

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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My Dear friends

During my Easter break, I was privileged to be in Rome to share in the special atmosphere of the canonisation of Bl. John XXIII and Bl. John Paul II. In Pope Francis' Homily, he says of these two new saints:

*"They were priests, and bishops and popes of the twentieth century. They lived through the tragic events of that century, but they were not overwhelmed by them. For them, God was more powerful; faith was more powerful – faith in Jesus Christ the Redeemer of man and the Lord of history; the mercy of God, shown by those five wounds, was more powerful; and more powerful too was the closeness of Mary our Mother."* The full homily can be found on the Vatican website: [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

It was a special visit for my two priest friends, Fr Brian O'Shea and Fr Guy Sawyer who are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood this year. Fr Brian (known to many of you), on the 4<sup>th</sup> May and Fr Guy on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. I will be joining them for their anniversary celebrations on those two Sundays.

We are greatly encouraged by today's Gospel which tells of our Lord's presence in his Word and in the Eucharist every day of our lives.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

**APF – MILL HILL THANK YOU & APPEAL**

This weekend we welcome Fr Frank Thompson MHM and Eileen Thompkins to our parish. Fr Frank and Eileen will be making the 5-yearly APF–Mill Hill Thank You & Appeal for new members. They will explain how we can all be involved in the Mission of the Church in our homes and families. Jesus asks his followers to "go and bring the Good News to all people". By responding to the appeal this weekend, we can truly be a parish 'involved in the Mission of the Universal Church'. It would be fantastic if every home was involved in this work of the Church by supporting Missionaries throughout the world.

*Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes*

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

**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, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, 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, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Ida Twynham, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Tessa Jones and Harry Ryan.** God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED?** The next Baptism course will be on Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in the Crypt from 7:30pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry into the Crypt is via the Church [This course is for new-borns up to age 6]

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Molly Hefford, and Laura Thorne – may they rest in peace. Molly's Requiem Mass will be at St Cedd & St Gregory Mersea on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. Laura Thorne's Requiem Mass will be at St Theresa's Lexden on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**MASS ON MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY :** will be at 10am.

**FILIPINO MASS:** There will be a Filipino Mass this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm. All our welcome.

**PARISH INCOME:** We need to raise £1,560 each week from the collection bags. During the month of April, the money received each week on average was £1,562. We are grateful for all that you give, please continue to do so generously as costs are rising, not going down. Thank you.

**100 CLUB – APRIL DRAW:** And the winners are: Joan Herbert [1<sup>st</sup>]; Vincent Jones

[2<sup>nd</sup>]; Ms E Heinrich [3<sup>rd</sup>]. Congratulations to you all. Could Ms Heinrich please make contact with the parish office to update your details – many thanks.

**THE GIFT AID ORGANISER WRITES:** “20 envelope sets for 2014-15 remain uncollected - is yours among them? Why not check the supply in the Priory Street porch?”

**MASSES IN KRAKOW FOR YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS:** We thank all our parishioners for the prayer requests which we took to Krakow on your behalf. There were many requests - 80 in total, with moving and specific needs for which we prayed in our bidding prayers at each Mass and in our daily Rosary. These needs which included family life, the sick and suffering, conversion of family members, substance addiction, financial worries, prayer for better employment, exam success and vocations in life, we grouped together in order to say Mass for them on three separate occasions. We delivered them to the Priest guide at the St. John Paul II Centre in Krakow, who placed them in the basket by the Altar in the beautiful Chapel where he was just about to say Mass. It was a beautiful and successful pilgrimage and please be assured that your needs will be remembered in prayer at the St. John Paul II Centre in Krakow.

**SVP WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:** 6<sup>th</sup> July. Coach departs Colchester at 8:30am. Tickets £12. Limited availability so please call to confirm on 01206 841236 by 20<sup>th</sup> May at the latest. Thank you.

**BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION - Fundraising Lunch:** There will be a lunch in the Church Hall, Priory Street, on Sunday 25th May at 2 pm. Tickets are £14.50 for a 3 course meal. Posters will be displayed in the Church Hall showing the menu. If you would like to come along please contact June Bond on 01206 851187 with your menu choices. Bring your own drinks!

**KSC ROSARY CRUSADE:** The Colchester Knights of St Columba are conducting a Rosary Crusade around the Colchester parishes and will be at St Teresa's 7.30pm Tuesday 20th May 2014. All parishioners are welcome to join in with us. The full programme is as follows: St James the Less, Priory Street - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm and St John Payne, Greenstead - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm following Mass. **KSC TABLE TOP QUIZ:** Saturday 10th May at St Teresa's church hall, Clairmont Rd, Lexden 8pm. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Refreshment provided. Cost £5 per person. **KSC SPONSORED WALK:** 17 May 2014. This years Colchester Deanery walk in support of the **BCCS CHILDCARE** will take place 10am Saturday 17th May 2014. Walking from B&Q car park to Wivenhoe and back with Fish and chips at Wivenhoe. Those wishing to take part Please Contact Gary Hull T: 530863 or Ron Smith T: 795715. Please be generous in your support of the Deanery Walkers.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** 24<sup>th</sup> May. A 16 seat minibus will be leaving East Hill at 8:15am. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Team 3

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) - 4<sup>th</sup> May**

<b>Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Mr & Mrs F Milford RIP
<b>Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Helen, Julian & Joseph Hoareau RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Ints: Sykes Family
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>

	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>FILIPINO MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Ken Herbert RIP
	<b>8:30 am</b>	Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP
	<b>9:15 am</b>	Roger Thurlow RIP [SV]
	<b>10:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>		
<i>Mile End</i>		
<i>Monkwick</i>		
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<b>NB Church</b>	<b>10:00am</b> Private Intention [MW]
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St John Payne, Pr, M</b>	
	<b>Church</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> Bridget Lloyd RIP
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<b>Church</b>	<b>7:30 am</b> Margaret Barker RIP
	<b>Church</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b> Philomena & Martin Dwyer RIP
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<b>Church</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> Stanley Crane RIP
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<b>Church</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> Holy Souls RIP [F&JG]
	<b>Church</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Ken Herbert RIP
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<b>Church</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> Joy Spenner RIP

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) - 11<sup>th</sup> May** **(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)**

<b>Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Una Close RIP
<b>Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Angela Guendner RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Kathleen Joyce RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	D/Rels: Herbert / Richards Families
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Joan Norman RIP [TW]

**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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