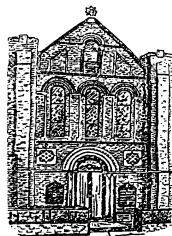


# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH

## MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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### **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD[A]** **April 17<sup>th</sup> 2011**

My dear friends,

On this Palm Sunday we begin the Church's solemn celebration of Holy Week. We remember Christ's entry into Jerusalem where he will complete his work as our Messiah; to suffer, to die and to rise again. I hope you will come in good numbers to the many ceremonies of the Easter Triduum; the Mass of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday evening at 8pm, the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday afternoon at 3pm and the Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday night at 8pm.

On Maundy Thursday night there is watching until midnight, recalling Our Lord's Agony in the Garden. On Good Friday we can join with our local churches in the Walk of Witness, beginning at the Salvation Army Citadel at 12 noon. We walk through the High Street to a short service at the War Memorial. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome two new members into our community, Jennifer Davies and Daniel O'Sullivan. Hopefully you will all come to welcome them at this the Church's main celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection.

At the beginning of the Easter Vigil we hear these words: "This is the Passover of the Lord: if we honour the memory of his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we may be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God".

May God bless you all

Fr Tony McKentey

<u><i>Please see Schedule overleaf for Holy Week Services</i></u>			
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	12:45pm approx	Lenten Lunch	Crypt
"	7pm	SVP Meeting	Crypt
"	7pm	Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral	

**DAILY:** Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am. [Wed. 11:15am]  
**PRAYER GROUP** Mondays @ 8pm in the Crypt [not 25<sup>th</sup> April]  
**MEDITATION GROUP:** Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt  
**EXPOSITION:** Monday, 18<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> but NOT Easter Saturday

**SICK:** Please remember in your prayers: Sr Mary Thérèse Bamford, May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Wendy Higgins, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Denis Nolan, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Andrew Southern, Ellen Woodley.

**BAPTISMS TODAY: Margaux Viel and Eliza Feakes.** God bless these children and congratulations to their parents.

**BAPTISM COURSE FOR CHILDREN UP TO 6 YRS:** If you would like to present a child for Baptism, the next Course has been arranged for Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May and Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9pm, Appointments are not necessary, but *both* sessions must be attended.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Beryl Stevens who has recently died. Her funeral will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> April at St Cedd's at 12 noon. May she rest in peace.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Jude and Chioma, married here yesterday.

**SECOND COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR THE HOLY PLACES:** This Diocesan collection is an important means of support for the Christian Community in the Holy Land.

**EASTER OFFERING:** The Offertory Collection at all the Easter Masses is, by tradition, your personal gift to the Clergy. In this parish, Fr Tony and Fr Neil are the beneficiaries because this collection, and the Christmas one, form the main part of their personal annual income. Thank you.

#### **LENTEN EVENTS**

**LENTEN LUNCHEONS ON WEDNESDAYS IN CRYPT:** After 12:15 Mass. Homemade soup and a roll for 50p. Proceeds to Childcare.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** On Saturday evenings in Lent in the Crypt 5pm – 6pm.

**CHRISM MASS:** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011. A minibus will be going from the Parish to Brentwood, leaving at 5:15pm from the Gala Bingo. 15 seats available. Call Theresa Higgins on 523501 or [pilgrimages@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](mailto:pilgrimages@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org)

**MONKWICK STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** At St Theodore's on Maundy

Thursday at 10am, followed by Confessions.

**WALK OF WITNESS:** Colchester town centre inter-church Walk of Witness on Good Friday starts at noon from the Salvation Army Citadel in Butt Road.

**“TREASURES OF DARKNESS”:** The Cantus Firmus Trust present a *Good Friday Reflection* in words, music and drama at the Mercury Theatre, Colchester, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7:30pm. Admission free with a retiring offering.

**FINANCE VACANCY:** The Diocese requires a Fund Accountant to work at Cathedral House. In-depth experience of working with Sage and Excel is essential, along with knowledge of charity accounting. Job description and person specification available from [finance@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:finance@dioceseofbrentwood.org). CV should address job specification. Deadline for receiving CVs is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April; interviews week commencing Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011.

