

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

Fr Anthony McKentey

Fr Neil Brett

Fr Philip Willenbrock

51 Priory Street, Colchester, Essex, CO1 2QB

Tel: 01206 866317

E-Mail [colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

[www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](http://www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org)

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [C]  
Sunday – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

*Parish Mass Book – Page 184*

My dear friends

On this Palm Sunday we begin to follow Jesus through the events of his death and resurrection.

On **Monday** we have Mass at 7:30am and 9:15am. At 7:30pm, all your priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Tuesday**, Mass at 9:15am Priory St and 11:00am at Monkwick with an opportunity for confession.

**Wednesday** – Masses are at 7:30am, 12:15pm and 10:00am Mass at Mersea with confessions. In the evening at 7:00pm, there is the Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral to which everyone is welcome: The Bishop blesses the Holy Oils to be used during the year and all the priests of the diocese renew their priestly commitment.

**Maundy Thursday** - there is the **Mass of the Last Supper** in the evening at 8pm. We remember the Institution of the Eucharist and re-enact the Washing of the Feet. At the end of the Mass we can watch at the Altar of Repose until Midnight, recalling Jesus' Agony in the Garden.

**Good Friday** – 10am Stations of the Cross at Mile End, 10:30am Children's Stations, 11:45am we meet with fellow Christians at the Salvation Army Citadel, Butt Road, for our Walk of Witness to the War Memorial – where there is a short service at 12 noon approx. 3pm is the **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** and Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.

**Holy Saturday** – the church waits at the Lord's Tomb and at 8pm – the **Easter Vigil** is the first Mass of the Lord's Resurrection.

**Easter Sunday** – all the Masses are at the usual time, as we greet with joy our Blessed Lord on his Resurrection day.

May God bless your journey through Holy Week and Easter.

Fr Tony McKentey

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

*Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes*

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2:00pm UCM Easter &amp; Spring Crafts</b>	<b>CBH</b>
	<b>8:00pm Ratzinger Reader</b>	<b>Crypt</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00pm Chrism Mass</b>	<b>Brentwood Cathedral</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00pm The Passion of the Christ</b>	<b>Crypt</b>

<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>Mondays at 8pm</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, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Richard Cox, Stanley Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Denis O'Neill, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Patricia Roche, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White.

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Eloise Cole & Ryan Russell.** God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED?** The next Baptism course will be Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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]

**THANK YOU:** to all who supported St Patrick's Night. It really was a very good event. £635 has been raised.

**THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST.** A showing of this powerful film will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 - 7pm in the Crypt.

**EASTER OFFERING:** The Offertory Collection at all the Easter Masses is your personal gift to the Clergy. This collection, together with the Christmas one, forms the main part of the income of Fr Tony and Fr Neil. Thank you.

**COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR THE HOLY PLACES:** This Diocesan Collection is an important means of support for the Christian Community in the Holy Land, particularly with the current situation in the Middle East.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** celebrations will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm. The novena in preparation for the feast occurs from Good Friday to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Leaflets for the novena are available in the porch. Please take one. To pray the novena, recite the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy daily along with the prayers corresponding to each day of the novena. The novena also carries a plenary indulgence with the usual conditions.

**UCM:** Easter/Spring Crafts (card making, spring bulb planting, egg decorating, Easter baskets etc) Easter chocolate hamper raffle. Refreshments available. Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2 - 4pm Cardinal Bourne Hall, £3 per child.

**MISSIO:** From Ron Griffin, local Missio secretary and promoter - Last year, our parish collected £1,643 for the APF / Mill Hill Fathers. Fr Joseph Farrell, APF Diocesan Director, wishes me to pass on his thanks and congratulations to all our Red Box holders. Our total was the 10<sup>th</sup> best in the Diocese out of 94 parishes. The Diocesan total for the year was £88,880 and the national total £3,052,685.

**INVITATION:** After the Easter Vigil on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March all are invited to join a parish celebration in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. If you would like to make a contribution in the style of "Bring a Plate" please drop off in the hall before Mass. For further details see Hywel or Pam Edwards.

**ST JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP:** SVP have details for the St John Bosco Summer Camp for Children. Anyone interested please phone Judy on 07970408707 for details.

**Do you ever ask, "Who is God calling me to be?" "What is God calling me to do?"** Men and women aged 17 – 35 are very welcome to the Brentwood Vocations Discernment Group; it is informal and friendly, includes a meal and a time of prayer, and we invite excellent speakers to share their story. At our next meeting on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** we welcome **Mgr John Armitage**, Vicar General of Brentwood Diocese. Fr John was Vocations Director for a decade, and he has superb stories and insights to share about his own path to Priesthood. For full details of the group, and the venue, please email [frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org](mailto:frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org) or call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, 01268 281732. For lots more resources and information, visit [www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org).

**THE REAL EASTER EGG** Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year in the UK, not one of them mentions Jesus on the box. The Real Easter Egg is the UK's first and only Fairtrade charity egg to mention Jesus and the events of the Christian period of Holy Week on the box. For more information please visit the website: [www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk](http://www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk)

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** New envelope sets are available from the back of church. Please make sure you collect your supply.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Team 2

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [C]  
24<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:15 pm** Ann Herbert RIP  
**Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am** Parishioners

**10:30 am** In Thanksgiving  
**2:00 pm** **POLISH MASS**  
**6:30 pm** Catherine Libby RIP  
**8:30 am** Brian McGurk RIP  
**9:15 am** Ints: Joshua Ngeh  
**10:15 am** Bernard Honeybun RIP

*West Mersea  
Mile End  
Monkwick*  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

*Church 7:30 am* Ints: Dennis, Rita & Family  
*Church 9:15 am* Dr Roger Sykes RIP  
*Church 7:30 pm* **Confessions**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

*Church 9:15 am* Ken Herbert RIP  
**Monkwick 11:00 am** **Mass & Confessions**  
Ints: Margaret Wright

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

*Church 7:30 am* Holy Souls RIP  
**Mersea 10:00 am** **Mass & Confessions**  
*Church 12:15 pm* Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*Church 8:00 pm* **Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watching until Midnight**  
Eileen Fordham RIP

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**GOOD FRIDAY** (no Masses today)

*Mile End 10:00 am* **Stations of the Cross**  
*Church 10:30 am* **Children's Stations**  
*Church 3:00 pm* **Liturgy of the Passion**  
*Church 7:30 pm* **Stations of the Cross**

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD [C]  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2013**

**Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 pm** **THE EASTER VIGIL**  
Richard Lambe RIP & Des Byrne RIP

**Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**8:00 am** Cecily Slim RIP  
**10:30 am** Eileen Fordham RIP [PG]  
**1:00 pm** **POLISH MASS**  
**6:30 pm** All Parishioners  
**8:30 am** Mrs Lil Willis RIP  
**9:15 am** James Burke RIP  
**10:15 am** Catherine Spicer

*West Mersea  
Mile End  
Monkwick*

The Brentwood Diocesan Trust – Registered Charity No. 234092