

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

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My dear friends

We now enter the final two weeks of Lent when we think of our Lord going towards his Passion. The purple covers remind us of this. Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. I hope you have one of the Easter Cards with the times of services on. Palms will be distributed and blessed at the beginning of each Mass next weekend. The 10:30am Mass begins in the Cardinal Bourne Hall with a procession into the church. May God bless our final preparations for our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday 9:45am – 10:30am and 5:30pm – 6:00pm. During the morning confessions, there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluded with Benediction once confessions are over. There is one more Saturday remaining before the Easter Vigil. On the Monday of Holy Week; April 14th at 7:30pm – several priests will be available in church for your Easter confession.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Friday 11th 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: Final Joint Stations - This Friday 11th at 7:30pm St James the Great, East Hill

EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION: After the Easter Vigil, the Cardinal Bourne Hall will be open for refreshments and celebration. If you can offer a plate of food please

bring it along before Mass - drink will be provided! Thank you.

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:	Fridays at 6pm	Church
PRAYER GROUP:	(Please see newsletter)	
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, 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, Val Ling, 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, Dorsey Young.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Nkennanyelu Ilodibe.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be on Friday May 9th and 16th 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 Phyllis Joseph – may she rest in peace. Phyllis' Requiem Mass will be on Monday 14th April at 10:45am.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a collection **this weekend** the 5th / 6th April for the important work of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) in our parish; please see enclosed leaflet. On the weekend of the 12th / 13th April (Palm Sunday) – there will be a collection for the Easter flowers for Priory St & Mile End.

PARISH INCOME: We need to raise £1,560 each week from the collection bags. During March, the money received each week on average was £1,585. We are grateful for all that you give, please continue to do so generously as costs are rising, not going down. Thank you.

THANK YOU: To the Union of Catholic Mothers for their donation to the parish of £300. Thank you also to the Syro-Malabar Community for their donation to the parish of £120.

REJOICE JERUSALEM: Thank you to Valerie Quinlivan for leading us in the Lenten reflection last Saturday and for the Lectio Divina sessions during Lent.

ORGAN LOFT ROOF: Work on the replacement roof is about to begin. The cost will be £600.

PRAYER GROUP: The prayer group on Monday, 7th April, 2014 will be held in the home of Eva Read. Please ring Eva on 01206 510801 for further information.

100 CLUB – MARCH DRAW: And the winners are: Valerie Thurston [1st]; Tony Wright [2nd]; Helen Treby [3rd]. Congratulations to you all.

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

DARE TO BE SAINTS! Concluding our series of Sunday evening reflections on Bl. John Paul II, we listen to his message to young people. 5:45 pm this evening in St. James the Less.

UCM COLOURING COMPETITION: Entry forms (50p) will be available from the Porch after the 10.30 Mass, completed forms need to be returned by Saturday 19th April and can be left in the box in the Porch ready for judging - prizes available for the best entries!

UCM EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE: Raffle tickets available from Cardinal Bourne Hall after the 10.30 Mass this Sunday and next Sunday.

STUDENT CROSS: On Friday 11th April a group of pilgrims will gather in Cardinal Bourne Hall for food and refreshments before staying overnight. In the morning they leave with the cross currently in the sanctuary and walk to Walsingham. If you would like to join us for a meal on Friday, or help with breakfast on Saturday morning please contact Hywel & Pam Edwards on 867325. Offers of lifts to ferry a cross and pilgrims to Ardeigh early on Saturday 12th also appreciated. Thank you.

IN REPOSE TO THE POPE'S LENTEN LETTER: A Journey together looking to open our understanding of: Who are the poor? How are we poor? Each evening will stand alone so come when you can. Final session this Monday 7th April at 7:30pm – 9:00pm. 74 Howe Close. CO4 3XD. More information from admin@canonesses.co.uk T:867296

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Your new years envelope supply is now ready for collection. **Please note that your set numbers may be different this year. Please collect promptly – thank you.**

HOLY WEEK IN WALSINGHAM: 3 nights B&B for the price of 2, standard accommodation (£51) or ensuite (£74) in Elmham House. Leave Tuesday, 15 April a.m., return Good Friday, 18 April p.m. by car after Liturgy. Only three seats left, share travel expenses. Further details and to book a seat ring 07879 282988.

CHURCH FOOTBALL TEAM: The team has progressed to the semi-finals of the inter-church league Salver Cup with a 6-0 victory over Bethel. This takes the team's winning run to five games in a row, scoring 26 goals and conceding just 6. The date for the semi-final is to be confirmed. Gavin and Ray would like to thank all the players, family and friends for their continued support.

CHRISM MASS: A minibus will be running to Brentwood Cathedral on the Wednesday 16th April, leaving Napier Road Car Park at 5:30pm. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

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

EASTER FLOWERS AT ST THEODORES: Sunday 13th April will be the last opportunity to make a donation for our Easter Flowers and help make our church look beautiful of the Easter period.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 10th April – Team 5

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

6th April

Saturday April 5th	6:15 pm	Moira & Dennis Pryke RIP
Sunday April 6th	8:00 am	Mary & Andrew McAllister RIP
	10:30 am	Sadie Whitney RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Sheila Allen RIP
	8:30 am	John Kelly RIP
	9:15 am	Clyde Jardim RIP
	10:15 am	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>		
<i>Mile End</i>		
<i>Monkwick</i>		
Monday 7th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Helen & Martin Lydon RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Edward & Catherine McElroy RIP
Tuesday 8th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Private Intention [MW]
Wednesday 9th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Tom Palmer RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 am Mrs Delia Connelly RIP
Thursday 10th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Private Intention [NH]
Friday 11th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Holy Souls RIP [F&JG]
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Roger Thurlow RIP [M&MT]
Saturday 12th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Ints: Mrs Sadie Cronnon

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

13th April

Saturday April 12th	6:15 pm	John Byrne RIP
Sunday April 13th	8:00 am	Brian Jackson RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Private Intention [MW]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Angela Jardim RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Parishioners

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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