

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



## HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Fr. Alex writes:

On behalf of the Parish Clergy, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all for such a very wonderful Christmas celebration we had this year. Indeed, we are overwhelmed once again by your unfailing help and support for our parish community.

But in a special way, I would like to thank all the people who made this Christmas celebration 2015 not only joyful but also very meaningful and memorable. First, the generous ladies who decorated our Church with the beautiful flowers in order to create a very Merry Christmas festive atmosphere. Secondly, the choir and all the members who sung beautifully during the celebrations. Thirdly, the dedicated men who put up our adorable Nativity scene and the Christmas trees, and last but not least, those who keep our church always clean and tidy before and after each celebration. And so, to all of you our deep thanks.

As we leave the year 2015 and welcome 2016, I invite you my dear people of God to continue to be faithful to our Almighty Father who is rich in mercy and full of compassion. The course of time can be tough, and we continue to encounter difficulties, problems and misfortunes in life every now and then, yet, in the midst of these ups and downs we need not to lose our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord, because as long we believe in his power and goodness, and continue to spread his love to our neighbours, especially to our less fortunate brothers and sisters, God is always with us. Trust always in his grace and never give up....persevere!

Lastly, with this humble note I would like to take this opportunity also to wish you and your family **Happy New Year 2016!** Just remember, we, your servant priests, are here to assure you of our continuous prayers and support.

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Saturday January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:15 pm	Patsy Thurlow RIP
Sunday December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 am	Kitty Degegrio RIP
	10:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	John Cawley RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Gelsomina, Carmine and Alfredo RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** **Feria of Christmastide**  
Church 9:15 am Intentions: Mr P Kelly

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>** **Feria of Christmastide**  
Church 9:15 am Elaine Proudfoot RIP

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>** **Feria of Christmastide**  
Church 9:15 am Intentions: Fr Tom Coffey  
Church 12:15 pm Jadwiga Pauk RIP

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** **Feria of Christmastide**  
Church 9:15 am Mrs Mary Sebastian RIP

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** **Feria of Christmastide**  
Church 9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** **Feria of Christmastide**  
Church 9:15 am Margaret Power RIP

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD [C] Feast

Saturday January 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Michael McInerney RIP
Sunday January 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Ints: Maura & Frank Maguire
	10:30 am	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5:00 pm	Holy Hour
	6:30 pm	Kath Davey RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Bill Morrow RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Celestine Bugeja RIP

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

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required**

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### **NEW YEAR BLESSING**

May God, the source and origin of all blessing,  
grant you grace,  
pour out his blessing in abundance,  
and keep you safe from harm throughout the year. Amen

May he give you integrity in the faith,  
endurance in hope,  
and perseverance in charity  
with holy patience to the end. Amen

May he order your days and your deeds in his peace,  
grant your prayers in this and in every place,  
and lead you happily to eternal life. Amen

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### **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

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Brian Bagioni, 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 Mercedes, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, 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 PAUL KEANE** who kindly offered his services today and is celebrating the 8am and 10:30 Masses for us.

**THANK YOU** from the Flower Ladies at Priory Street for your very generous donation of £405 to our Flower Fund.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Street, whose Cremation takes place on the 6<sup>th</sup> January at 12:30; Patrick Brennan, whose funeral takes place at St Cedd's at 11am on the 12<sup>th</sup> January; Bernadette Irvine, whose funeral takes place here on the 14<sup>th</sup> January at 11:30am; Jadwiga Pauk, whose funeral takes place here on 21<sup>st</sup> January at 11am, with the coffin being received into church the previous afternoon at 4:30pm; and Maurice Highfield, whose funeral takes place here on the 29<sup>th</sup> January at 12:30pm. May

they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016:** For children in years 3 and above, an information pack will be available in the church and St. Thomas More's school from the New Year. For further information please contact Hywel or Pam Edwards on 01206 867325 or by email at [prioryst.fhc@btinternet.com](mailto:prioryst.fhc@btinternet.com)

**THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** starts again on Wednesday 13 January 2016 at 10:00am. We are exploring the idea of Wisdom in the Old & New Testaments and how this can help us to live our Christian life more fully. **Anyone is welcome, just bring your Bible and an open heart and mind.** We hope to see you there on Wednesday, 13 January. Sister Angela

**PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP:** proudly present their annual pantomime A Fairy Tale Adventure in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory street on Friday 22nd at 7.30 pm and Saturday 23rd January 2016 at 3pm and 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5 for Adults and £2.50 for concessions. For further information please contact Lesley 01206 512310.

**THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2016:** Not all can go to Rome for this special year, but you might like to join Bishop Alan, Fr Tony and the Diocese of Brentwood on the special Jubilee Year of Mercy pilgrimage to Lourdes. This is a special year as we will also take part in the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady. This will be a unique opportunity to respond to Pope Francis to search for God's mercy and rediscover the joy of our faith. Brochures and application forms are in the porch or can be obtained from Cathy O'Connor, Tel: 01206 501146; [cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org](mailto:cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org) Cost: from £639 by air with full board for 6 days, 5 nights, or from £419 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs.

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** Then please complete one of our Parish Registration forms which can be found in the porch at the back of the church.

**BRENTWOOD DIRECTORY 2016:** Copies are still available priced at £2.75 on the Repository table in the church porch. Please put money in the Repository wall box.

**NEWSLETTER:** Please note that the deadline for items to be included in the Parish Newsletter is 5pm Tuesday of the preceding week.

**CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR A MONTH TO CLEAN YOUR CHURCH: Reliable and committed** volunteers URGENTLY REQUIRED to help with cleaning the Church. Please contact Helena on 01206 794636 [mornings before mid-day].

**CLEANERS' ROTA:** Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – Team 1.

**PARKING:** After a recent issue, can parishioners using the church car park please use it with consideration for other users and avoid blocking vehicles in. It

should also be noted that this is a private car park for the use of visitors to the church or hall only.

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL:** To book: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) 07758 805263