

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) - 18th May**

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My Dear friends

During our journey through these days of the Easter season, we are accompanied on Sundays and weekdays by the Gospel of St John. We remember the inspiring theme of the Good Shepherd last weekend, with Jesus' words: "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" John 10:10. Today we hear the encouraging words: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". Jesus invites the disciples of every time and place to entrust their lives to Him who alone can lead us to the Father's House. Over the next few weeks, the Lord tells us of his imminent Ascension into heaven and of the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

During these days we are delighted that our young people will be receiving their first Holy Communion this Sunday and next Sunday at 2pm. Over fifty children in all. On Pentecost Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, we look forward to the celebration of Confirmation for seventeen of our young adults. Please remember them all in your prayers.

While I was in Rome recently, I ordered a bust of St John Paul II which arrived by post this week and you can now see this at the back of the church. The 18<sup>th</sup> of May was the day of his birth in 1920.

During these days of May, we especially commend ourselves to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of the Risen Lord.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

*Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes*

<b>SUNDAYS:</b>	<b>Divine Mercy followed by Rosary</b>	<b>3pm</b>
<b>DAILY:</b>	<b>Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy</b>	<b>8:35am</b>
<b>EVENING PRAYER:</b>	<b>Fridays at 6pm</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>PRAYER GROUP:</b>		<b>Crypt</b>
<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b>	<b>Tuesdays at 8pm</b>	<b>Crypt</b>

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Emma Cooper, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, 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, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Colleen Mercers, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Ida Twynham, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Celia Powell, – may she rest in peace. Celia's Requiem Mass will be at Priory St on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 12:30pm.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** Following on from "Good Shepherd Sunday" last week, there will be a collection this weekend to help support the promotion of vocations in our diocese.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. Please remember all our First Communicants. This Sunday: Oliver Baker, Jan Calatayud, Maria Chennattu, Ryan Coley, Dean Conybeare, Matthew Conybeare, Jamie Finch, Romao Gatt, William Guild, Alexander Haslip, Andrew Haslip, Alexander Jeffs, Nicolas Jeffs, Leo Jerrom, Grace Kelway, Daniel Knight, Richard Lavelle, Ram-Justin Lingayo, Christopher Malagala, Deborah Nwakor, Hannah Nwakor, Taylor Patterson, Carmen Martin Pavon, Szymon Rowe, Julia Rudnicka, Maya Suchy, Freya Wallis and Tom Ward.

**KERALA MASS:** The Next Kerala Mass will be Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm – St Joseph's Mile End.

**DIVINE MERCY AND ROSARY:** Sunday 18th and 25th May the Divine Mercy and Rosary Prayers will start at 3:15. Perhaps you might join us to pray for our parish and the world. We will, of course, be praying for the young people who will be receiving Our Blessed Lord under the appearance of bread and wine for the first time earlier on those afternoons.

**SVP WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:** 6<sup>th</sup> July. Coach departs from Ipswich Road Colchester at 8:30am. Tickets £12. Limited availability so please call to confirm on 01206 841236 **by next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at the latest.** Thank you.

**RAMSGATE PILGRIMAGE:** Monday May 26th St Augustine of Canterbury. We will celebrate the arrival of the saint on these shores with a pilgrimage to Ramsgate and the national shrine located near to Pegwell Bay where the monks landed in 597. We leave St James at 8 in time to join the procession of the relic along the Royal

Esplanade and then sung Mass with Bishop Schneider. As last year we hope to have prayers at St. Mildrid's in the afternoon. Please sign up in the porch or contact the priests if you would like to come. Drivers very welcome. Back by 6:45.

**WILLESDEN PILGRIMAGE:** Saturday 31st May. May is the month of Our Lady, and we will mark it with a pilgrimage to a new shrine for us, that of Our Lady of Willesden. It is an ancient holy place, there having been veneration of Our Lady there since the 10th century. St. Thomas More made his last visit in 1534 shortly before his imprisonment. The renewed statue, made from a tree from the original site, was crowned in the Marian Year 1954. We leave St James at 8:15 to catch the train. There is a short walk from Willesden Junction. After Rosary and Confession, High Mass is at 12 and the Procession at 3. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided at lunch time in the hall for a donation. Please sign up in the porch or contact the priests if you would like lunch. Back by 6:30.

**KSC ANNUAL DAY OF PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD PRIORY:** Sunday 8th of June. All parishioners are welcome. After Mass at 12 noon, you can enjoy a picnic on the beautiful grounds of Aylesford Priory. Before we return there will be Rosary and Benediction. People from all around the province will be attending. It will be great day out for you and your family. Cost is £13 for adults for the coach and half price for children with very young children going free. Bring a packed lunch or there is a restaurant on site. Also if you have folding chairs, this will be helpful as bench seats are quickly taken. Coach leaving East Hill at 9am and pick up also from London Rd., Stanway and High street, Witham. To book a place, please contact Stewart Taylor on 01206 271606 or 0754829333 OR Justin Nathan on 07845 392684 or 01206 241317.

**KSC ROSARY CRUSADE:** The Colchester Knights of St Columba are conducting a Rosary Crusade around the Colchester parishes and will be at St Teresa's 7.30pm Tuesday 20th May 2014. All parishioners are welcome to join in with us.

**JOB VACANCY AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL:** With the forthcoming retirement of the present Cathedral Personal Assistant, the Cathedral Dean, Fr Martin Boland, is looking for a PA to support him in running both a large, busy parish and the many diocesan events that take place at the Cathedral. Among other qualities, this position requires someone with excellent secretarial and computing skills, good social skills and an ability to deal in a pastoral manner with a wide range of people and situations, and an understanding and commitment to the life and work of the Catholic Church. The successful candidate will be trustworthy, discreet, reliable and hardworking. For more information including a detailed job description and salary details, please contact Fr Martin Boland by June 15th at cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com or at Brentwood Cathedral, Clergy House, 28 Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AT telephone: 01277 265235

**FILIPINO FAMILY EVENING** 21<sup>st</sup> June in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. From 7:30 – 10:30pm. Filipino buffet with veg options. Tickets £8, children 5 to 12 yrs £4, under 5 is free. Tickets available now – please ring Armando / Amy 854 921. All proceeds to church funds.

**BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION - Fundraising Lunch:** There will be a lunch in the Church Hall, Priory Street, on Sunday 25th May at 2 pm. Tickets are £14.50 for a 3 course meal. Posters will be displayed in the Church Hall showing the menu. If you would like to come along please contact June Bond on 01206 851187 with your menu choices. Bring your own drinks!

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** 24<sup>th</sup> May. A 16 seat minibus will be leaving East Hill at 8:15am. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

## CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Team 6

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) - 18<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Ann Thomas RIP
<b>Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Roger Thurlow RIP [MR]
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Joy Spenner RIP
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Russell Crook & Anna Norfolk RIP [JH]
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Anna Norfolk RIP [JW]
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30am</b> Roger Thurlow RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15am</b> William (Billy) Slevin RIP
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Amanda Louise Harris RIP
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Sean McPoland
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12:15 pm</b> Roger Thurlow RIP [TW]
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Anna Norfolk RIP [C&JO]
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Ints: Samantha Hume and Family
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12:30 pm</b> <b>REQUIEM MASS – Celia Powell RIP</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Kathleen R Joyce RIP

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) - 25<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>KERALA MASS</b>
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Richard Lambe RIP
<b>Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Roger Thurlow RIP [PG]
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Anna Norfolk RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Anna Norfolk RIP [TD]
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Molly Hefford RIP [M&AB]
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Gunvor Edwards RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	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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