



# St. James the Great Church & St Paul's Church Church Notices

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time 10<sup>th</sup> August



**A warm welcome to any visitors joining us for worship today. Please stay for refreshments after Mass—we would love to meet you.**

## Services Today

8:00 a.m. Low Mass – Fr John Thackray SSC

10:00 a.m. Sung Parish Mass – Fr Peter Walker SSC

**Welcome and Thanks:** Today we warmly welcome Father John Thackray and Father Peter Walker SSC. We give thanks for their generous support and gracious ministry in offering the Word and Sacraments of the Church during Father James's convalescence.

**Please Pray For: The Sick and Housebound:** Adam, Ann Allford, Ava Mills, Eileen and Ed, Gill Bernhart-Bellaerts, Christine & Emma, Clive French, Donna Canning, David Beattie, Joyce & Ralph, Jon Hawkings, Lubomira, Madeline Bates, Naomi & family, Norma Plummer, Ronnie, Sheila Townsend, Sharon, Shirley, Rev. Michael Pitts & Mrs Killiki Pitts.

**Blessed Sacrament Lamp:** is not sponsored this week.

**Years Mind:** 11th Minnie Lott; 12th Pauline Wilkinson; 13th Violet Summers, Clary John Simmons, Anna Swaris; 14th Mabel Totman; 15th Jessi Sparrow; 16th Grace Imray, Joyce Jennings.

## This Week

**Thu 14th** – 12:30 p.m. Mass

**Fri 15th August** – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Sung Mass at Midday: The Reverend Canon Fr Richard Tillbrook SSC.

**Lady Chapel Windows update!** It is a joy to share how the funds for the Lady Chapel Windows have been raised, and to give thanks for the generosity that has made this possible. Although the remaining shortfall (£10K) has been met from the BHouse reserves, any further gifts will be a blessing and will help replenish our funds going forward for essential or emergency works. Above all, we give thanks to Almighty God, whose provision and grace inspire the generosity of His people, remembering that “unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain” (Psalm 127:1).

**Thanks be to God** for Lunchtime Concert: A beautiful recital of music from the Althena Ensemble.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – Fri 20th to Sun 22nd Feb 2026: Please speak to Clare Moles, Pilgrimage Coordinator, to secure your place with a £20 deposit. Deposits can be paid by cash, cheque (made payable to St James the Great PCC), or by bank transfer to PCC of St James & St Paul Colchester, Sort Code: 20-22-67, Account No: 50791466. Reference: Your name + Walsingham 2026.

## A Very Special Open Day – Saturday 13th September and a request for your help!

1. Heritage Open Day – Part of Colchester's annual event, opening historic buildings and sites for free. Visitors will be welcome to explore our church and its history.
2. Ride and Stride: Fundraising for the Essex Churches Trust as cyclists visit churches throughout the day.
3. Children, Parents and Families Day – Special parish day for our children and families. Only registered children and helpers will take part. **Volunteers needed to: Keep the church open and secure; welcome visitors and Ride & Stride participants. Please speak to the church wardens or simply sign up at the back of the church.**

## Children and Families Mission – Saturday 13th September: Theme: Pilgrimage and Pilgrim

– A day of evangelism and outreach focused on children, young people, and families. **What does it mean to be a pilgrim?**

Together, we will explore how to walk in faith, follow Jesus, and live as modern-day pilgrims—with joy, trust, and love.

**Guests:** Jane Southward & Caroline Ward, Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

**Timings:** 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch provided for all.

Registration required on the day. Your prayers, encouragement, and participation will make all the difference. To offer help, speak to Fr Jeff, or a member of the Mission Steering Group.

**Fr James remains in convalescence** following his recent ankle arthroplasty surgery. His next appointment with the consultant on 10th August will be an important stage in assessing the success and outcome of the procedure, and may offer a clearer timeline for his hoped-for return to full parish ministry. He is eager to resume his duties as parish priest and continues to hold the congregation in his prayers. Do keep in touch, and if you wish to visit, please email or contact the churchwardens; Fr James requests you confirm in advance a suitable time and day.



**Our Mission and Leadership** - St James the Great Church is a parish of The Society

(under the patronage of S. Wilfrid and S. Hilda)

and a member of Forward in Faith, under the pastoral and sacramental care of the

Bishop of Richborough. Together, we strive to proclaim the love of Christ,

upholding the fullness of the catholic faith and fostering a community

where Christian faith, tradition, and prayer flourish.

**Bank Account:** PCC of St. James & St. Paul Colchester, Account no: 50791466 Sort Code: 20-22-67

**SAFEGUARDING** Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Mrs. Clare Moles contacted in church or by calling 07751329314

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted by telephoning the duty number 01245 294444

Prayer: Morning at 7.45am. Evening at 6pm

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