died and for whom you wish to pray. You would be most welcome to join the Community that afternoon and there will be an opportunity to go to the Cemetery if you wish.

CATECHIST TRAINING DAY: This years' event will be on **Saturday 9th November 2019** from **10am-3:30pm** at Sacred Heart of Mary School and will include some exciting new workshops from providers such as The Bible Society, Young Vincentians, Sycamore and Godly Play! This day is free of charge, thanks to National Youth Sunday contributions. For more info on how to reserve your place, please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org with your name, parish, current role and a contact email address or visit www.bcys.net/events

SPIRITUALITY MORNING: On **Sat 16th Nov 2019 - 10.30am-12.00noon** at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Topic: *Preparing for the Advent Journey*. Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams, sm, Tel. 01277 265285 email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

SVP: turning concern into action - If you know of someone who is lonely, housebound or simply in need of a friend, please contact us, using the details below. If you would like to join us the details of our next meeting are at the back of the church, along with a collection box

❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: cb.hall@btinternet.com

or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message with name + contact number

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 28th October: **Team 4.**