

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 30th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Fr Philip Willenbrock RIP
Sunday 31st	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Dennis O'Sullivan RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Thanksgiving
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Xavier Swampillai + Marie Bastianpillai RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Parishioners
Monday 1st August 2022			St Alphonsus Liguri, Bp, D
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving (SJ)
Tuesday 2nd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Paul Pickering RIP
Wednesday 3rd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mary Jo Adams RIP
Thursday 4th			St John Vianney (Cure of Ars), Pr
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Bruce Kent (CND) RIP
Friday 5th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Margaretta Wright
Saturday 6th			TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Kathleen Shock RIP
			NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
Saturday 6th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Healing of Hearts
Sunday 7th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Chris Gibson RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Matthias Asakpa RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	John Mauger + Co Rijcken 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).

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



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ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) WEEK COMMENCING 31ST JULY 2022

All is vanity, says the Preacher; a very comprehensive statement. He's considering the world about us, noting how everything changes and decays, and a person's time here is all too brief. The psalm has some good advice along the same lines, 'Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart'. True wisdom is very different from being clever or knowledgeable, it is concerned with what is eternal, something developed in the second reading where St. Paul rightly calls us to focus on Christ. Finally, Jesus in the Gospel addresses the same question and encourages us to become rich in the sight of God. A wonderful harmony in the readings this week, a reminder not to become preoccupied with the world despite all that is beautiful and good in it. As St. Paul expresses it elsewhere, 'Our true home is in heaven' and we are exhorted to set our hearts there, not on the things of earth.

Fr Chris

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 AUGUST: Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2: 21-23; Col 3: 1-5, 9-11; Luke 12: 13-21) **To love as God loves.** It's easy to be drawn into the world's plan for material success and lose sight of why we married each other. Slightly changing the words of the Gospel we might read, 'Fool, who will benefit from this hoard when your married love has died?' Let us work hard at making us rich in love for each other and with God.

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, 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 Dominic Francis Sutton who has recently passed away. The parish community offers his family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Dominic's funeral service will be at St James the Less & St Helen on Thursday 18th August at 1pm.

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION COURSE. We are looking for volunteers to help run the next course beginning in September. Please email Parish to express your interest. **PARENTS:** details on course (*Dates/times*) to be advised in due course.

CHURCH CHOIR: The Choir finish this Sunday 31st July, for their summer break and will resume on Sunday 4th September as usual with choir practice on Saturday 3rd September at 12.30pm. **New Members always welcome.**

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Can you spare 1-2 hours per month to help clean the Church (dusting, vacuuming, polishing etc.) If you are able and willing, please contact the Presbytery (01206 866317). Thank you.

GENESIS TO JESUS PARISH BIBLE STUDY. A beautiful video presentation, which reveals and unfolds God's saving plan in history as contained in the Sacred Scriptures - God's beautiful and awe-inspiring vision from Genesis to Jesus – **Fridays at 7.30pm** in the Church Crypt at James the Less in Colchester. The course is broken up into 12 parts and each section will be shown every week, same time, same place, lasting roughly 45mins. Each session has its own individual gems if all 12 weeks are impractical to attend. All welcome. For more information and a copy of the study guide please contact Tom Hardy on 07873 545193 or tomo83@yahoo.com. Bring your Bible a at

GIFT AID: Please consider gift aiding your offertory donations. Information can be found on the Parish website. Parish Registration Forms with attached Gift Aid Declaration forms can be found in the Church porch. Every £1.00 you donate to the Church is worth £1.25 when you Gift Aid it, at No Extra Cost to You.

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.

PARISH BBQ: On 30th July 2022 has been postponed until further notice.

SAVE THE DATE! Cardinal Bourne Hall will be hosting a **Table Top Sale** on **Saturday 20th August from 10am to 1pm**. There will be a variety of stalls selling Children's & Adults Clothes, Shoes, Toys, Handbags, Books, Cakes and lots more... Everyone is welcome to go along to enjoy the fun and collect a bargain. Tables are still available at £5 a table (*cost of table proceeds will go to Church Funds*), sellers keep their sales proceeds. 01206 866317 or email colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org

MARK HEALY RE BCCS 100 RELAY:- Throughout August, I plan to run 2 + bike 1 of the legs for the BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) and if you might sponsor or send me encouragement, I would be grateful. Leg 1 is a 7-mile run from Our Lady of Light & St Osyth (Clacton) to Church of the Sacred Heart & St Francis (Frinton). Leg 2 is a 13- mile from Church of the Sacred Heart & St Francis (Frinton) to Lady Queen of Heaven (Harwich) and Leg 3 is a 19 mile (although I will bike there to so 38 mile) from Lady Queen of Heaven (Harwich) to St Joseph (Mill Rd). BCCS provide much needed counselling services and in-depth training programmes to children, parents and staff in schools in Essex. If you would like to donate, please follow this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/relay100> or any encouragement would be most welcome.

RIDE & STRIDE: Saturday 10th September 9-5pm. **ENGLISH HERITAGE DAY:** Saturday 17th September 10.30am-5pm

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND: If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 14th to 16th October 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

FIRST COMMUNION APPLICATION FORMS: If your child will be starting in Year 4 or above in September and would like to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion - application forms are in the church porch, please complete and drop through Presbytery door. Programme begins early September – details to follow.

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS: There is usually an annual celebration of this Sacrament for young people in Year 11 or above. Application forms are in the church porch, complete form and drop through Presbytery door. The Programme begins early September.

RETREAT FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS: During the weekend of the 7th to 9th October 2022, Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops. Theme: "The Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics". Prices start from £12 (come for the day) and £55 per person per night (residential). Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend (16/09/22). For More info: <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/> or <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk>. To book go to :- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2022>

BCYS YOUTH GATHER 22nd - 23rd October, Mersea Island; Stay in cabins and try a brilliant range of outward-bound activities from climbing high ropes, archery, zip wires and much more. Open to all those in years 9 and above, book NOW at www.bcys.net/events

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 01/08/22: Team 4 / Thursday 11/08/22 : **Team 1**
CBH COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 31/07/22: **Peggy & Anne** / 07/08/22: **Yolande + 1**



WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE TODAY. FOR PEACE AND THE LAYING DOWN OF WEAPONS.

