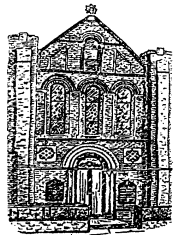


# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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## THE NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A] March 6<sup>th</sup> 2011

My dear friends,

During this week, on Ash Wednesday, the Holy Season of Lent begins. The Church embarks on a spiritual journey towards the celebration of Easter. It seems to me that this weekend is the time to plan ahead as to how we will give ourselves to this time of prayer and self-denial.

It is good to begin Lent well by attending Mass on Ash Wednesday and receiving the ashes as a mark of our repentance. The prayer booklet "Walk With Me" is available today price £1 and is a helpful prayer companion for each day of Lent. Try to attend an extra Mass during the week, or Stations of the Cross, which will take place every Friday night at 7:30pm. We are alternating these with our neighbours at St James the Great, and the first Stations of the Cross will be this Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, at St James the Great, East Hill, though Priory Street will be leading it as their clergy are indisposed.

As one of the prayers of the Liturgy says: "Let us try and do something each day of Lent for the love of God". May God bless our Lenten journey towards Easter.

May God bless you all,

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence – See Schedule for all Mass times

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	7:30pm Mercy Associates Meeting	see below
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm SVP Meeting	Crypt
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm RCIA	
“ “	7:30pm – 9:30pm UCM	Crypt
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm Stations of the Cross – St James the Grt	
“ “	7:30pm FHC Programme	Crypt
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10-12 “ “	Hall
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm Rite of Election	Brentwood Cathedral

**DAILY:** Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am. [Wed. 11:15am]  
**PRAYER GROUP** Mondays @ 8pm in the Crypt  
**MEDITATION GROUP:** Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt  
**EXPOSITION:** Saturdays @ 9.45am – 10.30am

**SICK:** Please remember in your prayers: May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Denis Nolan, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Cameron Smith, Olivia Thorpe, Ellen Woodley. Please also remember Canon Peter Walker and his wife, Caroline. [Canon Peter is donating a kidney to Caroline].

**BAPTISMS TODAY:** Jamie Runicles and Eloise Féréot-Langford. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**HAVE YOU ORDERED A DVD OF THE PAPAL VISIT?:** If so, please contact the Parish Office *as soon as possible to collect. Cost £5.99.* [The Parish has already paid for them with the Order and there is a waiting list for DVDs not collected].

**SECOND COLLECTION AFTER ALL MASSES TODAY** for our Parish Development Fund as detailed in last week's Newsletter.

**MERCY ASSOCIATES:** meet next at 7.30pm on Monday, 7 March, at Christ Church Court ( tel. 763049).

**BRES SPRING LECTURE:** Understanding the Revised Mass Texts on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm. To be held at Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Cost £5 per person. To book; [arefm@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:arefm@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or call 01277 265255. Please see poster.

**CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE** invite you to a Quiet Day on the 11th March 2011 Theme of the day 'Launch into Lent' At 74 Howe Close, home of the Community 10-3pm. Come for the day or a stretch - bring your lunch, tea and coffee provided Telephone 01206 867296 or email [crssuk@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:crssuk@canonesses.co.uk) All

welcome.

**RITE OF ELECTION:** Takes place at Brentwood Cathedral next Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, at 2:30pm. We pray for our candidates Claire and Daniel as they journey towards their reception into the Church at Easter.

**LENTEN LUNCHES;** On the Wednesdays in Lent, from 18<sup>th</sup> March, in the Crypt after the 12:15pm Mass, homemade soup and a roll will be available. Cost 50p and all proceeds to Childcare [Brentwood Catholic Children's Society].

**MONKWICK AGM:** Takes place at St Theodore's on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN LECTURE:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm. Given by Archbishop Vincent Nichols and entitled "*Living our Catholic faith in a Secular Age*". Light refreshments in the Cathedral Parish Hall will follow. There will be no charge and everybody is welcome.

**CAFOD:** A reminder that the CAFOD Lent Fast Day takes place on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and the collection takes place after all Masses on the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March. ***Fast Day Envelopes are available today.***

**ST PATRICK'S DANCE: March 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 – 10:30pm.** Tickets now on sale: Adults £7.50; children [5/12yrs] £4, available from Frances on 369568 or Nora 503410. Bangers and Mash supper plus dessert; live music and raffle.

**LENT 2011: Annual Lenten Spirituality Day- The Road to Jerusalem-** '*Jesus resolutely took the road to Jerusalem*'. **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am -3.30pm** with **Fr Denis McBride, CSsR.** Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Cost £10 per person. Full details on poster in the porch

**What does it mean to forgive and to be forgiven?** The question of 'guilt' and 'forgiveness' will be explored in the context of our image of, and our relationship to God. **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm** with **Sr Helen Costigane, SHCJ.** Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Cost £5 per person

**BCYS SPRING YOUTH GATHER: Years 7-9,** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Join us and nearly 100 other young people at Stubbers Adventure Centre, Upminster, for a day of outdoor activities, finishing with Mass together at the end of the day. For booking and more information go to [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or call 01277 265286.

**PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM:** The league matches have now finished and the parish football team finished just below halfway in the table. We are now in the cup (2 mini league of 4 before the knockout stage - similar to the Champions League format). We played Kingsland in our first match. We lost 3-2 with Andrew Springford and Luis Pradal scoring the goals. Our former manager, Chris Nolan, also played for the first time this season - he now lives in Spain and had flown in for the match. A Fixtures and League Table is to be found in the porch. Thank you for your support. *Danny Ferdinand*

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Team 1.

**LITURGY FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]  
6<sup>th</sup> March 2011 – [Day for the Unemployed]**

<b>Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Patricia and Peter Pryke RIP
<b>Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Madeleine, Harry & Paul Whiteside RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Stephen Hilton RIP
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Ints: Rev. Peter & Mrs Caroline Walker
<i>Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Tony Twomey RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Mr & Mrs K Hurlo RIP [GMcC]
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ss Perpetua &amp; Felicity, Mm</b>	
	<b>Church 7:30 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
	<b>Church 9:15 am</b>	D/Rels: Mascurine Family RIP
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<b>Church 9:15 am</b>	Ints: Rev. Peter & Mrs Caroline Walker
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY – Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence</b>	
	<b>Church 7:30 am</b>	Patricia Lambe RIP
	<b>Church 9:15 am</b>	Jo McEnaney RIP
	<b>Mersea 11:00 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
	<b>Church 12:15 pm</b>	Intentions of Ellen Woodley
	<b>Church 7:30 pm</b>	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<b>Church 7:30 am</b>	Private Intention
	<b>Church: 9:15 am</b>	Dr Roger Sykes RIP
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
<i>Y5 - STM</i>	<b>Church 9:15 am</b>	Mary and James O'Reilly RIP
	<b>Church 6:30 pm</b>	William and Eva Richards RIP
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<b>Church 9:15 am</b>	Ali Auguste RIP

**LITURGY FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [A]  
13<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

<b>Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Christina Mooney RIP
<b>Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Ken Oakley RIP
	<b>10:30am</b>	Gerry Smith RIP [A]
	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Marjorie RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Brian McGurk RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15am</b>	Kathleen Brennan 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*  
**SCHOOLS** *St Thomas More* Head: Bridget Harris

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***St Benedict's***

Head: John O'Hara

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