

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT [B]

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT [B]	
Saturday March 21st	6:15 pm Mr & Mrs Frank Milford RIP
Sunday March 22nd	8:00 am Mike Hanley RIP
	10:30 am Ints: Union of Catholic Mothers
	2:00 pm POLISH MASS
	4:00 pm FILIPINO MASS
	6:30 pm
West Mersea	8:30 am Ada Mahoney RIP
Mile End	9:15 am Parishioners
Monkwick	10:15 am Joseph Hawken RIP
Monday 23rd	Feria
Church	7:30 am Franz-Joseph Wess RIP
Church	9:15 am Gig Braithwaite RIP
Tuesday 24th	Feria
Church	9:15 am Bob Claydon RIP
Wednesday 25th	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - Solemnity
Church	7:30 am Margaret Barker RIP
West Mersea	9:30 am COMMUNION SERVICE
NB Church	9:30 am Roger Sykes RIP
NB Church	6:30 pm Private Intention
Thursday 26th	Feria
Church	9:15 am Eric & Mary Proudfoot RIP
Friday 27th	Feria
Church	9:15 am
Church	12:00 pm HOSPITAL MASS
Church	6:30 pm Ken Herbert RIP
Saturday 28th	Feria
Church	9:15 am Margaret Barnes RIP

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [B]

Saturday March 28th	6:15 pm Noreen Downes RIP
Sunday March 29th	8:00 am Parishioners
	10:30 am Ints: Michael Conroy
	2:00 pm POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm Ints: Shane Boda
West Mersea	8:30 am Brian McGurk RIP
Mile End	9:15 am Ints: Joseph Ngeh & family
Monkwick	10:15 am Harold Smith RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE At least six months notice is required

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My dear friends

We now enter the final two weeks of Lent when we think of our Lord going towards his Passion. The purple covers over the statues and images remind us of this. Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. I hope you have one of the Easter Cards with the times of services on. Palms will be distributed and blessed at the beginning of each Mass next weekend. The 10:30am Mass begins in the Cardinal Bourne Hall with a procession into the church. At St Joseph's Mile End, fellow Christians will join us for the first part of the liturgy. May God bless our final preparations for our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday in Lent continuing this Friday 27th 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: Final Joint Stations - This Friday 27th at 7:30pm here at St James the Less.

LENT DAY OF REFLECTION: Holding Jesus, Carrying Christ. From Simeon's prophecy to Mary, to the Passion itself, we can identify with pain, grief and loss in the Gospel... but there is also the hope of the Resurrection...Saturday 28th March in the Crypt. Coffee 10.30; 11am- 3.00pm. Poster in Porch.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: First Communion children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next Saturday March 28th. The service begins at 10am in the church. There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass next Saturday.

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 7:45pm Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm Crypt
SCRIPTURE GROUP Wednesdays at 10am
Crypt

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 9:45am – 10:30am and 5:30pm – 6pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type): Please remember in your prayers; Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Olive Crawford, Paul Crocker, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Ronald Jay, Mary Jose, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Lawrence Larkin, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Stephen and Sabina Rhatigan, Margaret Scammell, Aimée Stammers, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, **Brian Vaggiony**, Filomena Velasquez, Tim Williamson, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: This weekend we welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism: David Chigutsa and Niamh Oppé. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday May 8th & 15th in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry to 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 souls of Theresa Hogan (West Mersea) and Maureen McCarthy. Mrs McCarthy's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 1st April at 10.30am Priory St. May they rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: The next second collection will be for the Easter Flowers at Priory St this weekend 21st / 22nd March. On Good Friday, 3rd April – there will be the traditional collection for the Holy Places. The Franciscans have been caring for the holy sites there since 1209. They also assist the poor, run schools, provide scholarships, and conduct pastoral ministries to keep Christianity alive in the land where it originated; more important in recent times than ever before.

WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH: The Wednesday morning Mass will be at 9:30am instead of 12:15pm because of the Clergy Deanery Meeting here at Priory St. There will also be an

extra evening Mass at 6:30pm for this special feast.

TRAFFIC ISSUES PRIORY ST: Following the huge backlash against proposals to reverse the traffic flow in Priory St - a full public consultation will now take place. The Priory Area Resident's Association have produced a newsletter which is available at the back of church this week. Please support the Resident's Association and keep up the pressure on our officials. You can sign the e-petition at tinyurl.com/jvowynk. For regular updates on Twitter: @prioryres

SVP: The next meeting will be Wednesday 1st April at 7:00pm in the Crypt.

CHRISM MASS: A minibus will be running to Brentwood Cathedral on the Wednesday 1st April, leaving Napier Road Car Park at 5:30pm. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

CTS DISPLAYS: We are indebted to Liam Gillen for his work fitting a pin board and new display units in the porch. The units are the same size as the wire ones that they replace but we have separated them to reveal the CTS wall safe. This has meant that the rotas on the left have had to be moved to the right. We have taken the opportunity to organise them in handy dispensers. If anyone can't find their lists please let me know. Fr. Neil

MISSIO: Spring 2015 Missio magazines are available at the back of church FREE. Please take one. Missio is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission. Collection boxes for your home are available and are known as "Red Boxes". If you are not a Missio Red Box holder, but would like to become one, please speak to Ron Griffin after Mass or by phone 571 590.

CANONESSES: Bishop Stephen Cottrell will share his thoughts on social inequality. You are all welcome to the 3rd in a series of 'Living Easter' talks which will take place at New Hall on Saturday 11 April 2015. Doors open at 9am. Morning Prayer at 9.30am. Lecture begins at 10am and ends at 12:15pm. Please book via our website <http://www.canonesses.co.uk/event-bookings/>. Places are limited and free of charge.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM): Will celebrate their 6th Anniversary in our parish this Sunday 22nd March. The UCM's aim is to follow the full Christian ideal of marriage and family life, to offer friendship and support to its members and their families and to help those in need in our community. They meet regularly and hold various events throughout the year. Membership is open to all Catholic women, married or single. For more information, please contact Lenore Sykes T: 843 552. There are also posters in the porch at Priory St.

SEEKING GOD'S BLESSING FOR COLCHESTER: will reflect on the events of Good Friday in an ecumenical service in the Mercury Theatre, 3rd April at 7:30pm. The speaker will be the Bishop of Colchester, The Reverend Roger Morris. The service is free and there is no need to book.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Will now meet on Thursday 26th March at 7:30pm in the Crypt.

POLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Tuesday at 6:30pm jointly with the Polish Community.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 23rd May. A 16 seat minibus will be

leaving East Hill at 8:15am. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 26th March – Team 4