

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



## HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

Saturday February 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Oksana Zakhleniuk RIP
Sunday February 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 am	William and Mary O'Grady RIP
	10:30 am	John Allen RIP
	4:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Dr Halley Mathew RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Richard Brown RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Michael Hawken RIP

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

## THE CHAIR OF ST PETER Feast

Church 9:15 am Ints: Angela Roche & Gertrude Murphy

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Feria

Church 9:15 am John Collins RIP

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

## Feria

STM Lenten Mass

Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP

Church 12:15 pm Matthew O'Toole RIP

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

## Feria

Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP

Church 11:30 am FUNERAL SERVICE: Brian Leverett RIP

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

## Feria

Church 9:15 am Intentions: Leanne Fugeman

Chapel 12:00 pm Ints: Hospital Patients and Staff

C.G.H.  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

## Feria

Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

Saturday February 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Tommy Close RIP
Sunday February 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Dec. Relatives RIP (Mr & Mrs Mathews]
	10:30 am	Ints: O'Grady Family
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Margaret Barker RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Veronica Almeida RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

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My dear friends,

The second Sunday of Lent always presents us with the Gospel of Our Lord's Transfiguration. This was a moment of great peace and affirmation for Our Lord during his public life when, on the mountain, his Father's voice was heard saying: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him". The light that shone from Jesus in this vision, witnessed by Peter, James and John, foreshadows the glory of Easter and the Resurrection that is to come. Let us make sure that we make time to listen to Our Lord during these days of Lent by finding that holy space, whether in church, at home or in the open air, when we can hear his voice.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

I am looking forward to Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, because on that day I will reach my 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a priest. I was ordained on March 27<sup>th</sup> 1976 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Chelmsford. I will celebrate my Ruby Anniversary of Ordination with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Easter Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at St James the Less at 12 noon. Everyone is invited and I hope you will join me then for the Mass and the refreshments that will follow in the Hall.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony

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**Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes**

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy followed by Rosary  
3pm DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy  
8:35am  
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays – Crypt 8pm

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Athene Jones, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Joanne Leon, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merces, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Fr Ivor Morris, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Jordi Fleix Pujol, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Aimée Stammers, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorsey Young.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR CAFOD:** Following CAFOD Family Fast Day last Friday, there will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK AT PRIORY ST:** For Easter flowers.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Beulah Wright who has recently died. May she rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of her family.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the church family, Noel John-Sas, Favour and Deborah Popoola, through the Sacrament of Baptism. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEWBORNS UP TO AGE 6:** Will take place on **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April**, in the Crypt from 7:30-9pm. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. There is no need to make an appointment – just turn up – but both sessions must be attended. These Baptisms will then take place between May and June and will be booked during the Course.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday at mid-day here, followed by soup and a roll; Fridays at 7:30pm we will alternate with St James the Great [26<sup>th</sup> February will be here]. Fridays, 10am at Mile End [not Friday 26<sup>th</sup>February]; Tuesdays, Stations of the Cross in Polish and English at 6:30pm, followed by Mass.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Every Saturday evening between 5pm-6pm in the Crypt. Further information from Valerie Q. 01206 621196.

**FILMS FOR FAITH:** Continues on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, at 7pm, with a second showing on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30pm. It will be the third episode of “Jesus of

Nazareth”. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

**HOSPITAL MASS:** Will take place this coming Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, at 12 noon in the Chapel of Colchester General Hospital. All most welcome.

**KSC – QUIZ NIGHT:** The Knights of St Columba are organizing a Quiz Night next Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, starting at 7:30pm. Teams of 6 to a table. Entrance: £6 adults; £3 children. All very welcome.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** To anyone who would be interested in helping with refreshments after Canon Tony’s Jubilee Mass on the 28<sup>th</sup> March, there will be a meeting in the “Railway Carriage”, next to the Crypt, after the 9:15am Mass on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, to discuss plans.

**YEAR OF MERCY – SPRING EVENT AT CATHEDRAL HOUSE:**– Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahon’s talk – ***Wrestling with forgiveness*** – will take place on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, at 10:30am.

**TEACHING VACANCIES:** Reception/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 for September 2016 at St Peter’s RC Primary, Dagenham, RM9 6UU. Contacts: 0208 2706524 <http://st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk> Closing date: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

**YEAR OF MERCY MASSES AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL:** The next Sunday Mass during this Year of Mercy at the Cathedral takes place on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, welcoming LGBT men and women and their families. The preacher is Fr Dominic Howarth. .

**STUDENT CROSS:** The Student Cross, which is housed in our parish in the Hall, has now been placed in the Sanctuary. It will remain there until the morning of Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, when it will be carried by Student Cross {Essex Leg} all the way to Walsingham during Holy Week.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** St Patrick’s Dance – Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 7-30pm to 11pm. Traditional Irish Dancers. Live music. Good food, good company and great fun. Bring your own drinks. Adults: £12. Children 5-12 yrs. £6. Contact Frances 369568; Norah 503410.

**WELCOME REFUGEES, COLCHESTER:** The Housing Group of “Welcome Refugees Colchester” are searching for empty properties which could be rented to Syrian refugees, under the arrangements negotiated by the Government. For more info contact Elizabeth Curry at [currye2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:currye2002@yahoo.co.uk) or Alison Berridge at [alison.j.berridge@icloud.com](mailto:alison.j.berridge@icloud.com)

**FACEBOOK:** You can now keep up to date with Parish news and events via our new official Facebook page. Please enter “St. James the Less and St. Helen RC Church Colchester” on your Facebook search bar and be sure to LIKE our page.

**CLEANERS’ ROTA:** Thursday, February 25th – **Team 4.**

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL:** To book: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com), 07758 805263