**TEACHING VACANCY:** New Hall Prep School, Chelmsford, requires a KS1 and a KS2 Class Teacher from September 2011. Closing Date: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Full details/application form contact: Beverley Palmer on 01245 236192.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED [ACN];** Walsingham Pilgrimage of Hope – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Lifts available to share costs. Tel: 851838 as soon as possible to secure a seat.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>:** Mass here, in Polish, at 2pm; 3pm - Divine Mercy Prayers. Please see Poster for full details of the Service.

**SPONSORED WALK IN AID OF CHILDCARE [BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY]:** The Knights of St Columba are organizing a sponsored walk of 4-5 miles on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, starting at St Cedd's, Mersea, at 10am. Funds are urgently needed for Childcare if they are to continue their invaluable work with families in the Diocese, including our parish. Sponsors/walkers please contact Gary on 530863; Ron on 795715.

**QUIZ NIGHT:** Saturday 7th May at 7:30 in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. £2.50 a ticket, bring your own wine/beer. Soft drinks, tea, coffee and snacks available. All proceeds to help fund young people of the parish who are going to Lourdes with The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Phone Diane Porter 01206 797780 for tickets.

**SATURDAY SOUP RUN:** Many thanks for the new table and thermos flasks and other equipment donated from the proceeds of the St Patrick's Night Social. If you would like to make sandwiches or help on the evening, please telephone Claire on 765926.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** 28th May 2011. A minibus will be going to Walsingham leaving East Hill at 8am. Details from Theresa Higgins 523501 or [pilgrimages@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](mailto:pilgrimages@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org)

**PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM:** Danny Ferdinand reporting: "With the league fixtures now finished, the Parish Team entered the quarter finals of the cup high in confidence. Unfortunately, we lost 6-4 to our Ipswich based rivals Hope Church. Two 'loan' players grabbed the goals as well as Andrew Springford scoring a penalty to finish the season having scored in every match. We have a 'friendly' scheduled for 2 weeks time before we recharge our batteries for the new season!"

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Grand Clean Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – all groups. Maundy Thursday [21<sup>st</sup>] Team 3C.

**LITURGY FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [A]**

**April 17<sup>th</sup> 2011**

<b>Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Ints. Max & Rita Milford [60 <sup>th</sup> W/Anniversary]
<b>Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mary and Patrick O'Donnell RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Arlene RIP
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Intentions of Fr Tony
<i>Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Irene Wales RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Peggy and Maria RIP [JB]

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

*Church* **7:30 am** D/Rels: Farrell & Fuller Families RIP

*Church* **9:15 am** Margaret Rose RIP

*Church* **7:30 pm** Confessions/Exposition

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

*Church* **9:15am** Frederick Fordham RIP

*Church* **7:30 pm** Confessions/Exposition

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

*Church* **7:30 am** Intentions of Joan Boyden

*Mersea* **10:00 am** Canon John Bloomfield RIP

*Church* **12:15 pm** Molly and Dink Cox RIP

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*Monkwick* **10:00 am** Stations of the Cross/Confessions

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

*Church* **8:00 pm** Parishioners

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Fasting and Abstinence**

*Mile End* **10:00am** Stations of the Cross

*Church* **10:30 am** Children's Stations of the Cross

*Church* **3:00 pm** Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

*Church* **7:30 pm** Stations of the Cross

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**First Mass of Easter**

*Church* **8:00 pm** Cicely Sim RIP

**LITURGY FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD [A]**

**24<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am** Agnes Chee RIP

**10:30am** Patrick Gallagher RIP

**1:00 pm** **POLISH MASS**

**6:30 pm** Sidney and Rose Castell RIP

*West Mersea*

**8:30 am** Fr John Glavin RIP [Westminster]

*Mile End*

**9:15 am** Parishioners

Monkwick

10:15am Intentions of Michael Firmin [MD]

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE  
SCHOOLS

**NOT EASTER SATURDAY**  
*Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter*  
*At least six months notice is required*  
**St Thomas More** Head: Bridget Harris

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**St Benedict's** Head: John O'Hara

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[www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or 0800 389 3801.

[www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org)

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