

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
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My Dear Friends

The Gospels at the moment describe the beginnings of our Lord's public life. Today we hear of the beginning of his ministry of preaching by the shores of the Sea of Galilee. His message was: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand."

St Matthew connects this with the prophecy of Isaiah: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." This event of Jesus preaching about the Kingdom, is one of the five Mysteries of Light that were added to the Rosary by Blessed John Paul II in 2002.

In a pastoral letter introducing these new mysteries, the Pope wrote these words: "The whole mystery of Christ is a mystery of light. He is the "light of the world" (Jn 8:12). This truth emerges in a special way during the years of his public life, when he proclaims the Gospel of the Kingdom. In proposing to the Christian community five significant moments – or mysteries of light – during this phase of Christ's life, I think that the following can be fittingly singled out: (1) his Baptism in the Jordan, (2) his self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana, (3) his proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with his call to conversion, (4) his Transfiguration, and finally, (5) his institution of the Eucharist, as the sacramental expression of the Paschal Mystery."

In the third mystery of light: "Jesus proclaims the Good News of the Kingdom and calls us to conversion". Jesus invites us to be enlightened by his message and to know the light of his mercy in his Church, especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation

May God bless us all as we follow Jesus along the road of life.

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
EVENING PRAYER:	Fridays at 6pm	Crypt
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, Amy Daggitt, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Christine Farrell, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, **Anna Norfolk**, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Roger Thurlow, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of David Finch, Irmgard Pellart, Maxine Thomas, Theo Tinneveld and Robert Williamson. Funeral Masses at Priory St at the following times except where otherwise stated.

David Finch	Monday 27 th	3:30pm
Irmgard Pellart	Tuesday 28 th	11:00am
Maxine Thomas	Thursday 30 th	2:45pm - Colchester Crematorium.
Theo Tinneveld	Friday 31 st	11:00am
Robert Williamson	Wednesday 5 th February	at 1:15pm.

May they rest in peace.

EXTRA MASS AT MERSEA: There will be an Extra Mass at St Cedd & St Gregory this Wednesday 29th January at 9:30am.

HOSPITAL MASS: There will be **no Hospital Mass** this Friday 31st because of the Requiem Mass for Theo Tinneveld.

FILIPINO MASS: The next Filipino Mass will be **this Sunday 26th January** at 4pm – Priory St.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: There will be a collection next weekend the 1st and 2nd February for the Parish Development Fund. This money is vital for the continued repair and upkeep of the parish buildings. Next repair item is the roof above the organ loft which is allowing water into the organ – hence those strange sounds during Mass!

SCRIPTURE GROUP: There is **no scripture group** this Wednesday 29th. Bible Study Sessions continue in the Crypt on Wednesday 5th February 18:45 - 20:45.

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: falls on Sunday 2nd of February. At **5:45pm** in St James we will meet to mark this occasion. **Totus Tuus: Veneration of Our Blessed Lady with John Paul II** is a rare opportunity to hear the voice of Bl John Paul II in English.

COLCHESTER KSC 80TH ANNIVERSARY MASS: 8pm on 28th January at Lexden. Fr Tom Lavin will be the celebrant. **SOCIAL EVENTS:** There will be a social meeting at 8pm on 4th Feb and Quiz night at 8pm on the 8th Feb – all at Lexden. All parishioners are welcome.

KRAKOW FOR THE CANONISATIONS: We're booked to leave Colchester early on Thursday 24th April and return in the evening of Wednesday 29th. Accommodation in the centre of the city is also reserved. If you're quick, we can still find you a bed and there may still be room on the plane. Next meeting is on 20th of February at 7:00pm in the crypt to unfold the itinerary and arrange insurance and other details.

FRIENDS OF PERU: Annual Beetle Drive – Saturday 1st February 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Please come and join in this family fun game. Adults £3.50, Children 5-12 yrs £2.50. Includes hot dog, mince pie, soft drink or non-alcoholic hot punch. **Raffle:** Proceeds to Sisters of Mercy Mission in Peru. Please contact Linda T: 769429 or Nora: 503410 or tickets on sale in the Hall after 10:30am Mass on Sunday 19th and 26th January.

SINGERS AND MUSICIANS REQUIRED FOR MASS: We urgently need singers and musicians for the music group for 10.30am Mass. This means a commitment to rehearse every 2 weeks on a Thursday evening 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the church. The music is an important part of the Mass. There is no age restriction just a love of singing. For more information please contact Lesley/Tim 01206 512310.

CHURCH FOOTBALL TEAM: The church team finished the league season strongly with a 7-1 victory over Bethel. It has been a good season for St James the Less and St Helen and we look forward to the cup games which begin in February.

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP: present their annual pantomime "Wish upon a star; A Knights fairy tale" Saturday 25th January 7.30pm evening performance in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Tickets: £5.00 adults, £2.50 children and concessions.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE: On Monday February 10th, the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, please join us in a day of prayer and fasting for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. See www.goodcounselnet.co.uk for more information.

ST BENEDICT'S COLLEGE – POSITION FOR VICE PRINCIPAL: required for Sept 2014. Closing date: Monday 27th January 2014. For information please contact Mrs Diane Hilliard, PA to the Principal: e-mail d.hilliard@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk; telephone 01206 516842.

CAFOD RECYCLING ENVELOPES: Available this weekend. Recycle your cartridges, phones, MP3 players, cameras etc. CAFOD will receive a contribution for every item recycled.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 30th January – Team 5

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Saturday January 25th	6:15 pm	Ron Wheeler RIP [MW]
Sunday January 26th	8:00 am	Maurice & Kitty Foley RIP
	10:30 am	Teresa & Mick Hanley RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Martin Dwyer RIP [PG]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Fr Eamonn Magrath RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Mrs Rose Foley RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Celestine Tighe RIP
Monday 27th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Michael & Ellen Kate Conlon RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Freda Hilton RIP
	<i>Church</i>	3:30 pm REQUIEM MASS – David Finch RIP
Tuesday 28th	St Thomas Aquinas, Pr	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Holy Souls RIP
	<i>Church</i>	11:00 am REQUIEM MASS – Irmgard Pellart RIP
Wednesday 29th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Maureen & Peter Ahern
<i>West Mersea</i>	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Thursday 30th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Friday 31st	St John Bosco, Pr	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Holy Souls RIP [F&JG]
	<i>Church</i>	11:00am REQUIEM MASS – Theo Tinneveld RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Ken Herbert RIP
Saturday 1st	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Private Intention [MW]

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (A) - 2nd February
(World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)**

Saturday February 1st	6:15 pm	Margaret Ratcliffe RIP
Sunday February 2nd	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP [M&MM]
	10:30 am	Bridie & Mary Markham RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Bernard Stevens RIP [FOP]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	D/Rel's: Smith & O'Sullivan Families
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners

Monkwick

10:15 am Czeslaw (Jon) Wrobel 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*

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