

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

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My dear friends

Over the next three Sundays, we hear very powerful passages from St John: Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well (3rd Sunday), The healing of the man born blind (4th Sunday), The raising of Lazarus (5th Sunday). These Gospels are examples of faith and conversion and are meant to accompany those making the journey towards reception into the church at Easter. We remember Brian Whitmore from our own parish, who will be received at the Easter Vigil. We journey alongside our converts throughout the diocese and look forward to renewing our commitment to Christ at Easter, when we renew our baptismal promises. Next Saturday, we will have a special parish time of reflection, led by our own Valerie Quinlivan. "**Rejoice Jerusalem**" is on Saturday 29th March in the Cardinal Bourne Hall from 11:00am – 2:30pm with coffee at 10:30am. Please bring a packed lunch. Next Saturday 29th at 10:00am – our children have their first celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so there will be no Exposition after the morning Mass. Priests are available for adults as well as children on that morning.

God bless you all

Fr Tony McKentey

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Friday 28th 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 28th at 7:30pm St James the Great, East Hill. Next Friday – here at Priory St.

LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT: This Saturday 29th March at 5pm in the Crypt.

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 (new entries are in bold type): Please remember in your prayers, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen 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, Val Ling, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, 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.

ANSWER TO PRAYER: Paul Crockett has been given the all-clear after much prayer and the intercession of St Peregrine. Deo Gratias.

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. Roger's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 26th March at 12 noon with reception into church at 4:30pm on Tuesday evening. Amy's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 28th March at 10am. Anna's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 2nd April at 11am. All Masses are at Priory St. *May the Lord grant them eternal rest and healing to their bereaved families.*

SECOND COLLECTION: The next collection will be on the weekend of the 5th / 6th April for the important work of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) in our parish. More details to follow.

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD: For this important feast **this Tuesday 25th**. As well as the 9:15am Mass, there will be a 12:30pm Mass with a Procession of Our Lady around the church. Following on from Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm there will be Mass in Polish and English.

FILIPINO MASS: The next Filipino Mass will be Sunday 30th March at 4pm.

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

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 24th March at 7:30pm – 9:00pm until Holy Week. 74 Howe Close. CO4 3XD. More information from admin@canonesses.co.uk T:867296

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Your new years envelope supply is now ready for collection. Please note that your set numbers may be different this year. Please collect promptly – thank you.

HELPING THE POOR IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY: Essex Savers Net Credit Union: Please see the leaflet enclosed. Setup jointly by the Bishops of Brentwood and Chelmsford some years ago to provide fair finance for all. The aim is to get 250 Catholics in Essex to deposit £1,000 each with the Credit Union to help increase the number of loans they can make and so keep people out of the clutches of the likes of Wonga. By doing this, you will be helping the poor in a very positive way, which is one of the main aims of Pope Francis for the Church. For more information, please see www.essexsavers.co.uk E: info@essexsavers.co.uk or call 01245 496 314

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN LECTURES 2014: Continuing this Wednesday 26th March with Mgr Mark Langham, Catholic Chaplain at Cambridge University. All lectures begin at 7:30pm in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Admission free. All welcome. More information at www.cathedral-brentwood.org

HOLY WEEK IN WALSINGHAM: Three nights B&B for the price of two standard accommodation (£51) or Ensuite (£74). Leave Tuesday, 15 April am return Good Friday, 18 April pm by car. Three seats left, share travel expenses. Further details and to book a seat ring 07879 282988.

DESERT ISLAND PRIESTS: Continuing this Thursday 27th March with Fr David Clemens on “Diary of a Mystic” by Edward Thurston. All interviews begin at 7:30pm in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Admission free. All welcome. More information at www.cathedral-brentwood.org

CHRISM MASS: A minibus will be running to Brentwood Cathedral on the 16th March, leaving Napier Road Car Park at 5:30pm. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 24th May 2014. A 16 seat minibus will be leaving East Hill at 8:15am. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

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.

KSC MASS: Tuesday 1st April Mass at St Teresa's. All welcome.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT: Thank you to all our supporters for making this event a great success. Thanks also to Sue Kelly for her home made breads. We raised £485. Best wishes from Frances, Norah, Pauline, May and Stuart.

MONKWICK NEWS: Lenten services in Berechurch: The next talk will be the 25th March at Orchard Baptist Church, Mersea Road beginning at 7:30pm. The topic will be “Faith in Education” with a speaker from the University. 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

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 27th March – Teams 2 / 4

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

2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Sheila Allen RIP

West Mersea 8:30 am Parishioners

Mile End 9:15 am Ints: Margaret Campbell

Monkwick 10:15 am Joseph Hawken RIP

Monday 24th

Feria

Church 7:30 am Ijeoma Ozor RIP

Church 9:15 am Caroline Long RIP

Tuesday 25th

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Church 9:15 am D/Rels: Foley & Power / Frawley Families

Church 11:00am **REQUIEM MASS – Margaret Barker RIP**

Church 12:30 pm **Mass & Procession**

Roger Thurlow RIP [MM]

Church 6:30 pm **Polish / English Stations followed by Mass**

Wednesday 26th

Feria

Church 7:30 am Special Intention [PP]

Church 12:00 pm **REQUIEM MASS – Roger Thurlow RIP**

Thursday 27th

Feria

Church 9:15 am Ints: Agnes Milne

Friday 28th

Feria

Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP [F&JG]

Church 10:00 pm **REQUIEM MASS – Amy Daggitt RIP**

Church 12:00 pm **HOSPITAL MASS**

Church 6:30 pm Ints: Maria & Family

Saturday 29th

Feria

Church 9:15 am Margaret Wilson RIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) “Laetare” Sunday 30th March

Saturday March 29th 6:15 pm Stephen Mooney RIP

Sunday March 30th 8:00 am Dr Sykes RIP

10:30 am Ints: Catherine Spicer

2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

4:00 pm **FILIPINO MASS**

6:30 pm Karen Jackson RIP

West Mersea 8:30 am Parishioners

Mile End 9:15 am Dennis Ridgewell RIP

Monkwick 10:15 am Peggy Wilding 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*

