

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT [B]**

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**This Sunday's Liturgy**

Jesus "never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him". Fallen human nature always attempts to define the meaning of life with something we can measure. That is what the presence of the moneychangers at the temple represents. Their profane activity in this most sacred place betrays their bankrupt position toward the meaning of life. They prefer earthy riches over a relationship with God. But the commandments of the Lord "are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold". They save us from such foolishness and bless us with "God's foolishness" (1 Corinthians 1:21).

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday in Lent continuing this Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm here at Priory St. Next Friday – St James the Great, East Hill.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** reflective reading of the Sunday scriptures for Lent. Saturdays 5-6pm in the Crypt continuing Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**LENT DAY OF REFLECTION:** Holding Jesus, Carrying Christ. From Simeon's prophecy to Mary, to the Passion itself, we can identify with pain, grief and loss in the Gospel... but there is also the hope of the Resurrection...Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am – 3pm in the Crypt.

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT [B]

Saturday March 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Christina Mooney RIP
Sunday March 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Ints: O'Grady family
	10:30 am	Ints: Monica & Adrian Galvin
	2:00 pm	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	5:00 pm	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>
	6:30 pm	Roger Thurlow RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.)
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Holy Souls
Monkwick	10:15 am	Peggy Wilding RIP
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feria</b>	
Church	7:30 am	Ints: Dr Rodriques
Church	9:15 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feria</b>	
Church	9:30 am	Mrs Nuala Finnenty RIP
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feria</b>	
Church	7:30 am	Ints: Richard Griffin
West Mersea	9:30 am	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
Church	12:15 pm	Roger Sykes RIP
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feria</b>	
Church	9:15 am	Derek Harvey RIP
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feria</b>	
Church	9:15 am	Phyllis, Cora, Deirdre and Ann RIP
Church	6:30 pm	William & Eva Richards RIP
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feria</b>	
Church	9:15 am	Ints: Bill de Smith

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT [B]

Saturday March 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Stephen Mooney RIP
Sunday March 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Mrs Kitty Keane RIP
	10:30 am	Teresa & Michael Hanley RIP
	4:00 pm	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	6:30 pm	Beryl & Noel Blanchette RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Ada Mahoney RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick	10:15 am	Martin Hutchinson RIP

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** At least six months notice is required

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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 7:45pm Crypt  
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm Crypt  
SCRIPTURE GROUP Wednesdays at 10am Crypt  
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 9:45am – 10:30am and 5:30pm – 6pm

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type):** Please remember in your prayers; Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Olive Crawford, Paul Crocker, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, **Teresa Hall**, Bert Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Mary Jose, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Lawrence Larkin, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, baby **Bradley Moore**, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Stephen and Sabina Rhatigan, Margaret Scammell, Aimée Stammers, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, **Tim Williamson**, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bethany Farrell (Granddaughter of Christine and George Farrell), Janet Irven (sister of Peter) and Maureen McCarthy. May they rest in peace.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD last week - £1,721 has been raised. The next second collection will be for the Easter Flowers at Priory St on the 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**SVP:** The next meeting will be Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm in the Crypt.

**TRAFFIC ISSUES PRIORY ST:** Please support the Resident's Association and keep up the pressure on our officials. You can sign the petition in the porch at Priory St or the e-petition at [you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/we-say-no-to-traffic-reversal-in-priory-street-colchester](http://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/we-say-no-to-traffic-reversal-in-priory-street-colchester)

**ST PATRICK'S NIGHT DANCE:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm 11:00 in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Irish dances from local school of dance. Also, live dancing and singing by Steve Williams. Home cooked food, desert, teas / coffee. Vegetarian option. Raffle. Bring your own drinks. Adults £12. Children 6-12 £6.00. Contact Frances 369568 or Norah 503410.

**ASK THE SAINT:** On the 3rd Sunday of each month there is Veneration of the Relic of St. John Paul II in our Parish during the 3 o'clock Sunday Rosary. This is an excellent opportunity for parishioners to ask for the intercession of St. John Paul II on our behalf.

Please bring your petitions and place them in the box provided at the back of the church. They will be read out on the 3rd Sunday during the Rosary and please do come in person

if you can. "St. John Paul II, pray for us."

**QUIET DAY:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 10am – 3:00pm. Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre at 74 Howe Close CO4 3XD. Please bring a packed lunch, coffee and tea provided.

**100 CLUB – FEBRUARY DRAW:** And the winners are: Tony Wright [1st]; Angelique Ryan [2nd]; Sheila Wilson [3rd]. Congratulations to you all.

**BRENTWOOD NEWS:** Available free this weekend. Fr Kevin Hale has been appointed Vicar General to assist Bishop Alan. Mgr John Armitage has been appointed director of the National Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham. Fr Paul Fox has been appointed parish priest of Rayleigh and Fr Brett Adams has been appointed parish priest of Shoeburyness.

**HOLY HOUR:** This is an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon being the second Sunday of the month from 5pm – 6pm. Concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:50pm.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Priests are available for confession on the Saturdays of Lent at the usual times. Saturday morning from 9:45am – 10:30am during which there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There is Benediction at the conclusion of this time of prayer. There are also confessions on Saturday evening from 5:30pm – 6pm. There are some extra times which you will see on the notice board in the porch at Priory St.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM):** Will celebrate their 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in our parish on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The UCM's aim is to follow the full Christian ideal of marriage and family life, to offer friendship and support to its members and their families and to help those in need in our community. They meet regularly and hold various events throughout the year. Membership is open to all Catholic women, married or single. For more information, please contact Lenore Sykes T: 843 552. There are also posters in the porch at Priory St.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Will now meet on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in the Crypt. The meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> March has been cancelled.

**POLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Tuesday at 6:30pm jointly with the Polish Community.

**CHRISM MASS:** A minibus will be running to Brentwood Cathedral on the Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, leaving Napier Road Car Park at 5:30pm. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** 23<sup>rd</sup> May. A 16 seat minibus will be leaving East Hill at 8:15am. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Team 2**