

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**  
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Mr dear friends

On Tuesday of this week, 11<sup>th</sup> February, we celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes, a World Day of Prayer for the Sick. It was on February 11<sup>th</sup> 1858 that our Lady first appeared to Bernadette. When the Diocese of Brentwood was formed in 1917, the first bishop chose our Lady of Lourdes as the Principal Patroness of the diocese. We will ask Our Lady's help on Tuesday for our diocese, that we may soon have a new bishop. We remember last year on that feast, when Pope Benedict resigned and within a few weeks, we were blessed with a new Pope in time for Easter. Perhaps we might see some developments in our diocese in the next few weeks, who knows?

I enjoyed the meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday last, when many topics relating to the parish were discussed. The next meeting will be on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The minutes of the November meeting are on the parish notice boards.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014

*On this date in 1858, a beautiful woman first appeared to fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, a poor French girl. Clothed in a dazzling white dress girded in blue, the woman appeared in a dirty, dank hole, a stone grotto known to locals as the "pig's shelter". On 25<sup>th</sup> March she revealed her name: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Only four years earlier, Pius IX had declared the*

*dogma that Mary had been immaculately conceived in the womb of her mother, receiving the saving graces of her Son in anticipation of her divine motherhood. Today, the grotto in Lourdes, France, receives six million visitors each year.*

**Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes**

<b>SUNDAYS:</b>	<b>Divine Mercy followed by Rosary</b>	<b>3pm</b>
<b>DAILY:</b>	<b>Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy</b>	<b>8:35am</b>
<b>EVENING PRAYER:</b>	<b>Fridays at 6pm</b>	<b>Crypt</b>
<b>PRAYER GROUP:</b>	<b>Mondays at 8pm</b>	<b>Crypt</b>
<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b>	<b>Tuesdays at 8pm</b>	<b>Crypt</b>

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type):** Please remember in your prayers, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Karl Collins, Emma Cooper, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Paul Crockett, Amy Daggitt, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Christine Farrell, 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, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Anna Norfolk, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Roger Thurlow, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Gatt, Ijeoma Ozor, Rosemary Smith. May they rest in peace. Joan's funeral will be in Harwich. Rosemary's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 11:30am Priory St. Ijeoma's funeral will be in Nigeria.

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Byron Miller.** 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 February 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 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]

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** Thank you for your generous donations to the Parish Development Fund; a total of £1,065 has been raised so far. There will be a collection next weekend for the Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund, which financially assists those who help with the sick on the Lourdes Pilgrimage.

**A BIG THANK YOU:** To all those involved in any way with the decorating of the Cardinal Bourne Hall over the last week. All work has been completed as scheduled and all agree the hall looks fantastic. Thanks especially to Mick Baker and his two sons. Also to Robyn and Patrick for the sewing of the new curtains and to Lim & Kevin and Amy & Armando.

**FILIPINO MASS:** The next Filipino Mass will be on Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm followed by light refreshments in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Everybody is very welcome.

**CLEANER FOR THE PRESBYTERY:** A cleaner is required for 3 hours a week. Further details can be obtained from the office.

**CHURCH FOOTBALL TEAM:** Have one their first cup game of the season with

a 5-3 victory over Hope Church, Ipswich. St James came from two goals down to win, with a terrific & spirited performance. Congratulations to our team!!

**ST PATRICK'S DANCE:** Advance date for your diary – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March. More information to follow.

**KRAKOW FOR THE CANONISATIONS:** We're booked to leave Colchester early on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April and return in the evening of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>. Accommodation in the centre of the city is also reserved. If you're quick, we can still find you a bed and there may still be room on the plane. Next meeting is on 20<sup>th</sup> of February at 7:00pm in the crypt to unfold the itinerary and arrange insurance and other details.

