

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

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Saturday February 6 th	6:15 pm	Noreen Downes RIP
Sunday February 7 th	8:00 am	Mike Hanley RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions of Sykes Family
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea	9:15 am	Sally Sayward RIP
Mile End	10:15 am	D/Rels and Friends of Joyce Wrobel
Monkwick		
Monday 8 th	Feria [Day of Prayer for Victims & Fighters of Trafficking]	
Church	9:15 am	D/Rels; Betts Family RIP
Tuesday 9 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Ints: Maura and Frank Maguire
Wednesday 10 th	ASH WEDNESDAY, Fasting and Abstinence	
KS2 - STM	Church 9:15 am	Intentions: Eva Robinson
	Church 12:15 pm	Jadwiga Pauk RIP
	Church 7:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 11 th	OUR LADY OF LOURDES [World Day for the Sick]	
Church	9:15 am	Intentions: John and Mary Coffey Followed by Marian Procession and Rosary
Friday 12 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Derek Harvey RIP
Church	11:00 am	REQUIEM – KEVIN BYRNE RIP
Saturday 13 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Joyce Parish RIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

Saturday February 13 th	6:15 pm	Margaret Ratcliffe RIP
Sunday February 14 th	8:00 am	Claris Mathew RIP
	10:30 am	Felicitas Clarin RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Margaret Barker RIP
	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea	9:15 am	Parishioners
Mile End	10:15 am	Denise, Harold & Alan Smith RIP
Monkwick		

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

My dear friends,

We hear today of the call of St Peter and how he felt deeply unworthy to be called by Jesus. His sentiments are the same as those expressed by the prophet, Isaiah, in the First Reading. They were both aware of the holiness of God and their own unworthiness of the great task he had entrusted to them. Jesus tells Peter to "Put out into the deep!" With the Lord we can do great things if we but trust in his power and his faith in us.

During the week we begin the Holy Season of Lent and this weekend is the time to make plans for how we will use this time fruitfully. Lent has a particular resonance for us all during this Holy Year of Mercy.

ASH WEDNESDAY

A day of Fasting and Abstinence. Masses are at 9:15am, 12:15pm and 7:30pm. There is a 9:30am Mass at Mersea. Ashes will be distributed at all these Masses as a mark of our repentance.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be every Friday during Lent, beginning here this Friday, the 12th, at 7:30pm when we make the journey with our friends at St James the Great; Stations will be there next week. There will also be Stations of the Cross at 10am every Friday at St Joseph's, Mile End. We will also have Stations at Midday at Priory Street every Friday, followed by soup and a roll.

May God bless our Lenten journey towards Easter.

Fr Tony

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

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, Jordi Fleix Pujol, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Aimée Stammers, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Leverett who has recently died. His funeral will take place here on Thursday, 25th February, at 11:30am. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: For the Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund will take place after all Masses this weekend.

WALK WITH ME FOR LENT: On sale for £1 with a foreword by Bishop Alan.

PILGRIMAGE COMPANION FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY: Price £1 containing at the back some guidelines for Confession.

CHURCH REDECORATION: Many thanks for the collection of over a £1000 last weekend to help with this, and we are very grateful to Stephen and Paul, our painters, for the brilliant work they are doing.

PANCAKES @ 74: The Community at 74 Howe Close CO4 3XD will be marking Shrove Tuesday 9 February with a time at our house for Pancakes. Please do feel welcome to POP IN AND OUT for PANCAKES anytime between 2:30 - to 4pm!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Lent Day – Saturday 13th February. Theme: *Merciful like the Father.* Please see insert for details and poster in the porch.

FILIPINO MASSES will now take place on the first Sunday in the month at 4pm

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH: Marian Procession after the 9:15am Mass, followed by Rosary. This is a World Day of Prayer for the Sick. In the evening at 7pm at Brentwood Cathedral is the Installation of the new Canons. All are welcome.

YEAR OF MERCY – SPRING EVENTS AT CATHEDRAL HOUSE: *Meeting the God of Mercy through the Sacraments* – Saturday 13th February, 10:30am – Fr Martin Boland. Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahon's talk – *Wrestling with forgiveness* – will take place on Saturday, 5th March, at 10:30am.

YEAR OF MERCY MASSES AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: The next Sunday Mass during this Year of Mercy at the Cathedral takes place on February 14th at 6:30pm, welcoming all refugees, those enslaved by all forms of human trafficking and those who help and care for them. The preacher is Fr Sean Connelly.

FILMS FOR FAITH: Continues on Monday, 22nd February, at 7pm, with a second showing on Wednesday 24th, at 1:30pm. It will be the third episode of "Jesus of Nazareth". All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

REFUGEE CENTRE AT LESVOS: On the 27th February a local group of health professionals is going out to help at the Moria Camp for refugees on Lesvos and is looking to raise funds for essential needs. Visit <https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/ColchesterRefugeeAid> for more info.

DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Brentwood Diocese wishes to appoint a Director of Education to succeed Mgr George Stokes. Contact: Janet Simmons on 01277 265 284; janets@dioceseofbrentwood.org or download pack at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net Closing date: 1st March 2016. Applications are particularly welcome from serving or recently retired Headteachers.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: St Patrick's Dance – Saturday, March 19th, 7-30pm to 11pm. More information to follow. Frances/Norah.

2015 CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES: have now arrived. Please arrange to collect from the Presbytery.

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

CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, February 11th – **Team 2.**

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