

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) - (Education Day)

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Mr dear friends

At this time, we follow the Gospel of St Matthew. It is in chapter 5, that Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount, which does in fact continue until the end of chapter 7. There we hear the central part of our Lord's teaching which has been put before us during these last few weeks. These gospels lead us to the beginning of Lent and Ash Wednesday on March 5th.

On Saturday February 22nd – we celebrate the feast of the Chair of St Peter. We celebrate the mission given to St Peter and his successors of presiding over Christ's church. On that day in Rome, Pope Francis will create new cardinals for the universal church. Among them will be Cardinal Designate Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster. This is a special day for the Church in England.

This week, Fr Zbigniew received a letter asking him to take up an appointment at a Polish parish in Bradford. He will be reporting for duty on the first weekend of March. He has enjoyed being with us for the last six months, learning about our English ways and also helping with the Polish Chaplaincy in this part of the diocese.

Fr Afonso is well into his studies at Essex University and is doing valuable priestly work within the University community as well as in the parish. In his spare time, he does provide us with meals for our freezer, which despite what he sometimes says in his homilies, are greatly appreciated.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our fellow countrymen and women who are suffering so much in the recent floods and storms.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

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	Crypt
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Karl Collins, Emma Cooper, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Paul Crockett, Amy Daggitt, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Christine Farrell, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Anna Norfolk, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Roger Thurlow, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosemary Smith. May she rest in peace. Rosemary's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 20th February at 11:30am Priory St.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be on Friday February 21st and 28th in the Crypt from 7:30pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry into the Crypt is via the Church [This course is for new-borns up to age 6]

SECOND COLLECTIONS: There will be a collection this weekend for the Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund, which financially assists those who help with the sick on the Lourdes Pilgrimage.

FILIPINO MASS: The Filipino Mass scheduled for Sunday February 23rd has been cancelled as Fr Voltaire is unavailable. New date in due course.

ST PATRICK'S DANCE: Advance date for your diary – Saturday 15th March. More information to follow.

KRAKOW FOR THE CANONISATIONS: Next meeting is on 20th of February at 7:00pm in the crypt to unfold the itinerary and arrange insurance and other details.

LOURDES – SUMMER 2014: The 25th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage runs from 26th to 31st July 2014. From £618 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £418 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There is a full programme to opt in and out of, and

everyone is welcome. visit www.brentwoodlourdes.org for much more information and to order a brochure.

STREET PASTORS: Do you know young people that go to Colchester on a Friday

and Saturday night? Could you help? Street Pastors are bringing God's love and care to thousands of people in Colchester every year. To help you find out more about this amazing ministry, including ways of getting involved through prayer or training to be a Street Pastor, come to an introductory evening at Beacon House, 90-91 East Hill, CO1 2QN on Friday 21 February from 7:30 pm. For more information go to colchester@streetpastors.org.uk

THE SOCIAL GROUP NEEDS YOU! We need new members. Are you new to the parish? Would you like to get involved in the fundraising events such as St Patrick's Dance, the family BBQ in the summer and the Christmas Market. If so, you are welcome to join us at our next meeting on Sunday 23rd February after 10:30am Mass in the CBH. Contact Frances on T: 01206 369568.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next parent's meeting will be on Thursday 27th February in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9:00pm.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN LECTURES 2014: Subject will be: "The Cost of Discipleship" - four reflections on the nature, joys and challenges of Christian discipleship. Beginning Wednesday 12th March with "Paying a Price for Belief" given by Lord David Alton of Liverpool. All lectures begin at 7:30pm in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Admission free. All welcome. More information at www.cathedral-brentwood.org

DESERT ISLAND PRIESTS: 1 Desert Island. 6 priests. 6 books. 6 remarkable stories to tell... Fr Martin Boland will be interviewing priests of the Diocese about their favourite spiritual reading and how it has influenced them as men and priests. Beginning Thursday 6th March with Fr Kevin Hale on "Journal of a Soul, John XXIII". All interviews begin at 7:30pm in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Admission free. All welcome. More information at www.cathedral-brentwood.org

FR JAMES HAWES 50TH ANNIVERSARY: In December this year, Fr James Hawes, who was Parish Priest here from 1991-2001, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. His current parish in Epping is hoping to make for him a (**surprise**) **book** of memories of these 50 years, and is asking for your help. The book will be just for Fr James, not published or made public in any way. We don't promise to use everything, but we will keep your photographs safe and return them to you in good order. You can send your contributions directly to Melanie Hollinshead (melanie@hollinsheadandco.com), or give them to the Parish Administrator who will make sure that they are sent on to Melanie. Thank you!

"HAS TALENT" SHOW: This annual event will take place this Saturday 15th Feb at 7:30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Competition for young people 14 and under and open mike for adults. Cost £6.00. All proceeds go to sending young people to Lourdes with the BCYS. More details from Theresa Higgins. phone 523501 or theresahiggins6@gmail.com

PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING: at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on Sunday 23rd February 2014 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Everyone welcome.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 20th February – Teams 2 / 4

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Saturday February 15th	6:15 pm	Ron Wheeler RIP [H&BA]
Sunday February 16th	8:00 am	Michael Hanley RIP
	10:30 am	Mr & Mrs Abraham RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Private Intention
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Denise & Harold Smith RIP
Monday 17th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Des Fuller RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am David Jones RIP
Tuesday 18th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Ints: M Givanovich
Wednesday 19th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Ints: Maria & Family
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Canon John Bloomfield RIP
Thursday 20th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Michael Treby RIP
Friday 21st	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Dr Halley Mathew RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Theresa Bernadette Henderson RIP
Saturday 22nd	<i>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER - Feast</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Bernard Stevens RIP

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) - 23rd February

Saturday February 22nd	6:15 pm	Noreen Downes RIP
Sunday February 23rd	8:00 am	D/Rels Lauery & O'Dwyer Families
	10:30 am	Mr S Power RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	D/Rels: Smith / O'Sullivan Families
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Martin Dwyer RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Denise, Harold & Alan Smith 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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