

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

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TODAY'S LITURGY

Jesus is transfigured in today's Gospel reading. High on the mountain his face shone like the sun and his clothes become dazzling as light. The disciples are overcome as they see the power of God's love – love which can transform, bringing light in the darkness, hope in the place of despair. We are also called to make a change in our own lives – to think again about how we treat our brothers and sisters, especially those who live in poverty and to do all that we can to support each other to make a change, so that everyone throughout the world has enough food to flourish. As we prepare to receive the Eucharist today, let us open ourselves up to God's transforming love, and say "yes" to all that God is calling us to do.

CAFOD PRAYER

Father, giver of life, from tiny seeds and parched earth your gentle hand grows richest fruit. Reveal to us, Creator God, the seeds within us; moisten the soil that our neglect has made dry. For alone we lack the vision of your Kingdom. Alone, we fail to recognize the hungry in our midst. Alone, we lack the strength to fulfil your purpose. With your inspiring love, Redeemer of all, may the shoots of our potential break free, and our hands, voices and spirits toil in communion so that your garden of plenty can be shared by all. Amen.

REJOICE JERUSALEM: reflections on Gospel Joy in Lent. Saturday 29 March, 11am -2.30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall with 10.30am Coffee. Please bring packed lunch. Poster in Porch.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Friday 21st and every Friday in Lent at 12 noon, followed by soup and bread in the Crypt - in aid of the Colchester Soup Run.

Donations welcome.

EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Friday 21st at 7:30pm here at Priory St. Next Friday – St James the Great, East Hill.

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 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, 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, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Fabio Cardente & Erin Goody. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be on Friday May 9th and 16th 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]

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Barker, Amy Daggitt, Anna Norfolk & Roger Thurlow. May they rest in peace. Margaret's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 25th March at 11am Priory St. Roger's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 26th March at 12 noon Priory St. Amy's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 28th March at 10am Priory St. Anna Norfolk's funeral – to be arranged. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and send his comfort to their families.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY: this weekend 15th / 16th March.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday 9:45am – 10:30am and 5:30pm – 6:00pm. During the morning confessions, there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluded with Benediction once confessions are over.

POLISH – ENGLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Tuesdays at 6:30pm – Priory Street

PREPARATION FOR CANONISATION OF JOHN PAUL II: 5:45pm this Sunday 16th in the church. Reading and prayers by Blessed John Paul II on The Family.

ST PATRICK'S DANCE: This Saturday evening 15th March. 7:30pm – 10:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Live music, singing, dancing with Steve Williams. Irish dancing by local dance school. Menu: Home cooked ham, cheese board, finger buffet, homemade Irish soda bread, tea / coffee, soft drinks. Bring your own

alcoholic drinks. There will also be a raffle. Tickets: Adults £10, Children 5 – 12 yrs £5. Contact Frances 369568 or Nora 503410.

QUIET DAY: 28th March at 74 Howe Close from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Please bring your own lunch. Tea & Coffee provided.

LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT: Saturdays at 5pm in the Crypt. Pope Benedict said, "I would like ...to recommend the ancient tradition of Lectio divina: Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer ...that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart" (Homily 2005).

THE POPE'S LETTER FOR LENT: is available directly from the home page of the vatican website www.vatican.va

IN REPONSE TO THE POPE'S LENTEN LETTER: A Journey together looking to open our understanding of: Who are the poor? How are we poor? Each evening will stand alone so come when you can, continuing this Monday 17th March at 7:30pm – 9:00pm until Holy Week. 74 Howe Close. CO4 3XD. More information from admin@canonesses.co.uk T:867296

MISSIO TODAY MAGAZINES: Spring 2014 edition available from the back of church to all "Red Box" holders and any other parishioners, free of charge. We need more collectors. If you would like to have a Red Box to collect for Missio (APF / Mill Hill Fathers) contact Ron Griffin T: 571590.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN LECTURES 2014: Continuing this Wednesday 19th March with Fr Mark Reilly, Assistant priest at Brentwood Cathedral. 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: Continuing this Thursday 20th March with Fr Paul Keane on "Transformation in Christ" by Dietrich von Hildebrand. All interviews begin at 7:30pm in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Admission free. All welcome. More information at www.cathedral-brentwood.org

KSC RACE NIGHT: on Saturday 29th March. St Teresa's church hall. 7.30pm for 8pm. Cost £5 per person. Refreshments provided; bring your own drinks.

MONKWICK NEWS: Reminder, our AGM is on Thursday 20th March at 7:30pm. **Lenten services in Berechurch:** The next talk will be the 18th March at St Margaret's Church, Stansted Road beginning at 7:30pm. The topic will be "Faith in Food" with the Manager of Colchester Food Bank, Linda Hurr. All our very welcome.

ST THOMAS MORE PTA QUIZ NIGHT: To help raise funds for our school, the P.T.A. will be holding a Quiz night on Friday 28th March. There will be several rounds of fun questions in all manner of subject areas. Entry is £7.50 per person including a Fish and Chip supper. If you would like to attend please gather your team together, up to eight people. Tickets available from Estelle 07950 113 061

PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM: The Church team won their final Salver cup group game 2-1 against Nostalgia XI. This takes us to four games unbeaten and sets us up nicely for our cup quarter final game later in the month.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 20th March – Team 1

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A) - 16th March

Saturday March 15th	6:15 pm	Christina Mooney
Sunday March 16th	8:00 am	Jack Stanton RIP
	10:30 am	John & Julie O'Connor RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Beryl & Noel Blanchette RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	John Cawley RIP [MC]
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	May Subryan RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Parishioners

Monday 17th **ST PATRICK, Bp, Apostle of Ireland – National Feast**

Church **7:30 am** Margaret Parkinson RIP

Church **9:15 am** Patrick & Rosanne McAloon RIP

Tuesday 18th

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Church **9:15 am** Mrs B Foley RIP

Wednesday 19th

ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Solemnity

Church **7:30 am** Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Church **12:15 pm** Dr Sykes RIP

Thursday 20th

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Church **9:15 am** Stephen Silk RIP

Friday 21st

Feria

Church **9:15 am** Conal McGinley RIP

Church **6:30 pm** In Thanksgiving [WH]

Saturday 22nd

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Church **9:15 am** Charles Cuthbert RIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) – 23rd March

Saturday March 22nd	6:15 pm	Rita & Max Milford RIP
Sunday March 23rd	8:00 am	Joseph O'Dwyer RIP
	10:30 am	Anne Barry RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Sheila Allen RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Ints: Margaret Campbell
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken 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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