

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]

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My dear friends,

As we approach the end of the Easter Season we hear in the Gospel Our Lord speak of his returning to the Father. He speaks of the coming of the Holy Spirit who will lead us into all truth. Today he speaks of his peace, the peace that the world cannot give, that he bequeaths to us.

The month of May on which we are now embarked has five Sundays which take us on a very special journey: Ascension Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Corpus Christi, May 29<sup>th</sup>. We can derive great peace and joy from celebrating these great Feasts and knowing too that we are accompanied by our Blessed Mother during this, her special month.

The last two Sundays of May, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, will be our First Holy Communion Masses at 2pm. We keep the First Holy Communion children and their families in our prayers at this time.

*Let us pray.*

*O God who gave joy to the world through the resurrection  
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
grant, we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary,  
His mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life,  
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]

Saturday April 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Christina Mooney
Sunday May 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 am	Bridie and Mary Markham RIP
	10:30 am	May Banks RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> **St Athanasius, Bp.D**  
Bank Holiday N.B. Church 10:00 am Intentions: Samantha Hume

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> **SS PHILIP AND JAMES, App Feast**  
Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP  
Church 6:00 pm Polish Mass/Confessions - FHC  
Church 7:30 pm Rosary

Wednesday 4th **THE ENGLISH MARTYRS National Feast**  
Church 9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP  
Church 12:15 pm James and Mary O'Reilly

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> **Feria**  
Church 9:15 am Michael and Ellen Conlon RIP

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> **St John Payne, Pr. M**  
Church 9:15 am Alfred Bruniewski RIP  
Colchester Crem 11:00 am **Funeral – Alfred Bruniewski RIP**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> **Feria**  
Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP  
Church 1:30 pm **WEDDING: Laud and Kimberley**

### ASCENSION OF THE LORD [C]

Saturday May 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Robert Ratcliffe RIP
Sunday May 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions: Sykes Family
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Eugina Dimech RIP

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

**Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes**

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary  
9:15am  
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy  
8:35am  
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays - Crypt  
8:00pm

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Lorraine Belmonté, Frank Campbell, Margaret Eddis, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, David Hill, Jan Holden, Joan Jackson, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Athene Jones, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merces, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Jordi Flex 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.

**WELCOME TO FR SABU PAUL PARIYADAN R.C.J** who belongs to the same order as Fr Alex, and is here to help us for a few months. He will be due to take up an appointment within the Diocese at a later stage.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** This special collection will be taken up this weekend at the behest of the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales following an initiative by Pope Francis. Due to the particularly grave situation facing the Ukranian people, the Holy Father wishes to draw attention to the tragic consequences of the ongoing conflict which has been overlooked by many. The proceeds of this collection will be joined to a substantial offering to be made by His Holiness as a sign of his own participation in this collection. These funds will be used for the benefit of those living in conflict zones and those displaced within the country.

**THIS WEEKEND AT PRIORY STREET:** A missionary group from Bethlehem Nativity will visit to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of olive wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families there.

**ROSARY IN MAY:** The Knights of St Columba, Colchester Council, are organizing a Rosary Crusade for the month of May and invite all parishioners to join them. The rosary will be said on the following Tuesdays and venues: Here at Priory Street on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm; St Teresa's, Lexden, on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7:30pm.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Bernadette Wright who has recently died. May she rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of her bereaved family. Her funeral takes place on May 11<sup>th</sup> at Colchester Crematorium at 11am.

**YEAR OF MERCY EVENTS:**– Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Wanstead, Pastoral Centre. **“Pathways to Prayer”:** Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 10:30-12.00 at Cathedral House Hall, Brentwood. To book, contact Brentwood Religious Education Service [BRES] Office on 01277 265285 or email [lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**YEAR OF MERCY MASSES AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL:** The next Sunday Mass during this Year of Mercy at the Cathedral takes place on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm welcoming those trapped by any destructive addiction or dependency. The preacher is Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector of Oscott College.

**VACANCIES: St Francis Catholic Primary School, London Road, Maldon, Essex, CM9 6HN**Head of School L10 - L12 Required for September 2016 or earlier. Please contact the school office for an appointment on 01621 856698. Closing date for receipt of applications: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at noon.  
**St Joseph's Convent School, 59 Cambridge Park, Wanstead, E11 2PR.** Key Stage 2 teacher for September required. MPS/UPS + Outer London [plus negotiable % for an outstanding candidate]. For full details, please contact 020 8989 4700. **St Benedict's College, Colchester,** a Midday Assistant required as soon as possible. Full details available: [www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk](http://www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk)

**SPONSORED WALK – BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** On May 14<sup>th</sup> Ronnie Hammond will be doing a sponsored walk to raise money for the Children's Society who do incredible work with families in our Diocese. Please support him.

**FRIENDS OF PERU:** will be holding a sale of Peruvian Crafts at **reduced** prices in Cardinal Bourne Hall on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May after the 10:30am Mass. Sadly, the Misericordia Workshop in Lima, where the Crafts have been lovingly designed and handmade for thirty years, has now closed and we are unable to acquire more stock. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase a Craft at a bargain price. Funds to the needy in Peru as always. Thank you.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016:** Transport has been arranged and will leave East Hill at 8:30am. For more details and to book, please contact Theresa Higgins on 523501.

**GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS:** The new financial year has now begun and there are 86 boxes still uncollected. If yours is among them, could you please collect it from the porch in Priory Street. Thank you.

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL: To book: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) 07758 805263**  
**CHURCH CLEANERS ROTA: Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Team 2.**