

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B] –

Saturday February 3 rd	6:15 pm	Margaret Wheeler RIP
Sunday February 4 th	8:00 am	David Anthony Hill RIP
	10:30 am	Rose Robinson
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Mrs Mary O'Riordan RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Peter McCartney RIP

Monday, February 5th

St Agatha, V.M.

Church 9:30 am Bridie Foley RIP

Tuesday, 6th

St Paul Miki and Comp, Mm

Church 9:30 am Dora Gilé RIP

Wednesday, 7th

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Church 12:15 pm Etta Collins RIP

Thursday, 8th

Feria

Church 9:30 am John Iveson RIP

Friday, 9th

Feria

Church 9:30 am D/Rels: Betts Family RIP

Saturday, 10th

St Scholastica, V

Church 9:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday, February 10 th	6:15 pm	Noreen Downes RIP
Sunday, February 11 th	8:00 am	Mike Hawley RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions: D Fordham
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Margaret Murray
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Canon Anthony McKentey RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	D/Rels: Wright & Wrobel Families 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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The book of Job is a fascinating reflection on suffering and its relationship with an all-powerful God, necessarily limited because it is written before the Incarnation. At the beginning of the book Job is represented as blessed by God, with a good family, wealth and respect. He is then sorely tested, losing almost everything; is this not a sign that he is in fact a sinner, cursed by God? He maintains his innocence (wrongly of course) and at the book's conclusion family and material wealth are restored, this being explicitly described as God blessing him. Despite the length of the book and its wonderful text, it fails to solve the problem of suffering or indeed the problem of material wealth. Jesus does both. He truly is sinless, nevertheless he is born in poverty and suffers a shameful death. He disconnects physical and material well-being from our standing before God. Holiness is a gift, undeserved, being a loving relationship with God in three Persons. Sadly, today the so-called gospel of prosperity is very popular, whereby self-appointed pastors, while preaching that God blesses his followers abundantly in this life, cream off riches from their credulous disciples. Jesus invites us to follow him along the Way of the Cross. .

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:50am

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, John Ashdown-Hill, Pat Banks, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Teresa Emoli, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Pat Keene, Roger Kemp, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Bernadette McLean, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Elizabeth Pace, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Alice White, Patricia Wiltshire.

SECOND COLLECTION: After all Masses next weekend there will be a second collection for the Lourdes Sick and Helpers Fund.

RENEWAL & RESTRUCTURING MEETING REMINDER: Today in the Cardinal Bourne Hall after the 10:30am Mass.

MILE END COFFEE MORNINGS: Today in the Dog & Pheasant after Mass at St Joseph's.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Information Packs will be available at all Masses this weekend,.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT: Each Friday in Lent Stations of the Cross will take place at 7:30pm here at Priory Street.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: On Wednesday 7th February, 6.30pm, Brentwood Cathedral there will be evening for young people aged 14-25, with Barry and Margaret Mizen speaking at 6.30pm, then the **BCYS monthly Youth Mass at 8.00pm**. Come and hear a story of amazing forgiveness and hope. Come and be introduced to *SiLent*. Come and enjoy the company of young people from across the Diocese. Pizza and drinks provided.

RCIA MEETING: Thursday, February 8th, in the Crypt between 7pm and 8:30pm

OFFICE VACANCY: The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are looking for a flexible part-time Bookkeeper/Financial Administrator for their Charity and to be based at Colchester. For full details, please visit crssuk@canonesses.co.uk
Closing date 8th February 8th 2018.

SPIRITUALITY SEMINARS: at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Saturday February 10th 10.30am-12.00pm. Theme: **The Mass Explained**. Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon. Saturday March 24th 10.30am-12.00pm. Theme - **Lent and the call to holiness**. Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Cathedral Dean. Contact Details: Tel: 01277 265285. email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

HEALING MASS: Fr Eamonn's Healing Mass resumes on Friday February 16th at 2pm. St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels, Kelvedon. For more information please contact Angie Hart mahart66@outlook.com

MASS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Bishop Alan is celebrating Holy Mass on Saturday 17th February 2018 in the Cathedral, Brentwood at 3.00pm. All are welcome, especially, those with Special Needs. We hope to see many of you there.

THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE invite you to a talk entitled 'Hope in times of vulnerability' which will take place on 18th February at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Melbourne, Chelmsford at 2pm for 2.15pm. The talk will be delivered by Dr. Lea Verstricht, a Belgian theologian. To book a place at this event please visit the Community's Events Bookings page <http://www.canonesses.co.uk/event-bookings/> or call 01206-867296.

EXHIBITION OF THE SHROUD OF TURIN: Will take place in Our Lady of Immaculate Church, Chelmsford, CM2 0AR, from 5th to 11th March. More information on the poster in the porch.

PALM CROSSES: We would be grateful if people could bring their old palm crosses back to us. A red box is situated in the church porch for these.

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) – turning concern into action. We are here to help and support anyone in need – the sick, the disabled, the lonely and the homeless. New members are welcome. If you feel able to help, please see the dates of our next meetings on the noticeboard at the back of the church where there is also a collection box. If you know of anyone who needs befriending irrespective of religion, race or lifestyle, please contact us. We have a mobile number where you can leave a message. (07775 545894)

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

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday, 5th February; Team 2.