

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 OF LENT [C]

Saturday February 27th	6:15 pm	Tommy Close RIP
Sunday February 28th	8:00 am	Dec. Relatives (Mr & Mrs Mathews)
	10:30 am	Ints: The O'Grady family
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Margaret Barker RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Holy Souls
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Veronica Almeida RIP

Monday 29th Church **9:15 am** Tina Barker nee Waight RIP

Tuesday 1st **ST DAVID Feast**
Church **9:15 am** For the Waight family

Wednesday 2nd **Feria**
Church **9:15 am** Frederick Atkin RIP
Church **12:15 pm** Ben Smart RIP

Thursday 3rd **Feria**
Church **9:15 am** Thanksgiving: Jenny G Stevens

Friday 4th **Feria**
Church **9:15 am** Mary Kelly RIP

Saturday 5th **Feria**
Church **9:15 am** Suzanne Till RIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

Saturday March 5th	6:15 pm	Roger Thurlow RIP
Sunday March 6th	8:00 am	Lydia Charlot RIP
	10:30 am	Jadwiga Pauk RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Rudolph Schmitz RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Nora O'Sullivan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Peggy Wilding RIP

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

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My dear friends,

We hear today the parable of the fig tree. It speaks of God's patience with us, waiting for us to produce the fruits of repentance in our lives. There are just a few weeks left of the season of Lent, and ample opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests are available on Saturday from 9:45am to 10:30 am while Eucharistic Adoration takes place and then again in the evening 5:30pm to 6pm.

A special event for the Holy Year of Mercy is a Deanery Day of Prayer at St. James the Less on the Monday of Holy Week, March 21st, from 10am to 10pm. During these twelve hours the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar and Priests from our Colchester Deanery will be available for confession and/or counselling.

The Pilgrimage Companion for The Year of Mercy, which is available from the back of the Church, has a very helpful chapter about this Sacrament of Mercy and a helpful explanation on receiving the Sacrament with an examination of conscience.

May God guide us all to sincere repentance at this time.

Father 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, 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, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Mercus, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Fr Ivor Morris, 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, Dorsey Young.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND AT PRIORY STREET: Our second collection this weekend is for Easter flowers.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Beulah Wright who has recently died; Funeral at Priory St Thursday March 10th at 12:30pm. Also David Dowdall RIP for whom there will be a service at Colchester Crematorium on Monday 2nd March at 3:30pm. May they Rest In Peace.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the church family, Maya Anna Kompanowska, through the Sacrament of Baptism. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEWBORNS UP TO AGE 6: Will take place on **Friday, 22nd April and Friday 29th April**, in the Crypt from 7:30-9pm. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. There is no need to make an appointment – just turn up – but both sessions must be attended. These Baptisms will then take place between May and June and will be booked during the Course.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday at mid-day here, followed by soup and a roll; Fridays at 7:30pm we will alternate with St James the Great [4th March at St. James the Great]. Fridays, 10am at Mile End; Tuesdays, Stations of the Cross in Polish and English at 6:30pm, followed by Mass.

LECTIO DIVINA: Every Saturday evening between 5pm-6pm in the Crypt. Further information from Valerie Q. 01206 621196.

FILMS FOR FAITH: Concludes on March 7th, at 7pm, with a second showing on Wednesday 9th, at 1:30pm. It will be the final episode of “Jesus of Nazareth”. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

CONGRATULATIONS: It is a great pleasure to give our congratulations to Eddie and Netta Caldeira as they celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

REDECORATION: We are delighted to say that after eight weeks of hard work the re-decoration of St. James the Less and St. Helen is now finished. We are sure you will join us in thanking Steve & Paul of GC Decorating for their sterling efforts that have produced such a beautiful finish.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: To anyone who would be interested in helping with refreshments after Canon Tony’s Jubilee Mass on the 28th March, there will be a meeting in the “Railway Carriage”, next to the Crypt, after the 9:15am Mass on Wednesday 2nd March, to discuss plans.

YEAR OF MERCY – SPRING EVENT AT CATHEDRAL HOUSE:– Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahon’s talk – ***Wrestling with forgiveness*** – will take place on Saturday, 5th March, at 10:30am.

TEACHING VACANCIES: Reception/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 for September 2016 at St Peter’s RC Primary, Dagenham, RM9 6UU. Contacts: 0208 2706524 <http://st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk> Closing date: 11th March 2016.

YEAR OF MERCY MASSES AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: The next Sunday Mass during this Year of Mercy at the Cathedral takes place on March 13th at 6:30pm, welcoming LGBT men and women and their families. The preacher is Fr Dominic Howarth. .

STUDENT CROSS: The Student Cross, which is housed in our parish in the Hall, has now been placed in the Sanctuary. It will remain there until the morning of Saturday, 19th March, when it will be carried by Student Cross {Essex Leg} all the way to Walsingham during Holy Week.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: St Patrick’s Dance – Saturday, March 19th, 7-30pm to 11pm. Traditional Irish Dancers. Live music. Good food, good company and great fun. Bring your own drinks. Adults: £12. Children 5-12 yrs. £6. Contact Frances 369568; Norah 503410.

WELCOME REFUGEES, COLCHESTER: The Housing Group of “Welcome Refugees Colchester” are searching for empty properties which could be rented to Syrian refugees, under the arrangements negotiated by the Government. For more info contact Elizabeth Curry at currye2002@yahoo.co.uk or Alison Berridge at alison.j.berridge@icloud.com

FACEBOOK: You can now keep up to date with news and events on our brand new and official, Parish Facebook page. Contact the Parish Office for postings. Please go to www.facebook.com/St.JamestheLessColchester and be sure to LIKE our page.

CLEANERS’ ROTA: Thursday, March 3rd – **Team 1**

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL: To book: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263