

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

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CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday, 19th February

This Lent Fast Day, we have an opportunity to come together as a Catholic community to ensure girls living in the world's poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an education. CAFOD is working with local expert organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting it every day, now have time for school, study and to play with their friends.

Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week, and remember to fast on Lent Fast Day.

And there is very good news: the UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent!

Please give as much as you can in *next week's second collection after all Masses*, so that more girls around the world are able to live lives free from the burden of the long walk for water.

*Merciful God, source of all that is good,
wash us clean of all that prevents us from seeing you
in each of our sisters and brothers around the world.*

*Transform our hearts this Lent,
through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving,
to be open to all those who thirst.*

*Spirit of compassion, move us to share with all people
The water of life.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

AMEN.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

Saturday February 13 th	6:15 pm	Margaret Ratcliffe RIP
Sunday February 14 th	8:00 am	Claris Mathew RIP
	10:30 am	Felicitas Clarin RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Margaret Barker RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick	10:15 am	Denise, Harold and Alan Smith RIP

Monday 15 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Phyllis, Cora, Deirdre and Ann RIP
Church	11:00 am	REQUIEM – Michael Hawken RIP

Tuesday 16 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Wednesday 17 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Charles Normal Taylor RIP
Church	12:15 pm	Rose Donovan RIP

Thursday 18 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Intentions of Brenda

Friday 19 th	Feria [LENT FAST DAY]	
Church	9:15 am	Canon John Bloomfield RIP

Saturday 20 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Michael and Ellen Kate Conlon RIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

Saturday February 20 th	6:15 pm	Oksana Zakhleniuk RIP
Sunday February 21 st	8:00 am	William and Mary O'Grady RIP
	10:30 am	John Allen RIP
	4:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Dr Halley Mathew RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Richard Brown RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Michael Hawken RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

The Brentwood Diocesan Trust – Registered Charity No. 234092

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy followed by Rosary
3pm DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy
8:35am
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays – Crypt 8pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Athene Jones, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Joanne Leon, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Mercus, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Jordi Fleix Pujol, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Aimée Stammers, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

BAPTISM: We welcome Aniela Werenowska into the church family through the Sacrament of Baptism. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday at mid-day here, followed by soup and a roll; Fridays at 7:30pm we will alternate with St James the Great [i.e. 19th February]; Fridays, 10am at Mile End; Tuesdays, Polish Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.

LECTIO DIVINA: Every Saturday evening between 5pm-6pm in the Crypt. Further information from Valerie Q. 01206 621196.

YEAR OF MERCY – SPRING EVENT AT CATHEDRAL HOUSE:– Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahon's talk – ***Wrestling with forgiveness*** – will take place on Saturday, 5th March, at 10:30am.

FILMS FOR FAITH: Continues on Monday, 22nd February, at 7pm, with a second showing on Wednesday 24th, at 1:30pm. It will be the third episode of "Jesus of Nazareth". All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

LENTEN DAY RETREAT LED BY BISHOP ALAN WILLIAMS SM: On Saturday 27th February 2016 11am – 4pm at Abbotswick Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood. Mass will be celebrated and talks given throughout the day. Suggested donation £15 per person and you are invited to bring your own packed lunch; refreshments are available. For more info, call 01277 373959 or visit

YEAR OF MERCY MASSES AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: The next Sunday Mass during this Year of Mercy at the Cathedral takes place on March 13th at 6:30pm, welcoming LGBT men and women and their families. The preacher is Fr Dominic Howarth. .

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: St Patrick's Dance – Saturday, March 19th, 7-30pm to 11pm. Traditional Irish Dancers. Live music. Good food, good company and great fun. Bring your own drinks. Adults: £12. Children 5-12 yrs. £6. Contact Frances 369568; Norah 503410.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Final Quizzolympics on Saturday 19th March in the Hall at Brentwood Cathedral at 7:30pm. Limited number of place available. Teams- 6/8 people over 16 years of age, entry cost £50. Coffee and cake provided but bring own drinks and nibbles if you wish. Further info: Julie Abbott 784544 jabott@bccs.org.uk

ALMSHOUSE VACANCY: A vacancy has arisen at the Almshouses in Ingatestone for someone over 50 who is in need. The cottage, which is part of a group of twelve with a chapel, is small, with a living room, bedroom, fitted kitchen and bathroom. It is suitable for a single person who can live independently, as there is no warden care available. Because of the listed nature of the building we cannot make major adaptations for someone with a disability. Please note that priority may be given to Roman Catholics. For more information, and for an application form, please contact Homes & Watson Partnership (who manage the properties) on Tel no 01277 355200.

2015 CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES: Please arrange to collect from the Presbytery.

FACEBOOK: You can now keep up to date with Parish news and events via our new official Facebook page. Please enter "St. James the Less and St. Helen RC Church Colchester" on your Facebook search bar and be sure to LIKE our page.

CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, February 18th – **Team 3.**

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL: To book: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263