

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) – “Laetare” Sunday
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My dear friends

The fourth Sunday of Lent marks the half-way point of our Lenten journey: in twenty days or so, we will be celebrating Easter. This Sunday is called “Laetare” from the Latin meaning to rejoice, as we contemplate the joy of our salvation in Christ that we are soon to relive and celebrate. This weekend always coincides with Mothering Sunday and we wish all our mothers a very special day. Today you will receive an Easter card from your priests wishing you a very happy Easter and containing all the times of the Holy Week services.

May God bless you all

Fr Tony McKentey

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday 9:45am – 10:30am and 5:30pm – 6:00pm. During the morning confessions, there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluded with Benediction once confessions are over. There are two more Saturdays remaining before Easter. On the Monday of Holy Week; April 14th at 7:30pm – several priests will be available in church for your Easter confession.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Friday 4th 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 4th at 7:30pm Priory St.
Next Friday – St James the Great, East Hill

LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT: This Saturday 5th April 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: 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.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: On Saturday - **Daniel Yatluk**. May God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

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 Anna Norfolk - may she rest in peace. Anna's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 2nd April at 11am Priory St. Reception into church the evening before at 4:30pm.

CAFOD THANK YOU: Thank you to all those who contributed to the Lent Family Fast Day Collection. £1,522.17 has been raised.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a collection on the weekend of the 5th / 6th April for the important work of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) in our parish. On the weekend of the 12th / 13th April (Palm Sunday) – there will be a collection for the Easter flowers for Priory St.

POLISH – ENGLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Tuesdays at 6:30pm – Priory Street

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

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME MASS: There will be **no lunchtime Mass** this Wednesday 2nd April.

UCM ANNIVERSARY: This Sunday is the 5th anniversary of the founding of the Union of Catholic Mothers in our parish.

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 31st March at 7:30pm – 9:00pm until Holy Week. 74 Howe Close. CO4 3XD. More information from admin@canonesses.co.uk T:867296

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS: The parish has been able to obtain a few spare copies, so there is still time to take advantage of this excellent resource for Lent. Available from the parish office.

MAGNIFICAT: A few copies still available from the parish office for April / Holy Week. A daily guide for prayer, with reflections and articles on the saints plus much more. Why not take a subscription?

A YEAR WITH POPE FRANCIS: A beautifully produced magazine by the Catholic Universe with pictures and articles from the first year of the Pope's Pontificate. Priced £3.50 – available from the parish office.

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 Following the leaflet that was handed out in the newsletter last week asking those who could afford it to deposit £1,000 with the Credit Union, we have been asked to point out that deposits of any amount are most welcome and will help keep people out of the clutches of those who lend at extortionate rates. For more information, please see www.essexsavers.co.uk E: info@essexsavers.co.uk or call 01245 496 314

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN LECTURES 2014: Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham Archdiocese will give the final Brentwood Cathedral Lenten lecture this coming Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30pm in the Cathedral Hall. The title of his talk is "The Cost of Discipleship". For more details go to www.cathedral-brentwood.org.

HOLY WEEK IN WALSINGHAM: 3 nights B&B for the price of 2, standard accommodation (£51) or ensuite (£74) in Elmham House. Leave Tuesday, 15 April a.m., return Good Friday, 18 April p.m. by car after Liturgy. Only three seats left, share travel expenses. Further details and to book a seat ring 07879 282988.

DESERT ISLAND PRIESTS: Continuing this Thursday 3rd April with Fr Martin O'Connor on "The Mystery of the Cross" by Basil Hume. 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 Wednesday 16th April, leaving Napier Road Car Park at 5:30pm. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

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

MONKWICK NEWS: Lenten services in Berechurch: next Tuesday 1st April at St Barnabas church 7:30pm. Subject is "Safe and Justice" with speaker Lianna Clarke of the International Justice Mission.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 3rd April – Team 3

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

8:30 am Parishioners

9:15 am Dennis Ridgewell RIP

10:15 am Peggy Wilding RIP

West Mersea

Mile End

Monkwick

Monday 31st

Feria

Church

7:30 am Mrs Mary Mills RIP

Church

9:15 am Private Intention [MW]

Tuesday 1st

Feria

Church

9:15 am Mrs Anne McCrea RIP

Wednesday 2nd

Feria

Church

7:30 am Margaret Costelloe RIP

Church

11:00 am **REQUIEM MASS – Anna Norfolk RIP**

Thursday 3rd

Feria

Church

9:15 am Private Intention [NH]

Friday 4th

Feria

Church

9:15 am Private Intention [MW]

Church

6:30 pm Elaine Linford RIP [BCCS]

Saturday 5th

Feria

Church

9:15 am Margaret Wilson RIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

6th April

Saturday April 5th

6:15 pm Moira & Dennis Pryke RIP

Sunday April 6th

8:00 am Mary & Andrew McAllister RIP

10:30 am Sadie Whitney RIP

2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Sheila Allen RIP

8:30 am John Kelly RIP

9:15 am Clyde Jardim RIP

10:15 am Parishioners

West Mersea

Mile End

Monkwick

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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