

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 29th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Miss Valerie Pratt RIP
Sunday 30th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Anniversary: Mr. Jackie Wilmott
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Elizabeth Okaro RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Michael + Bridget Brady RIP

Monday 31st			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Vivienne + Chigozie Ofor
	<i>West Mersea</i>	7.30 pm	Peter Kerins RIP

Tuesday 1st November			ALL SAINTS HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Johan Joseph
	<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	Ints: The Barnes Family
	<i>Church</i>	7.30 pm	Fr Francis Leader RIP

Wednesday 2nd			ALL SOULS (Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed)
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Alphonse + Maire Knapp RIP

Thursday 3rd			St Martin de Porres, Rel
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Cosmic RIP

Friday 4th			St Charles Borromeo, Bp
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving (SF)

Saturday 5th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	V. Rev. Canon Joseph Whitfield

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 5th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Pat Keogh RIP
Sunday 6th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Bridget + Adrian Collard FIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Elizabeth Okaro RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Kathleen Payne RIP

- ❖ 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. The Mass Intention will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook or collection from Church).
- ❖ 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).

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



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WEEK COMMENCING 30TH OCTOBER 2022

Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction. These words taken from Pope Benedict XVI encyclical, "*Deus caritas est*" (God is love), tell us of the encounter Zacchaeus had with Jesus. Zacchaeus was a small man with a big desire to see Jesus. Putting his reputation and status aside, he begins what could be a quite humiliating climb up the sycamore tree to see more. What if he had caught his clothes on a jagged branch and it ripped? What if he had lost his footing on the ascent and fallen? Disregarding the what ifs... Zacchaeus did not miss the opportunity to see the face of Jesus. Consider how richly his risk was rewarded! Not only does he see the face of Jesus, Jesus calls his name personally and then goes to his home. We too must be ready to encounter Jesus in a deeper way than we ever have before being assured that Jesus see's the efforts of our hearts and rewards us beyond all we could ask for, hope for or imagine. Courage to overcome the obstacles and seek more of Jesus in, Bible Study, Adoration, Weekday mass or Confession will result in an ever-deeper encounter, which gives life a new horizon and decisive direction.

Fr. Paschal

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES		
DAILY (Mon-Fri)	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
ADORATION & PRAYER	Thursdays	at 7.30 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: *Children Who Suffer*

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Thess 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10) *The call to praise and affirm each other.* Jesus affirmed Zacchaeus by going to his house for a meal. How often is our focus on what we want our spouse to do rather than on how can we bring him/her life and joy? A daily reflection on where we need ask for forgiveness and on how we can affirm our spouse for something, brings us both new life.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Mike Taylor, Darline + Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need and for those who have recently died.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Golding + Margaret Eddis who have both recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Funeral details for Dorothy are to be advised. Margaret's funeral will take place at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Little Horkesley on 11th November at 2.30pm.

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection for World Day of the Poor on Sunday 13th November 2022 with the theme *"let us love, not with words but with deeds."* The Christian is called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and neighbour, especially the most vulnerable. Pope Francis reminds us, *"If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor."* To read the message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the sixth World Day Of The Poor: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20220613-messaggio-vi-giornatamondiale-poveri-2022.html> (As per previous years we will split the proceeds of this collection between Josie's Kitchen and the SVP, both of whom play such a vital role in our Parish with assisting those in need). Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – SPRING 2023 : The next First Holy Communion classes will start in the spring term 2023. If your child is currently in years 3 or 4, please send the following information to fhcstjamescolchester@gmail.com to register your interest.

◆ Child's Name	◆ Name of School Attended
◆ Parents' Name(s)	◆ School Year Group

You will be contacted via email with further information. Thank you.

REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards & Calendars are now available for sale in the Church Porch along with a new selection of Mass Intention cards. All monies to go into Repository Box. Thank you.

SVP RACE NIGHT: All those who attended enjoyed the evening and the proceeds to the SVP were £457.18. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to all who supported this event. Photos from the event are available on our Facebook page and the website.

JOSIE'S KITCHEN: Josie is looking for donations of various items to make her care packages for the Homeless at Christmas. If you can spare any of the following items: - General toiletries (shower gels, shampoo, deodorants, toothpaste), Cup-a-soups, sachets of coffee drinks, hot chocolate, long life milk. Tins of ready meals i.e. Chili-con-carne, casserole, minced beef, tinned potato's, tinned puddings, crisps, biscuits, small multipack snacks. These items make a big difference to their lives and show them that they are cared for in our community. Please drop your donations into the Presbytery. Thank You for your continued generosity and support.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: keeping our place of worship glorious for The Lord. Volunteers are desperately needed to keep our church looking clean and welcoming. If you can spare 1-2 hours per month to help clean the Church and would like to become a "heavenly duster" or a "hoover angel" Or form a new team with friends, community groups. Please contact the Presbytery (866317). As the saying goes...Many hands make light work. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES: The First Holy Communion Certificates are ready for collection from the Presbytery for all the children who celebrated their sacrament on 12th and 19th June 2022. Also available are the Certificates for those who celebrated this Sacrament in 2021.

SVP CUPPA CLUB: will meet every **Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games & crafts, etc., will be available.

LITTLE SAINTS TOTS: Our parish Tots group is **every Wednesday** during term time **8:50am-11am**. All welcome for play, crafts and a snack. Tea/coffee for adults. If you attend with your child, please consider volunteering, please contact Julia on 07854296437.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: for those who have a loved one remembered within the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick there will be a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 6th November at 2.30pm in the Chapel with light refreshments afterwards. For more information or to book a place please contact Joe, either via phone 01277373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

YOUTH MASS & DAVID WELLS: the BCYS are pleased to welcome David Wells to the November Youth Mass being held at 6pm on Thursday 3rd November at Brentwood Cathedral. David is a celebrated Catholic motivational speaker and writer. He is engaging and funny, often drawing on his experiences to help guide and inspire others. He offers words of encouragement and affirmation for young people and those working with them. The evening will begin at 6pm with refreshments in parish hall, before David leads the input focused around discernment at 6.30pm. Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7.30pm. Youth Mass is suitable for those in Yr9 and above.



PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE. We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide their choices.

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

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Thursday 03/11/22: **Team 1** / Monday 07/11/22: **Team 2**
CBH COFFEE MORNING: 30/10/22: **The O'Sullivans** / 06/11/22: **Peggy & Anne**