

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)

Saturday 29th	Live Stream Church	6.15 pm	Bridget + Michael Brady RIP
Sunday 30th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Mrs. Justina Amadi RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Jan Holden RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Olive Hewitt RIP
Monday 31st			DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARY & ST HELEN, BRENTWOOD
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Michael Treby RIP
Tuesday 1st June			St Justin, M
	Church	10.00 am	Henry Stewart
Wednesday 2nd			Feria
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Ints: Myra Dolamore & Fam
Thursday 3rd			St Charles Lwanga & Comps, Mm
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Jean Silk RIP
Friday 4th			Feria
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Ints: A. Harley
Saturday 5th			St Boniface, Bp, M
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Dec. Mem. Zepeda Faria Fam
THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (B) HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION			
Saturday 5th	Church	6.15 pm	Bidoor Michael RIP
Sunday 6th	Live Stream Church	8.00 am	Dudley Southon RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Ints: Jim Lynas
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Ints: Mary Davies

FACEMASKS. It is now a legal requirement that facemasks or coverings are worn when entering all places of worship (unless you are medically exempt or under 11yrs)

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 10^{am} Mass and 5.30^{pm}-6.00^{pm}
- ❖ Mass Intentions. These can be posted through the presbytery letterbox and they will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook).
- ❖ If you are self-isolating and would like to speak to a priest or have any worries, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317 and we will try to help you.

LIVE STREAM: DAILY MASSES AND A SUNDAY MASS
(Weekdays 10^{am}, please see Schedule for Sunday Live Stream Mass Time)

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Please check out our Facebook page for Live Stream Masses and all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy/Church photos/videos. Please remember to like & follow our page!

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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Week Commencing 30th May 2021



Central to our Catholic faith is belief in the Trinity, that is, we believe in three Persons – Father, Son, Spirit – in one God. This truth was revealed to mankind by Jesus in his public ministry. Some people shy away from this teaching, because they don't understand it and remain unconvinced until such time as they do understand it (which won't happen). I'd suggest this is curious. Much of what we do every day involves using things we don't understand e.g. a smartphone, the lack of understanding doesn't stop us from using them. In a somewhat similar way, we are invited to 'use' the teaching on the Trinity. In other words, we are called to share the life of the Trinity, by God. In this world our sharing is imperfect; for those found worthy of a place in heaven, the Beatific Vision will answer any misgivings we may have as we experience the Trinity. The key to all this, of course, is charity, divine love, both here and in the world to come.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer at 9.45 ^{am}	All Temporarily suspended
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
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2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 ^{pm})	



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: The Beauty of Marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20) ***The Blessed Trinity is an intimate love relationship.*** Jesus summarises the commandments: love God and your neighbour. The intimacy of married love has this high calling: wholly love God and love each other, we are one another's closest neighbour. It is said that married love most closely reveals the love relationships in the Trinity: three persons in one God, calls us to be two persons in one flesh.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Despite all the restrictions, let us be thankful that we can once again gather together, despite social distancing, as God's people. Please note the following norms which remain in place in order to promote a COVID 19 safe environment :-

- Churches will open 15 minutes before start of Mass
- Facemasks must be worn when entering all places of worship (unless medically exempt)
- Entrance to Church will be via the main door, exit by the side door
- Hand sanitiser is available at entrance and exit, though you may bring your own
- It will be essential that people sit where they are asked and do not move from there
- The use of face covering/mask in Church is now mandatory (please don't forget yours when attending Church) and that you wear it so that it covers both your mouth and nose.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times within Church.
- An Offertory Collection box will be situated at entrance and exit; the donation station is also useable
- No touching of Statues or Images in Church
- Toilets will be closed except for genuine emergencies.
- We are still required to have Church Stewards in attendance at each Mass and the Church will be cleaned after each Service in readiness for the next Mass to be held.
- No mingling with other people you do not live with after Mass outside the Church.

THE PARISH STEWARDS ARE HERE TO HELP AND DIRECT YOU TO YOUR SEAT(S), PLEASE BE POLITE TO THEM AS THEY CAN ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND DIOCESAN REGULATIONS.

Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who has reason to believe that they have been in contact with someone who has, should not attend church or volunteer in any capacity until they have received medical advice that it is safe to do so.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Valerie Thurston, Jimmy Clarin, Jim Lynas. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

SAVE THE DATE! PARISH DAY ON SUNDAY 18TH JULY. Subject to any regulations which may be in place, we are hoping to host a parish lunch. It would be a way of thanking many people for their involvement during the pandemic and also a way of getting back together as a community. We have some ideas about the format but would like your input and suggestions; also, anyone willing to help put the day into practice. Please contact the presbytery.

NORMAL LIFE. As the parish begins to reopen, we'll be looking at lots of areas e.g. weekday mass times, rotas for ministries, new initiatives. Watch this space; and give us your ideas.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: On Sunday 6th June will be *for the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund*. The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund is part of the Diocesan Charity, which helps and supports our retired and sick clergy.

MERSEA NEWS: Please use the following links for reserving seats at Mass (right click booking form and open hyperlink) alternatively, links for booking forms are on website under mass times: **Sun 6th June** [Booking Form](#) **Sun 13th June** [Booking Form](#) **Sun 20th June** [Booking Form](#)

MESSAGE FROM (BCCS) Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Re Crib Collection. We are writing to acknowledge receipt of your kind and very generous donation of £230.97. We are extremely grateful for your support coming as it does, at this time of unprecedented disruption to our charity's fundraising calendar. We would like to assure you that your donation will help us continue our work with children, young people and their families who turn to us for our specialist services. Please pass on our grateful thanks to the parish community for continuing to take an interest in our work, responding to our need and supporting us in our endeavours.

MESSAGE FROM SVP: On behalf of all of us in the SVP, I would like to thank you for the cheque for £183.12. We really appreciate it and please know that it will be put to good use to help those in need. If you or anyone you know would like some extra support, please get in touch using the contact details Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

FAITH FOR THE FAMILY: This will be a short friendly interactive discussion with Fr Paschal on each Sundays Gospel readings on Mondays at 5^{pm} (via Zoom) lasting approx. 30 mins. It would be great if all family members (all ages) could drop by, you don't have to commit to weekly! If interested in participating - Meeting ID: 843 2602 2208/ Passcode: 883004. We hope to see you there.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION: On Saturday 12th June at 11^{am} Fr Jeremy Corley, lecturer in Sacred Scripture at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, will speak on 'Afterlife Hope before the New Testament'. This event is free of charge and can be accessed by going to www.whatgoodnews.org and following the instructions. No prior booking necessary. The event will be available subsequently on the same website.

RED MISSIO BOXES (APF): Please remember to collect your emptied "Red Boxes" from the Presbytery. Thank you.

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: There are ***still many boxes awaiting collection.*** Thank you. .

NEW TO THE PARISH? Then please complete one of our Parish Registration forms, which can be found in the porch at the back of the church.

PARISH FINANCES: If you wish to make an offering/donation this can be done in various ways:

- By dropping envelope through Presbytery door (please write on envelope Mass Offering or Parish Maintenance) or in the Donation Basket situated at Church entrance & Exit
- Diocesan Online Donation platform (where donations can also be gift aided):-
St. James the Less & St. Helen <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>
St. Cedd & St. Gregory: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>
St. Theodore of Canterbury: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you