

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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Mr dear friends

At this time, the Church comes to a turning point as during the week we embark on the season of Lent. It seems to me that this weekend is an opportunity to plan ahead and decide how we will make the best use of this time of prayer and conversion. Let us begin Lent well by coming to Mass on Ash Wednesday and receive the ashes as a mark of our desire to take Lent seriously.

Masses on Ash Wednesday are: 7:30am, 9:15am (when we will be joined by the Juniors of St Thomas More School), 12:15pm and 7:30pm. There will be a 9:30am Mass at Mersea and the little ones will receive the ashes at the school in the afternoon.

This Friday and every Friday in Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 12 noon, followed by soup and a roll in the Crypt and 7:30pm in the evening, when we alternate with our neighbours at St James the Great. This Friday evening, March 7th Stations will be at St James the Less.

This Saturday March 8th and all the Saturdays in Lent, we will have Lectio Divina from 5 – 6pm in the Crypt, when we reflect on the following Sunday's readings with silent prayer and meditation.

May God bless our Lenten journey towards Easter.

Fr Tony McKentey

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
EVENING PRAYER:	Fr Fridays	at 6pm
Church		
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Karl Collins, Emma Cooper, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Paul Crockett, Amy Daggiit, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Christine Farrell, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Anna Norfolk, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Roger Thurlow, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: **Oskar Adamek.** God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Sheppard of 169 Harwich Road. Margaret's Requiem Mass will be this Friday 7th March at 1:15pm Priory St.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: The next second collection will be the Lent Family Fast Day on the weekend of the 14th March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday in Lent starting this Friday 7th at 12 noon, followed by soup and bread in the Crypt - in aid of the Colchester Soup Run. Donations welcome.

EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Friday 7th at 7:30pm Priory St. We will alternate with St James the Great on East Hill.

POLISH – ENGLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Tuesdays at 6:30pm – Priory Street

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS: Available from this weekend. An excellent companion for Lent with a prayer, reading and reflection for each day. Highly recommended. Just £1.

PARISH INCOME: We need to raise £1,560 each week from the collection bags. During the month of February, the money received each week on average was £1,583. We are grateful for all that you give, please continue to do so generously as costs are rising, not going down. Thank you.

SENSE AND NONSENSE ON ASSISTED DYING: 'Assisted dying' is often in the news. There is a Private Member's bill before Parliament to try to legalise it. But just what is 'assisted dying'? What does the law say about it? What do doctors have to say about it? What does the Church say about it and what are the problems with it? Some guidelines from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales are available from the back of church on this issue or at <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide-information>

VACUUM CLEANER NEEDED: For Mile End. If you have one spare, please contact Brenda Pooran T: 272313

ST PATRICK'S DANCE: Saturday 15th March. 7:30pm – 10:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Live music, singing, dancing with Steve Williams. Irish dancing by local dance school. Menu: Home cooked ham, cheese board, finger buffet, home made Irish soda bread, tea / coffee, soft drinks. Bring your own alcoholic drinks. There will also be a raffle. Tickets: Adults £10, Children 5 – 12 yrs £5. Contact Frances 369568 or Nora 503410.

QUIET DAY: 28th March at 74 Howe Close from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Please bring your own lunch. Tea & Coffee provided.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: There will be no service in the town centre this year. However, you are welcome to attend the service on Friday 7th March at Mile End Methodist Church, Nayland Road at 2pm, followed by refreshments. Other services will be at West Bergholt Methodist Church, Chapel Lane (soup lunch at 12.30, followed by service at 1.30), and Wivenhoe Methodist Church at 2.30.

100 CLUB – FEBRUARY DRAW: And the winners are: Claudia Garney [1st]; Anne Curran [2nd]; Judith Cooper [3rd]. Congratulations to you all.

LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT: Saturdays at 5pm in the Crypt. Pope Benedict said, "I would like ...to recommend the ancient tradition of Lectio divina: Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer ...that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart" (Homily 2005).

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN LECTURES 2014: Subject will be: "The Cost of Discipleship" - four reflections on the nature, joys and challenges of Christian discipleship. Beginning Wednesday 12th March with "Paying a Price for Belief" given by Lord David Alton of Liverpool. All lectures begin at 7:30pm in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Admission free. All welcome. More information at www.cathedral-brentwood.org

DESERT ISLAND PRIESTS: 1 Desert Island. 6 priests. 6 books. 6 remarkable stories to tell... Fr Martin Boland will be interviewing priests of the Diocese about their favourite spiritual reading and how it has influenced them as men and priests. Beginning Thursday 6th March with Fr Kevin Hale on "Journal of a Soul, John XXIII". All interviews begin at 7:30pm in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Admission free. All welcome. More information at www.cathedral-brentwood.org

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN ST FRANCIS? St Francis of Assisi, as well as founding the Order of Friars Minor and Poor Clares, also started the Secular Franciscan Order for lay men and women. If you would like to learn more come along on Sunday, 23rd March to the Assumption of Our Lady church in Victoria Road, Maldon at 3.00pm. For further details Tel: Fr Peter Connor OSF 01621 852259/782034 or email ledaclare@gmail.com

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 6th March – Team 5

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) - 2nd March
(Day for the Unemployed)

Saturday March 1st	6:15 pm	Tommy Close RIP
Sunday March 2nd	8:00 am	Geoffrey Foley RIP
	10:30 am	Rose Donovan RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Sr Helen Walsh RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	John Cawley RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Special Intention
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Parishioners
Monday 3rd	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i> 7:30 am	Helen & Martin Lydon RIP
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Fr Archie Snell
Tuesday 4th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	D/Rels: Farrell & Fuller Families
Wednesday 5th	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	<i>Church</i> 7:30 am	Margaret Murphy RIP
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Betty Brennan RIP
	<i>Church</i> 12:15 pm	Ints: Emoli Family [TM]
	<i>Church</i> 7:30 pm	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	9:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 6th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Mrs B Frawley RIP
Friday 7th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Richard Brown RIP
	<i>Church</i> 1:15 pm	REQUIEM MASS
		Margaret Sheppard RIP
	<i>Church</i> 6:30 pm	William & Eva Richards RIP
Saturday 8th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Ints: Ria & Family
		FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A) - 9th March
Saturday March 8th	6:15 pm	Peter & Patricia Pryke RIP
Sunday March 9th	8:00 am	Geoffrey Foley RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Samantha Hume
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Mary Moore RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Ints: Nicola & Andrew [KC]
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Betty Brennan RIP
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	<i>Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm</i>	
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	<i>Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter</i>	
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE	<i>At least six months notice is required</i>	
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