**LOURDES – SUMMER 2014:** The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage runs from 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014. From £618 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £418 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There is a full programme to opt in and out of, and everyone is welcome. visit [www.brentwoodlourdes.org](http://www.brentwoodlourdes.org) for much more information and to order a brochure.

**MERCY ASSOCIATES:** Next meeting is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 7:30pm at Mary Jay's house.

**FRIENDS OF PERU:** Would like to thank all those who supported the Beetle Drive. It was a fun evening and raised £195. Thank you also for your continued support throughout 2013. This enabled us to send £2,470 to the mission in Peru.

**STREET PASTORS:** Do you know young people that go to Colchester on a Friday and Saturday night? Could you help? Street Pastors are bringing God's love and care to thousands of people in Colchester every year. To help you find out more about this amazing ministry, including ways of getting involved through prayer or training to be a Street Pastor, come to an introductory evening at Beacon House, 90-91 East Hill, CO1 2QN on Friday 21 February from 7:30 pm. For more information go to [colchester@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:colchester@streetpastors.org.uk)

**FR JAMES HAWES 50TH ANNIVERSARY:** In December this year, Fr James Hawes, who was Parish Priest here from 1991-2001, will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. His current parish in Epping are hoping to make for him a **(surprise) book** of memories of these 50 years, and is asking for your help. The book will be just for Fr James, not published or made public in any way. We don't promise to use everything, but we will keep your photographs safe and return them to you in good order. You can send your contributions directly to Melanie Hollinshead ([melanie@hollinsheadandco.com](mailto:melanie@hollinsheadandco.com)), or give them to the Parish Administrator who will make sure that they are sent on to Melanie. Thank you!

**"HAS TALENT" SHOW:** This annual event will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7:30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Competition for young people 14 and under and open mike for adults. Cost £6.00. All proceeds go to sending young people to Lourdes with the BCYS. More details from Theresa Higgins. phone 523501 or [theresahiggins6@gmail.com](mailto:theresahiggins6@gmail.com)

**VSO UPDATE:** from Dr Matthew Thalany in Ethiopia: "FROM UNDER BLUE ETHIOPIAN SKIES – Greetings to all – It's been a hectic few months. I've been kept really busy, but have had many rewarding moments, in spite of having to witness some really difficult things. For those who are interested, do take a look

at the updates, Christmas as well as January 2014, on : <http://thalany.blogspot.com/>"

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE:** On Monday February 10<sup>th</sup>, the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, please join us in a day of prayer and fasting for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. See [www.goodcounselnet.co.uk](http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk) for more information.

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Team 1**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) - 9<sup>th</sup> February**

<b>Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Russell Crook RIP
<b>Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	D/Rels: Young family
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Apinio Matiz RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Dr E P Solomon
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	D/Rels: McCarthy & Brookes families
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	John Cawley RIP [JW]
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Scholastica, V</b>	
	<i>Church</i> <b>7:30 am</b>	Ints: Roger Thurlow
	<i>Church</i> <b>9:15 am</b>	D/Rels: O'Keefe family
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES - Diocesan Feast</b>	
	<b>Principal Patroness of the Diocese</b>	
	<i>Church</i> <b>9:15 am</b>	Anne & Billy Deasy
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i> <b>7:30 am</b>	Lucy Walker RIP
	<i>Church</i> <b>12:15 pm</b>	Ints: Silva Family
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i> <b>9:15 am</b>	Dominic & Isabelle Wilson
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SS CYRIL, Monk, and METHODIUS, Bp – Patrons of Europe</b>	
	<i>Church</i> <b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Yr 3 STM - Holy Souls</b> RIP
	<i>Church</i> <b>6:30 pm</b>	Monica & Adrian Galvin
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i> <b>9:15 am</b>	Oksana Zakhleniuk RIP

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) - 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
**(Education Day)**

<b>Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Ron Wheeler RIP [H&BA]
<b>Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Michael Hanley RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Mr & Mrs Abraham RIP
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Private Intention
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Denise & Harold Smith 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*

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