

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Ints: Mary Bulalague
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Xavier Swampillai + Marie Bastianpillai RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Holy Souls
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Jim Lynas RIP
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup></b>			<b>St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr</b>
	<i>Church</i>		Pauline Carter RIP
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>			<b>St Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, D</b>
	<i>Church</i>		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St John Vianney (Curé of Ars), Pr</b>
	<i>Church</i>		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	<i>Church</i>		<b>NO MASS</b>

## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (A)

<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Ints: Grace McCartney
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Margaretta Wright
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Private Intention (SF)
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	John Mauger RIP

**Please note there will be No 9.30am Morning Mass from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August upto & including Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August.**

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Marriage Preparation: Please be aware that 6 months' notice of intention for Marriage is required especially if marrying outside the Parish. Couples who are planning to get married should contact us **at least 6 months** in advance. Thank you.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00pm Mass (Monkwick).
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church entrance, please complete envelope & drop through presbytery door. A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** [colchester@brcdt.org](mailto:colchester@brcdt.org)
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)



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# 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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**Week Commencing 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Thousands of young Catholics from around the world are making their way to Lisbon for this year's World Youth Day. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of August more than a million young people will fill a field for mass with Pope Francis for the 17<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day. WYD is a time for young Catholics to celebrate our common faith, hope and love for Jesus Christ and his Church. I write to you from a coach of 48 excited and enthusiastic young people from our diocese travelling through France and Spain to Lisbon. The theme for our gathering is Luke 1.39 "*Mary arose and went with haste*". We are praying to encounter Christ in the worship, fellowship and celebrations in such a way that, we like Mary, Arise to go with the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. I look forward to sharing much more with you on my return. God bless.

Fr. Paschal

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

<b>DAILY (Mon-Fri)</b>	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<b>at 8.45 am</b>
<b>DAILY</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>at 9.15 am</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 8.00 pm</b>
<b>ADORATION &amp; PRAYER</b>	Thursdays	<b>at 7.30 pm</b>



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY: *For a Eucharistic life***

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Matt 13:44-52) ***Discover what loving really means.*** Instead of praying for 'treasure', King Solomon prayed for wisdom 'to discern good from evil'. When discerning what 'loving' really means, you find 'hidden treasure' in these weekly reflections on Scripture. They will also help you to discover the 'hidden treasure' in each other. Sharing this, you sow 'seeds' of love in the minds and hearts of others.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Diana Irvén, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Joyce Wrobel, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Jason McLean, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

**MESSAGE FROM FR CHRIS:** Dear friends, I really appreciated the time you spent with me at my Anniversary Mass and Celebration and for making it such a special day. Thank you for all the messages, cards and gifts received from those who attended and those unable to be with me, I have been touched by your kind thoughts and generosity. Finally, I would like to give a wide round of applause and thanks to all the volunteers and parishioners who worked behind the scenes to make this happen and who made the event such a memorable one. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

**SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING:** Anyone who has half-an-hour to spare after Mass is most welcome stay for coffee and biscuits after 10.30am Mass on Sundays. This is a chance to catch up in the spirit of friendship and community. Everyone is warmly invited.



**CUPPA CLUB:** will meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newcomers always welcome!

**FR PASCHAL:** Fr Paschal will be starting as Assistant Priest in Chelmsford at the beginning of September. Before he leaves St James The Less & St Helen Parish, we would like to show our appreciation by presenting him with a leaving gift/ monetary donation. If you would like to contribute to this, a leaving collection after all Masses this weekend. Alternatively, a card/envelope can be dropped into Presbytery with his name on the front. A leaving reception will take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September in Cardinal Bourne Hall following the 10.30am Mass – All parishioners are warmly invited to say their farewells.

**COULD YOU DONATE TOOTHBRUSHES & DISPOSABLE RAZORS FOR REFUGEES?**

Founded in 2017 after the demolition of 'The Jungle' refugee camp in Calais, Roots, a charity based in Dunkirk, provides displaced people with essential basic services such as drinking water, hot showers, waste management and access to electricity. Calais Light has sourced deliveries of toiletries from corporate donors for Roots, but none have offered toothbrushes or disposable razors, which are now really needed. Roots has plenty of toothpaste! Could you add a pack of disposable razors and / or a couple of toothbrushes to your weekly shop?

**THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA NATIONAL RELIC TOUR 2023:** The Relics will be paying a special visit to the Chapel of St. Peter-on-the-wall, Bradwell on 10<sup>th</sup> of August at 12:30pm. All are welcome to join the Procession of the Relics to the Chapel, whose Altar is made of stone from Iona and Lindisfarne. The Relics will then arrive in Colchester at the 11<sup>th</sup> Century Church of St. Andrew, Greenstead. They will be welcomed by our Anglican friends at 5pm and reside overnight at the Church. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of August there will be a procession of the Relics from St Andrew's to St James the Less and St Helen, Priory Street. They will be welcomed at a special 12:30pm Mass. Following this, they shall be on display for 24 hours. Please do come and spend some time with them in prayer and contemplation. On the Saturday there will be Morning Prayer at 9:15am, followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation being available until Mass at 12:30pm. After this Mass the Relics will depart Colchester. The link for the timetable of the Relic Tour in Brentwood Diocese is: <https://ibb.co/VWMPSPVv>

**PRO-LIFE COFFEE MORNING.** You are warmly invited to a coffee morning on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am-12.30pm at the home of Clare Fox, Cherry Tree Farm, Bromley Rd, Ardleigh CO7 7SG. Come and enjoy a morning of tea, coffee and cakes with the opportunity to raise funds for and find out more about the life changing work of March for Life UK.

**LADY D'ARCY WITH FYNCHES AND BERRYFIELD COTTAGES ALMSHOUSE CHARITY – ALMSHOUSE AVAILABLE: *Accommodation:*** 1 bedroom mid terrace bungalow with sitting room, kitchen and single level bathroom. There is a small garden to be maintained by the resident. ***Criteria:*** Persons in need, hardship or distress and resident in Colchester; Of modest means – this may mean eligible for Housing Benefit; Capable of independent living; able to look after yourself and your home, if necessary with help from, for example, friends, family or social services; Able to live in a community with respect for it. ***Contact:*** The Clerk, Alison Smith at [avalonbsl@outlook.com](mailto:avalonbsl@outlook.com) (tel: 07990501921). The closing date for applications is 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

**YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION:** The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such *Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham*. There are two choices of dates: 14<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> August or 30<sup>th</sup> August - 6<sup>th</sup> September. To find out more, please enquire by 31<sup>st</sup> July by emailing the COLW Sisters at [freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org)

**LONDON MARATHON 2024:** Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the London Marathon on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024. Please contact Damian Dillon for further details on 07912 308000 or at [ddillon@bccs.org.uk](mailto:ddillon@bccs.org.uk). The closing date is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July and there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1800 (excluding Gift Aid).

**YEAR 13 RETREAT AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE IN SEPTEMBER:** Will you be in Year 13 this September? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? If so, Year 13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There are 2 retreats on 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September or 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> September and the cost is £35. Please visit [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) for further details or email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org)

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Monday 07/08/23: **Team 3** / Monday 14/08/23: **Team 4**

**CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS:** We are still looking for a couple of volunteers for Cleaning Teams 1 + 3 as many hands make light work. If you are able to volunteer about 2 hrs every 5 weeks, please contact Linda in the Presbytery office (01206 866317) Thanks.

**COFFEE MORNING (HALL): 30/07/23:** Matthew +Mariamma/ **06/08/23:** African Community