

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

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My dear friends

Thanks to everyone, young and old, who made Ash Wednesday such a special day of prayer and penance as we all embarked on the Season of Lent. Today we have a pastoral letter from Bishop Thomas. The Confirmation Candidates take part in the 10:30am Mass today, as they journey towards their Confirmation at Pentecost. St Thomas More school will all come to the Mass on Friday morning this week. I commend to you all the special events at this time.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 14th March 2014

Tonight, one in eight of us will go to bed hungry. For some, finding food is a daily struggle. CAFOD is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, so they can put food on the table. Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Collect your Fast Day envelope from the church this weekend, and don't forget to **hold your fast on Lent Fast Day - 14th March!** Please give as much as you can in next week's second collection, so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life.

REJOICE JERUSALEM: reflections on Gospel Joy in Lent. Saturday 29 March, 11am -2.30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall with 10.30am Coffee. Please bring packed lunch. Poster in Porch.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday in Lent starting this Friday 14th 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 14th at 7:30pm St James the Great, East Hill. Next Friday – here at Priory St.

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, Paul Crockett, 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.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: **Leila Ciara Nicholls.** God bless this child and congratulations to her 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 Margaret Barker of 24 Churnwood Close, William Blanc & Amy Daggitt. May they rest in peace. Details to follow shortly.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY: The next second collection will be the Lent Family Fast Day on the 15th / 16th March.

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.

HOLY HOUR: Before the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon from 5:00pm – 6:00pm.

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

VACUUM CLEANER NEEDED: For Mile End. If you have one spare, please contact Brenda Pooran T: 272313

ST PATRICK'S DANCE: Saturday 15th March. 7:30pm – 10:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Live music, singing, dancing with Steve Williams. Irish

dancing by local dance school. Menu: Home cooked ham, cheese board, finger buffet, home made Irish soda bread, tea / coffee, soft drinks. Bring your own alcoholic drinks. There will also be a raffle. Tickets: Adults £10, Children 5 – 12 yrs £5. Contact Frances 369568 or Nora 503410.

QUIET DAY: 28th March at 74 Howe Close from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Please bring your own lunch. Tea & Coffee provided.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: Next meeting is Monday 10th March 7:30pm at Mary Jay's house.

LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT: Saturdays at 5pm in the Crypt. Pope Benedict said, "I would like ...to recommend the ancient tradition of Lectio divina: Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer ...that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart" (Homily 2005).

THE POPE'S LETTER FOR LENT: is available directly from the home page of the vatican website www.vatican.va

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, beginning 10th March then each Monday at 7:30pm – 9:00pm until Holy Week. 74 Howe Close. CO4 3XD. More information from admin@canonesses.co.uk T:867296

MONKWICK NEWS: Lenten services in Berechurch. First Meeting will be this Tuesday 11th March at 7:30pm at St Theodores. Guest speaker is chief chaplain at Colchester Garrison, Alan Steele. The topic will be: Faith in Conflict. All our very welcome. Refreshments mid-way.

MISSIO TODAY MAGAZINES: Spring 2014 edition available from the back of church to all "Red Box" holders and any other parishioners, free of charge. We need more collectors. If you would like to have a Red Box to collect for Missio (APF / Mill Hill Fathers) contact Ron Griffin T: 571590.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN LECTURES 2014: Beginning this Wednesday 12th March with "Paying a Price for Belief" given by Lord David Alton of Liverpool. All lectures begin at 7:30pm in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Admission free. All welcome. More information at www.cathedral-brentwood.org

DESERT ISLAND PRIESTS: Continuing Thursday 13th March with Fr Brian O'Shea on "Elected Silence" by Thomas Merton. All interviews begin at 7:30pm in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Admission free. All welcome. More information at www.cathedral-brentwood.org

PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM: On Saturday last week, the church team stretched their unbeaten run to 3 games with a 6-1 victory over St Michaels in the Church League Salver Cup. St James the Less have scored 18 goals and conceded only 5 in these past 3 games and we look forward to our next match.

QUIZ NIGHT: at St John Payne Thursday 13 March, from 7.30pm Cost £6 including a Fish & Chip Supper. Booking essential. Bring your own drinks, glasses and soft drinks available. To book or for more details call Gene

07939086034 or David 01206863067

CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 15th March – Team 6

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A) - 9th March

Saturday March 8th	6:15 pm	Peter & Patricia Pryke RIP
Sunday March 9th	8:00 am	Geoffrey Foley RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Samantha Hume
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Mary Moore RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Ints: Nicola & Andrew [KC]
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Betty Brennan RIP
Monday 10th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Roger Sykes RIP
Tuesday 11th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Alphonse Knapp RIP [SVP]
Wednesday 12th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am V Rev Canon Joseph Whitfield RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Dr Sykes RIP
Thursday 13th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Mr M Foley RIP
Friday 14th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am STM whole school Mass
		In thanksgiving - Sykes Family
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Charles Cuthbert RIP
Saturday 15th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Ints: Dr Sykes & Family

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A) - 16th March

Saturday March 15th	6:15 pm	Christina Mooney
Sunday March 16th	8:00 am	Jack Stanton RIP
	10:30 am	John & Julie O'Connor RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Beryl & Noel Blanchette RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	John Cawley RIP [MC]
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	May Subryan RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Parishioners

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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