

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]
Sunday – 10th February 2013**

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My Dear Friends

On this Sunday we hear of the call of St Peter to be a fisher of men. His initial reaction to Jesus is one of repentance: 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man'. This week on Ash Wednesday, the Church begins the journey of Lent, a journey of repentance and listening more attentively to the call of Jesus. It is good to plan ahead and decide this weekend how we will make the journey of Lent holy, through works of charity, penance and prayer. Let us begin Lent well by coming to Mass on Ash Wednesday and receiving the ashes as a mark of our wish to take Lent seriously.

Masses on Ash Wednesday are 7:30am, 9:15am (when we will be joined by the Juniors of St Thomas More's School), 12:15pm and 7:30pm. There will be 10am Mass at Mersea and the little ones will receive the ashes at the school in the afternoon.

This Friday and every Friday in Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 12 noon; followed by soup and a roll in the Crypt and 7:30pm in the evening, when we alternate with our neighbours at St James the Great. This Friday evening, Stations will be at St James the Less.

May God bless our Lenten journey towards Easter

Fr Tony McKentey

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

Sunday 10 th	4:00pm	Catholicism Course - Ep 10	Crypt
	8:00pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt
Friday 15 th	12:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday 16 th	7:30pm	Friends of Peru "Beetle Drive"	CBH
Sunday 17 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 (see note in newsletter)	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, 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.

MEDITATION GROUP: Meditation this week will be at 7, Merlin End, Greenstead, beginning at 7:30pm

CATHOLICISM: Episode 10 will be showing at **4:00pm** this Sunday

2nd COLLECTIONS: The next second collections will be for the Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund this weekend 9-10th February and the CAFOD Lent Fast Day collection on the weekend of the 23-24th February.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: Our Bishop Writes: 'Following the result of the Second Reading debate yesterday (5th February) on Same Sex (Couples) Marriage Bill the Bishops' Conference will continue to work closely with those members of the Public Bill Committee to ensure that the amendments we propose are raised and debated. Thank you for all your support in this matter and equally your support for the meetings that are being held. We are extremely grateful to the team and especially to our speakers.' There is a question and answer leaflet available this weekend produced by the Diocesan Marriage and Family committee called "Marriage Matters." Please take one and keep yourself informed.

PRAYER COMPANION FOR LENT: Walk with me booklets - £1 and also Doorway to Faith on the theme of prayer - £1.

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: Reflecting on the Sunday readings, beginning Sat 23rd February at 5pm in the Crypt.

LENT DAY OF REFLECTION: Saturday 23rd March in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Further details to follow.

FILIPINO MASS: There will be a Filipino Mass on 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.

LONG LOST RING FOUND AT ST THOMAS MORE'S: Last week the year 6 children were digging in the school's Wildlife Area and they found a silver ring. It looks like it has been there for many years possibly from 10 years ago when the Wildlife Area was established or maybe before! Did you help years ago and lose a ring? Contact the school office on 01206 865722 for more details.

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.

PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM: Danny Ferdinand reporting: "The Parish Football team played their final league match of the season and we achieved our first point of the campaign with a 1-1 draw against Bethel CF. The cup competition begins at the end of the month and we can now proceed with confidence!!"

COLCHESTER STREET PASTORS: There will be an information / welcome evening at 8pm on Friday 22nd February at St Botolph's Church for persons over the age of 18, who are interesting in joining a training course for becoming a Street Pastor in Colchester. This is a valuable and rewarding interdenominational activity.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: As part of their 370th anniversary celebration – the Canonesses are holding a celebration of their history – past and present at Castle Methodist Church, Maidenburgh Street on 1-2nd March. Some of the community will be present throughout the day. More details from posters in porch or www.canonesses.co.uk

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT: Saturday March 16th. Join us for live singing, dancing, music and good food. More information to follow.

AN EVENING OF SACRED MUSIC: In aid of parish funds at Colchester Castle on Saturday 9th March at 7:30pm. The Writtle Singers and the Wivenhoe based Cavendish Consort will sing a range of music from the 16th century, Baroque and the present day from composers including Tallis & Byrd. There will also be a short talk on the history of the castle from historian Philip Wise. Tickets are £15.00 and can be purchased after Mass on Sunday at Priory St or please make contact with Jennie or Pauline through the parish office.

FRIENDS OF PERU CHARITY: "Beetle Drive" – 16th February 7:30pm – 10:00pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Easy to play, come and join us in this family-fun game. Prizes for winners. Adults - £3.50, Children - £2.50 (5-12 yrs), Under 5's are free. Includes non-alcoholic punch or soft drink, hot dog and mince pie. There will also be a raffle. Please contact Nora on 503410 or Linda on 769429 for tickets.

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, the Mass that may be a little tight is the 6:15pm on Saturday. We may need to leave home a little earlier for that Mass, so shall we leave the Mass

at that time rather than making it later? Fr Tony.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 14th February – Team 2.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]
(Day for the Unemployed) – 10th February 2013**

Saturday February 9th 6:15 pm Derek Harvey RIP
Sunday February 10th 8:00 am Ints: Josephine & Ray Carty
10:30 am Ints: Colchester Catenians & Families
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**
6:30 pm Ints: Julie & Richard
8:30 am Tim Coffrey
9:15 am Parishioners
10:15 am Celestine Tighe RIP

West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick

Monday 11th

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Church 7:30 am Jack Kennedy RIP
Church 9:15 am Tony Southon RIP

Tuesday 12th

Feria

Church 9:15 am Marita Kromane RIP

Wednesday 13th

ASH WEDNESDAY

Church 7:30 am Ints: Maura & Frank
Church 9:15 am Private Intention
Church 12:15 pm Mrs M Power RIP
Church 7:30 pm Martin Wade RIP

West Mersea

Thursday 14th

SS CYRIL, Monk and METHODIUS, Bp

Church 9:15 am Thomas Connell RIP

Friday 15th

Feria

Church 9:15 am Mrs B Foley RIP
Church 6:30 pm Madge Scappaticci RIP

Saturday 16th

Feria

Church 9:15 am Ints: Maureen & Peter Ahern

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [C]
17th February 2013**

Saturday February 16th 6:15 pm Parishioners
Sunday February 17th 8:00 am Mary O'Connell RIP
10:30 am Ints: Monica & Adrian Galvin and Family
4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm Ints: Edita & Family
8:30 am Paul Williams
9:15 am Derrick Foley RIP
10:15 am Rita Wright RIP

West Mersea
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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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