

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT [C]
Sunday – 3rd March 2013

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My Dear Friends

The Catholic Church has been very much in the news in recent weeks, not always for good reasons. We continue to pray for the Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI and ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the choosing of his successor. His final message went: May you all know the joy of having Jesus Christ at the centre of our lives.

We continue on our journey through Lent, with its call to repentance and renewal. The Parable of the Fig Tree in today's Gospel speaks of God's patience with us, waiting for us to be converted. Our Lenten preparation should include receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and your priests will be available for this on the next three Saturdays of March, morning and evening at the usual times. There will also be an opportunity for this Sacrament on the Monday of Holy Week (March 25th) at 7:30pm.

May God bless you all

Fr Tony McKentey

Dear Friends! God guides His Church, he sustains her always, and especially in difficult times. Let us never lose this vision of faith, which is the only true vision of the Church and the world. In our heart, in the heart of each of you, may there always be the joyous certainty that the Lord is near us, he does not abandon us, he is near us and surrounds us with his love. Thank you!

From Pope Benedict XVI's Final General Audience Address

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

Sunday 3 rd	8:00pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt
Wednesday 6 th	6:45pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
Friday 8 th	12:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	St James the Great
Saturday 9 th	5:00pm	Lectio for Lent	Crypt
Sunday 10 th	8:00pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
EVENING PRAYER:	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, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Richard Cox, Stanley Crane, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Denis O'Neill, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Patricia Roche, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Peter Ely, Jim Gildea and Mary Peel-Yates. May they rest in peace. Jim Gildea's Funeral will be at 1pm on Monday 4th March at the CO-OP Chapel, Wimpole Road. Mary Peel-Yates Requiem Mass will be at 10:30am on Wednesday 6th March at Priory St.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Neve Patterson. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

CASTLE CONCERT: Unfortunately the event has been cancelled due to logistical problems. Please bring your tickets to the church office for refund.

2nd COLLECTIONS: On the 9-10th March there will be a collection for the Parish Development Fund. On the 16-17th March there will be a collection for Easter Flowers; Priory St Only.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday in Lent 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 8th March at St James the Great - 7:30pm.

POLISH – ENGLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Tuesdays at 7pm – Priory Street

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM): Will welcome their new members at the 10am Mass on Sunday 10th March. They are also celebrating their 4th anniversary.

TABLE QUIZ: The KSC (Knights of St Columba) are holding a table quiz in the Cardinal Bourne Hall at 7:30pm on Saturday 23rd March. All proceeds will be donated to The Mary Barron Cancer suite at the Essex County Hospital, Lexden Road, Colchester. Light refreshments provided. Bar available (welcome to bring your own drinks). Tickets £5. Call Ron on 797850 to book or just turn up on the evening.

100 CLUB – FEBRUARY DRAW: And the winners are: Dawn Holmes [1st]; Vincent Jones [2nd]; Maria England [3rd]. Congratulations to you all.

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST: A showing of this powerful film in the crypt would be a good way to help prepare for Easter. To gauge interest, please respond to Fr Neil indicating whether you would like it from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Good Friday, on Easter Saturday afternoon or at some other time.

RATZINGER READER: there will be two additional sessions on Sunday nights at 8:00pm in the Crypt at St James to complete Volume I of *Jesus of Nazareth*. Please see the notice boards for further details.

LECTIO FOR LENT: Next Saturday 9th March at 5 – 6 pm in the Crypt. This consists of a reflective reading of the scriptures for the following Sunday – with silence and prayer.

LENT DAY OF REFLECTION: 'Behold the Lamb of God' Saturday 23rd March in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. 11:30am – 3pm. Poster in porch.

FILIPINO MASS: There will be a Filipino Mass this Sunday 3rd March 5pm at Priory St. **FILIPINO PILGRIMAGE:** There will be a Filipino Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Sunday 24th March. Please see poster in porch for full details or contact Amy / Armando on 01206 854 921.

CALLING DOWNTON ABBEY FANS: The SVP have secured an option on tickets for a visit to Highclere Castle on Sunday 18th August. Price £41 which includes coach travel with an opportunity to explore the House and Gardens. £10 deposit by 4th February please. To book phone Judy on 07970408707 or see an SVP member.

CHRISM MASS & WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE – NEED A LIFT? Theresa Higgins is organising a minibus for those who wish to go to the Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral and the Brentwood Pilgrimage to Walsingham. T: 797411

ECUMENICAL STUDY DAY: The third Study Day to mark the Year of Faith will consider 'Vatican II and the Bible'. It will be given by Fr Adrian Graffy at Brentwood Cathedral Hall on Saturday 9th March from 10.30 until 3 p.m. Please book your place by email to cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phoning 01277 265 289.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT: Saturday March 16th. Join us for live Irish music, singing and dancing. Menu: home made honey roast gammon, mustard mash and dessert. Vegetarian option available. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £10 adult, children (5-12 yrs) £5. Available from Francis T: 369 568, Nora T: 504 310 or Armando T: 854921

WAY OF THE CROSS: The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service are planning to re-enact John Paul II's Way of the Cross in conjunction with Chelmsford Cathedral Youth Ministry. This will take place on 24th March at 2pm Starting at Chelmsford Cathedral. There will be a meeting on 26th February 7.30pm in the conference room at Brentwood cathedral for any Young People aged 11-25 who wish to be involved. Parishioners are also invited to come and support this event if they are able. Please see poster in porch for more details.

HIGH STREET CLOSURE: From Sunday March 17th – for a year, it is proposed to close the High Street to cars from 11:00am – 6:00pm each day. We will be able to get to Mass on a Sunday and we will leave the Saturday evening Mass at the usual time of 6:15pm.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 7th March – Team 5

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

3rd March 2013

Saturday March 2nd	6:15 pm	Sr Helen Walsh RIP
Sunday March 3rd	8:00 am	Nancy Dwyer RIP
	10:30 am	Clare Adams RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Peter & Patricia Pryke RIP
	5:00pm	FILIPINO MASS
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Alfredo Sagnella RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joan Boyden & Vivienne Wright RIP [TW]
Monday 4th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Helen & Martin Lydon RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am STM Whole School Mass Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Tuesday 5th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Mrs M Gleeson RIP
Wednesday 6th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Ints: Jan Miller
	<i>Church</i>	10:30am REQUIEM MASS Mary Peel Yates RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Michael & Ellen Kate Conlon RIP
Thursday 7th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Alan Doleman RIP
Friday 8th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Mrs Pamela Lee RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Ints: Vicky Griffin
Saturday 9th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Hector Silva RIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

10th March 2013

Saturday March 9th	6:15 pm	Christine Mooney RIP
Sunday March 10th	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP [AC]
	10:30 am	Ints: Mrs T Matiz
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Mrs Connaghan RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Ints: Mary Wynne
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	D/Rels: Sagnella & Cestari Families
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Peggy Wilding RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm*
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter*
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE *At least six months notice is required*

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