

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

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The Second Vatican Council says that "the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all guilt of original sin, on the completion of her earthly sojourn, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe, that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and the conqueror of sin and death." (Lumen Gentium 59)

Our belief in the bodily Assumption of Mary comes from the Apostles. Then there are references to it in the writings of the Fathers, for example, St John of Damascus. At the Council of Chalcedon (451) the emperor requested the body of Our Blessed Lady, only to be told that, after she had died in the presence of the apostles, her tomb was found to be empty by St Thomas and thus the apostles concluded that the body had been taken up into heaven.

In 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith." Notice, however, that the pope didn't declare whether Our Blessed Lady had died or had fallen asleep. Thus we are free to believe that she did not experience death, having been kept free from sin and thus from its consequence.

That's the dogma, but what love and devotion to Our Blessed Lady lie behind these words! Even in these isles, where the Mother of God was torn out of the hearts of the faithful by the Reformation, there have been outpourings of veneration for her as recently as 1954.

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Over 90,000 people flocked to Wembley stadium to see the Black Madonna crowned. It would be nice to see a good crowd at the Procession on Friday evening. When we fulfil our obligation to attend Mass this Friday we do so not from a sense of duty and to avoid falling into mortal sin, important though these things are, but from love of the Virgin Mother and her Son. See what delicate care Our Lord took when the time came for Our Lady to pass from this world! If you are genuinely not able to attend Mass on Friday, at least pray a rosary for the intentions of our troubled world. May the Mother of God pray for us at the hour of our death.

Fr Neil Brett

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:	Mondays at 7:45pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type): Please remember in your prayers; **Pamela Andrews**, Władysław Antończak, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, **David Hill**, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Marie Lyons, Pat Maloney, Jean Mansell, Cara Maude, Colleen Merces, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: This weekend we welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism; Roxanne Aldrich, Amelia Lamb, Eivissa Mayhew. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday September 26th and Friday October 3rd 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]

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray from the repose of the souls of Angela Udall and David Finnegan – Former Diocesan Master of Ceremonies. Angela's Funeral will be at the end of August, to be announced shortly. May they rest in peace.

WHITE FATHER'S APPEAL: Thank you for your support of Fr Joseph Cummins and the Missionaries of Africa (The White Fathers) last weekend. Fr Joseph very much enjoyed his time in our parish. So far, over £1,900 has been raised.

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: There will be a Vigil Mass at Mersea at 7:30pm on the evening before (Thursday). On the day, there will be Masses at 7:30am, 9:15am and 12:15pm and 7:30pm. **PROCESSION OF OUR LADY:** A procession of Our Lady will follow after the 7:30pm Mass on Friday.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Wednesday 13th August 6:30pm. Holy Mass and Procession, following the pattern of previous months. As we reflect upon the start of

the Great War it is very appropriate to remember the appearances of Our Lady to the children of Fatima in the midst of that conflict. Do join us!

MONDAY 4th AUGUST: During the Stations of the Cross we spent a few moments in silent prayer before the Pieta on which are inscribed the names of the Fallen of the Great War. In the course of the Mass for the Dead we read out their names. May they rest in peace. Many thanks to Gwinnells Undertakers for providing us with a catafalque and presenting us with a pall appropriate for the dignity and solemnity of this occasion and for the future.

KERALA MASS: The next Kerala Mass will be Saturday 23rd August at 6pm – St Josephs – Mile End.

FILIPINO MASS: The next Filipino Mass will be Sunday 24th August at 4pm Priory St.

KSC MASS: The next KSC Mass will be on Tuesday 2nd September at 7:30pm Priory St. All our welcome.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: Will re-start on Wednesdays from September 10th 6:45 – 8:45pm in the crypt. Meets most weeks (please keep an eye on the newsletter for breaks). It will begin with the study of the first five books of the Bible - Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Leviticus and Deuteronomy, which introduces us to the foundation of our own Christian Faith. Knowledge of the Hebrew Scriptures is essential to our understanding of Jesus Christ and his message for us today, as St Jerome said: Ignorance of the Scriptures, (i.e. the Old Testament) is ignorance of Christ. Why not take this opportunity to enrich your faith?

VIOLENCE IN GAZA: We have all been deeply saddened by the continued conflict in the region. Whilst we continue to pray for lasting peace, CAFOD have set up a site for ways you can help stop the violence in Gaza and get aid to families in greatest need. www.cafod.org.uk/Gaza.

PRAYING FOR IRAQ: In partnership with Aid to the Church in Need, Patriarch Louis Sako - the leader of the largest Christian community in Iraq - called for a Global Day of Prayer for Peace in Iraq – this was on Wednesday 6 August 2014 – The Feast of the Transfiguration. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have supported this initiative and urge all Catholics and Christians to join them again in prayer **over this weekend the 9/10th August**. Our bidding prayers this weekend will include a special prayer for the people of Iraq. More information at www.acnuk.org/mosul-crisis-show-your-solidarity

CHEESE AND WINE FOR CHURCH FUNDS: Thursday 14th August at 6pm in Margaret Wheeler's garden at 27 Cottage Drive Colchester. £6. Please phone Margaret 797850 or Bernie 549524.

MONKWICK NEWS: Thank you for your support at Grace's coffee morning. Our next date is Saturday 16th August at Mike Firmin's house, East View, Langham Lane.

MERSEA NEWS: The August coffee morning will be hosted by Bernadette Ebling on Tuesday August 12th at 3 Firs Road. Come along and enjoy it with friends.

PARISH FAMILY BBQ: Saturday August 16th 3 – 5pm in the church garden. Adults £6, Children (5 to 12 yrs) £3. Play area for children available. Good food. Live entertainment, Raffle. Please contact Nora: 503410 or Frances: 369568.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 14th – Teams 2 / 4

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Saturday August 9th	6:15 pm	Lionel Wright RIP
Sunday August 10th	8:00 am	Mary McGinley RIP
	10:30 am	Phyllis Joseph RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Rosaleen Campbell RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Vera McKentey RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken RIP

Monday 11th	St Clare, V	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Tom Brennan RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Margaret Murray RIP
Tuesday 12th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Ints: Ria & Family
Wednesday 13th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Monika Hickmott RIP [A&RC]
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Sean Lohan RIP
Thursday 14th	St Maximilian Kolbe, Pr, M	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Ints: Vilma Russell & family
	Vigil of the Assumption	
<i>West Mersea</i>	7:30 pm	Angela Udall RIP
Friday 15th	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
	Solemnity (Holyday of Obligation)	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Tommie Lohan RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Ints: Caroline & Gareth
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 pm D/Rels: Herbert / Richards Families
Saturday 16th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am In thanksgiving [MW]

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A] – 17th August

Saturday August 16th	6:15 pm	Roger Thurlow RIP [ER]
Sunday August 17th	8:00 am	Thomas & Bridget Lohan RIP
	10:30 am	Anna Norfolk RIP [ER]
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Jackie Wolahan RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	D/Rels: Rafferty family
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Theo Tinneveld 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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