

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday - 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

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## DIVINE MERCY

On 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1931, Our Lord appeared to a Polish nun called Faustina Kowalska. His right hand was raised in blessing, and with his left hand he touched his white garment just over his heart. "From the opening of the garment at the breast", wrote the sister in her diary, "there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale". The pale ray, he told her, "stands for water which makes souls righteous", and the red ray "stands for the blood which is the life of souls". These rays, Our Lord told her, issued from the depths of "my most tender mercy at a time when my agonising heart was opened by the lance on the Cross". He asked her to have an image of himself as he had first appeared to her painted, with the inscription: "Jesus, I trust in you".

In the Universal Church, the devotion to the Divine Mercy will always be associated as much with Blessed John Paul II as it is with his compatriot, whom he canonised in the spring of 2000. A few weeks later, Our Lord's request that the Sunday after Easter should be devoted to Divine mercy was finally fulfilled, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments decreed that the feast should be kept throughout the world, as "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come".

It is though the suffering Pope knew, at the turn of the new millennium, how much the world would need this sign. As if to seal this prophetic act, when he died five years later, it was on the vigil of the feast itself. From the eloquent encyclical *Dives in Misericordia*, to his profound

charity and understanding of human nature Blessed John Paul's life can be said to epitomise the principle at the heart of the devotion. For God wishes us not merely to avail ourselves of his mercy, but to express and pass this on to others. This is not always an easy thing to do, particularly in the face of overwhelming evil. However, as Jesus said to Saint Faustina: "When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls."

Léonie Caldecott

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see *Mass Schedule* for **ANY** changes

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 6:45pm Scripture Group Crypt

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type):** Please remember in your prayers, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Richard Cox, Stanley Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Denis O'Neill, **Margaret Norman**, 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 soul of Maureen Blair, Anna Koch & Margaret Wilson. Anna's Requiem will be at Priory St on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 11.15am. Maureen's funeral took place at Weeley Crematorium on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. May they rest in peace.

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Zsolt Csott & Megan Mooney.** God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

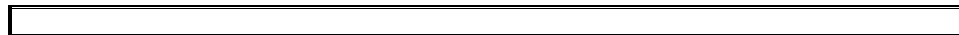
**WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED?** The next Baptism course will be Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. [This course is for new-borns up to age 6]

**EASTER THANKS:** Many thanks to everyone for a beautiful and inspiring celebration of Holy Week & Easter. Thank you to those who helped in the Liturgy, those who prepared the floral arrangements and those who led us in song. Thank you to everyone for coming in such good numbers and being a real community of faith. Thank you every one for your good wishes and generosity to the priests at Easter time. Fr Tony.

**UCM:** Thank you to all those who supported the UCM Easter Raffle. Over £100 has been raised.

**KSC MASS:** There will be a Mass for the intentions of the Knights of St Columba this Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** There will be a collection on the 21<sup>st</sup> April for the Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund for the training and support of priests for our diocese.



**DIVINE MERCY THIS SUNDAY:** celebrations will take place this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Confessions in English & Polish from 1:30pm. At 2pm there will be Mass in Polish & English and at 3pm, we will have the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Devotions.

**LIVERPOOL CARE PATHWAY REVIEW.** Several senior doctors have publicly criticised the use of the Pathway, asserting that it can mean hastening death for vulnerable patients. A number of families have spoken out in the media about the abuses their loved ones have suffered as a result of being put on the Liverpool Care Pathway in hospitals and nursing homes. The Government is holding a review and the deadline for responses is **Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>**. The review panel includes leading pro-euthanasia advocates so it is very important that the opposition of Catholics is voiced clearly, especially those with personal experience. Please **write** to: Liverpool Care Pathway Review, Department of Health, Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, London SW1A 2NS, or **email:** [liverpoolcarepathwayreview@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:liverpoolcarepathwayreview@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

**VACANCY:** St Joachim's Primary School in Custom House is seeking to appoint 2 enthusiastic, hardworking and inspiring teachers + possible TLR2a (we regret these posts are not suitable for NQTs). Please contact the school for an application form or for further details tel. 0207 476 1658. Application forms can also be obtained online at the CES Website: <http://www.cesew.org.uk/standard>

**DO YOU EVER ASK: "Who is God calling me to be?" "What is God calling me to do?"** Men and women aged 17 – 35 are very welcome to the Brentwood Vocations Discernment Group; it is informal and friendly, includes a meal and a time of prayer, and we invite excellent speakers to share their story. At our next meeting on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** we welcome **Mgr John Armitage**, Vicar General of Brentwood Diocese. Fr John was Vocations Director for a decade, and he has superb stories and insights to share about his own path to Priesthood. For full details of the group, and the venue, please email [frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org](mailto:frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org) or call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, 01268 281732. For lots more resources and information, visit [www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org).

**SION COMMUNITY:** A weekend exploring faith in the light of the New Evangelisation. 3 - 5th May 2013. Topics include: What the Church Says, 'I Believe-We Believe', Prayer, The Catechism, Personal Testimony, Change, Joy. There will also be Mass and times for prayer. If you would like to deepen your faith and become more confident in sharing faith with others then this is for you. The venue is at Sion Community Brentwood From Friday 6pm until Lunch Sunday. Cost £100 Residential - £70 Non-Residential or Unwaged. Contact: [isabel.cameron@sioncommunity.org.uk](mailto:isabel.cameron@sioncommunity.org.uk) or T: 01277 215011 for further information or to book.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** **New** envelope sets are available from the back of church. **If you have not already collected your supply - please make sure you do so as soon as possible – Thank you**

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Team 4

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]  
(Divine Mercy Sunday) – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 pm Moira & Dennis Pryke RIP  
**Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Ints: Geoffrey Foley  
 10:30 am Ints: Union of Catholic Mothers  
 2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**  
 6:30 pm Mary Peel Yates RIP  
 8:30 am Private Intention [MB]

*West Mersea*

*Mile End* 9:15 am Parishioners  
*Monkwick* 10:15 am Rita Wright RIP

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**  
*Church* 7:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP  
*Church* 9:15 am James & Mary O'Dwyer RIP

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 am Delia Connolly RIP  
*Church* 7:30 pm **KSC MASS**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 7:30 am Ints: Elizabeth Deakin & Family  
*Church* 12:15 pm Margaret Murray RIP

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** **St Stanislaus, Bp, M**  
*Church* 9:15 am Ints: Maureen & Tom McElroy

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 am Ints: Mr Shane Dunne & Family  
*Church* 6:30 pm Ints: Stephanie Curran

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 am Ints: Patricia Roche & Betty Maher

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]  
14<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 pm Klothilde Wolf RIP  
**Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Catherine Libby RIP  
 10:30 am Margaret Rose RIP  
 2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**  
 6:30 pm Ints: Kate Strong  
 8:30 am Parishioners  
 9:15 am Canon John Bloomfield RIP  
 10:15 am Rita Wright 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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