

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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A message from Fr Alex

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN ALLELUIA! The wonderful Easter Celebration still gives us reason to rejoice and be glad. We should forget ourselves and be submerged in the joyful glory of the Risen Christ.

Friends, our journey in life will be more meaningful if we remain with Christ, in Him and through Him. And in unity with the Holy Spirit we are so blessed and once more spiritually revitalised. He fulfilled His promise to redeem us and renew us with the power of His love.

Jesus Christ came and lived among us. He suffered and died and rose again to fulfil His promise of redemption. The resurrection is the peak, the goal of all Christian experience because it means the final discovery of the Father's will for us, with Christ at the centre, as the real and ultimate fulfilment of that promise.

Heaven is our final goal. From Ascension arises the mystery of our own glorification which we call heaven. What is heaven like? Heaven is the fulfilment of our encounter with the Lord, being always with the Lord. In our life here on earth we also experience heaven if we truly love the Lord. In truth we will be journeying there when we shall all be together without tears, enjoying the presence of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Do we think from time to time about heaven?

I will be away for awhile. I will be travelling to my beloved Philippines for a much needed vacation and at the same time celebrate my 50th birthday with my family and

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Saturday April 9 th	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs Pryke RIP
Sunday April 10 th	8:00 am	Breeda Cusack RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions: Jolly Family
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Bridget Plumb RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Michael Hawken RIP
Monday 11 th	St Stanislaus, Bp. M	
Church	9:15 am	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
Tuesday 12 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Derek Harvey RIP
Wednesday 13 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	John Francis Sutcliffe RIP
Church	12:15 pm	Patricia O'Leary RIP
Thursday 14 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	In Thanksgiving [RM]
Friday 15 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Margaret Murray RIP
Church	12:45 pm	REQUIEM – JUNE BICKERSTETH RIP
Saturday 16 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Terry Hilton RIP
	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]	
	[World Day of Prayer for Vocations]	
Saturday April 16 th	6:15 pm	Intentions: Ron Griffin
Sunday April 17 th	8:00 am	Brian Jackson RIP
	10:30 am	Frank Parsliffe RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	June Bickersteth RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick	10:15 am	Michael Hawken RIP

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

friends. I need your prayers for a safe trip and to be back soon to continue the mission entrusted by our Lord. I will not say goodbye, just see you soon.

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy and Rosary	9:15am
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	
8:35am		
MEDITATION	GROUP:	Tuesdays - Crypt
8:00pm		

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Lorraine Belmonté, 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, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merces, 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 Isabella [Ella] McEwan who has recently died. May she rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of her bereaved family.

FILMS FOR FAITH: will recommence on the 13th April at 1.30 after the 12.15 Mass. Please note it will on *Wednesdays only from now on*. The film on the 13th April will be The Song of Bernadette [Bernadette of Lourdes]. On the 27th April we will show Fatima and also The Rosary. All are welcome, please come along and enjoy good company, a good film and refreshments.

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday mornings:10:00-12:00noon. Starting this Wednesday, 13 April, we are making a study of the Letter of Pope Francis - the Joy of the Gospel/Evangelii Gaudium - in conjunction with the Teaching in the New Testament on what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus. Anyone is welcome: just bring a copy of the letter of Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium) and your Bible and an open heart and mind. We look forward to seeing you.

DIOCESAN VACANCY: Person required for a paid position of 28 hours p.w. as Executive Assistant to support the Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and the work of the Diocesan Strategic Planning Group {DSPG} in the rollout of the Stewards of the Gospel programme throughout the Diocese. Based at Cathedral House, there will be extensive travel to parishes and deaneries, with some evening and weekend work. If you, family or friends are interested, please first contact Fr Tom Saunders [TomSaunders@dioceseofbrentwood.org] for a job/person spec. Then submit your CV with covering letter, demonstrating how your experience and skills match the requirements/attributes of the role. Closing date: May 4th at mid-day.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY: Next Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday, a second collection will be taken at all Masses for the promotion of Vocations and the

training of Priests.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEWBORNS UP TO AGE 6: Will take place on **Friday, 22nd April and Friday 29th April**, in the Crypt from 7:30-9pm. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. There is no need to make an appointment – just turn up – but both sessions must be attended. These Baptisms will then take place between May and June and will be booked during the Course.

MUSIC FOR SMALL CHOIRS: A workshop at Our Lady of Ransom, London Hill, Rayleigh, SS6 7HP on 23rd April from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. directed by Philip Norman. If you sing with, or direct a choir with only a few members, we hope you will be interested in this event. Individual singers would also be very welcome. Cost £9, including a copy of the new RSCM publication 'With saintly shout' which retails at £6.50. Further information from, or bookings to: Shirley Timmins, 156 Warley Hill, Brentwood, CM14 5HF: shirleytimmins@btinternet.com Tel: 01277 233302.

YEAR OF MERCY EVENTS: "Mary: bearer of Christ's Mercy". Speaker: Bishop Alan, SM, - Saturday, 23rd April, 10.30-12.00 at Cathedral House Hall, Brentwood. **"Spirituality of Mercy"**. Speaker: Bishop Alan, SM – Friday, 6th May, 8pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Wanstead, Pastoral Centre. **"Pathways to Prayer"**: Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas – Saturday 21st May, 10:30-12.00 at Cathedral House Hall, Brentwood. To book, contact Brentwood Religious Education Service [BRES] Office on 01277 265285 or email lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: 'bccs' requests the pleasure of your company at **Ingatestone Hall**, on the **14th May at 7.30pm**, for a fundraising concert. Graduates from The Guildhall School of Music & Drama will be performing a concert of operatic, classical and light musical favourites. We will be entertained by two professional singers (a Soprano and Tenor) and a pianist; the singers will perform duets and solo items. This should be a wonderful concert in the beautiful and historical venue of Ingatestone Hall. Tickets are £22, including prosecco and nibbles. Contact Amy Pether apether@bccs.org.uk / 01268784544 for more details and to reserve your place.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 28TH MAY 2016: Transport has been arranged and will leave East Hill at 8:30am. For more details and to book, please contact Theresa Higgins on 523501.

THE URSULINE ACADEMY, ILFORD: Vacancies – September 2016: Subject Leader – Religious Education – Up to UPS3 [Outer London] + TLR1; Teacher of English – Main Pay Scale [Outer London]; Teacher of Maths – Main Pay Scale [Outer London]. For more info: www.ual.org.uk or bbarnes@ual.org.uk

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL: To book: cb.hall@btinternet.com **07758 805263**
CHURCH CLEANERS ROTA: Thursday, April 14th – Team 3.