

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

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My dear friends,

In the Gospel today we hear the opening lines of St Luke's account of the life and ministry of Jesus. It has been said that of all the gospel writers, he presents the gentleness and compassion of Jesus. His Gospel is called the Gospel of "great pardons". We think of the parable of the Prodigal Son, figures like Zaccheus and the repentant thief, which are only found in Luke. His is a very appropriate Gospel for this Holy Year of Mercy. Our Lord in the synagogue at Nazareth speaks today of a special year of favour from God. May this Holy Year of Mercy be a time for us to open our hearts to the merciful love of God and strive to be more active in our efforts to bring mercy to those around us.

INSTALLATION OF NEW CHAPTER OF CANONS

Bishop Alan Williams will formally instal the new Canons on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Thursday 11th February, at 7pm in Brentwood Cathedral. Apart from myself, the new Canons are Revv. Patrick Salmon, Kevin Hale, Martin O'Connor, Paul Bruxby, John McGrath, Peter Connor, Brian O'Shea, and William Young. Everyone is welcome to come to this Diocesan occasion. If you are planning to go, please have a word with the Parish Office so that we can let Brentwood know for catering purposes.

FR MICHAL

Fr Michal is leaving us next weekend and will be spending a month with Fr Kita at Ipswich before he takes up an appointment within the Polish Catholic Mission to the U.K. If you would like to say goodbye to him, come to the Crypt on Wednesday, 27th January, at 7pm when we can express our thanks to him for all his ministry among us.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday January 23 rd	6:15 pm	Sean Keenan RIP
Sunday January 24 th	8:00 am	Intentions: Mr & Mrs Mathew
	10:30 am	Intentions: Sykes Family
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Nula Finnerty RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Rosa Foley RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Celestine Bugeza RIP

Monday 25th **THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Ap** **Feast**
Church 9:15 am Gillian Bennett RIP

Tuesday 26th **Ss Timothy & Titus, Ap** **Feast**
Church 9:15 am Roger Goodin RIP

Wednesday 27th **Feria or St Angela Merici, V**
Church 9:15 am Veronica Joaunides RIP
N.B. NO 12:15PM MASS

Thursday 28th **St Thomas Aquinas, Pr. D**
Church 9:15 am Sheila Allen RIP

Friday 29th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Conal McGinley & Maura O'Connell
Church 11:00 am **REQUIEM – Maurice Highfield RIP**
C.G.H. Chapel 12:00 pm Hospital Patients and Staff

Saturday 30th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Matthew Foley RIP

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday January 30 th	6:15 pm	Margaret Ratcliffe RIP
Sunday January 31 st	8:00 am	Kitty & Maurice Foley RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Samantha Hume and Family
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	John Allen RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Kath Dayly RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Peter McCartney RIP

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

The Brentwood Diocesan Trust – Registered Charity No. 234092

PARISH VOCATION

Adrian Lowe, one of our parishioners, is hoping to begin training for the priesthood later this year. Now that he has given up his job and lodging, he will be living in the presbytery and sharing in the life of the parish before he begins his training in the autumn. Priory Street will be his home during the time leading up to his Ordination, please God.

May God bless you all, Fr Tony.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Brian Bagioni, 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, Brian Leverett, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Mercedes, David Merryman, Byron Miller, 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, Dorcey Young.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND : At all Masses next weekend there will be a second collection for the Parish Development Fund to help towards the costs of our Church redecoration.

BAPTISM TODAY: We welcome **Oliver Maguire** into the church family through the sacrament of Baptism. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: takes place on Friday 29th January and Friday 5th February in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9pm. There is no need to make an appointment but **BOTH** sessions must be attended. This Course is for newborns up to age 6. [Entry to the Crypt is via the Church].

2015 CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES: have now arrived. Please arrange to collect from the Presbytery.

FILMS FOR FAITH: resumes this Monday, 25th January at 7pm, with a second showing on Wednesday 27th, at 1:30pm. The DVD this time will be “Jesus of Nazareth”, shown in 4 episodes at fortnightly intervals. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Hawken, son of Margaret, who died suddenly last weekend. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family.

NO 12:15 MASS NEXT WEDNESDAY: Please note there is no 12:15 Mass on Wednesday as the Clergy will be attending a Deanery Meeting.

HOSPITAL MASS: This Friday, 29th January, at midday in the Chapel at Colchester General – main block, first floor. All are very welcome

TEACHING/OTHER VACANCIES: [1] Class teachers- Reception/Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 for September 2016 . **St Peter's RC Primary Dagenham RM9 6UU** is looking to appoint as above. Please contact the school on 0208 2706524 or through the website <http://st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk/> Closing date 29th January. [2] **Headteacher, De La Salle School, Basildon.** [The existing Head is retiring this year]. All the details are on www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk, and visits to the school are welcomed – contact Michelle Harrison on 01268 281234. Closing date 5th February. [3] **St Benedict's College**, Exam Invigilators required. Contact a.jones@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk or www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk or 01206 549222. Closing date 1st February 2016 [midday].

OLD PALMS: Please hand back your palms from last year, either at the back of church or via the diplomatic bags. We shall burn them ready for Ash Wednesday, February 10th.

HEALING MASS AT ABBOTSWICK HOUSE OF PRAYER: to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 3rd February 2016. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome.

MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: : On Sunday 7 February at 3 pm, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass at Brentwood Cathedral in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Patroness of our diocese and all who are ill. Join the Bishop to pray for our diocese, anyone who is ill and if you have a devotion to the shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes. This Mass is a wonderful opportunity to thank Our Lady for graces received at the shrine or should you be planning to make a pilgrimage.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Lent Day – Saturday 13th February. Theme: **Merciful like the Father.** More info to follow.

NEWSLETTER: Please note that the deadline for items to be included in the Parish Newsletter is 5pm Tuesday of the preceding week.

CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, January 21st – **Team 4.**

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