

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) - 11th May
(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

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My Dear friends

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday as the gospel of this day always contains the theme of Jesus our Good Shepherd from the Gospel of St John. It is the Sunday when the universal Church prays for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We pray that young men and women will hear the call of Jesus our Good Shepherd, and offer their lives to look after his flock in the priesthood or consecrated life.

In our Diocese we have an extremely good Director of Vocations, Fr Dominic Howarth, who is based at Holy Trinity Church, 71 Wickhay, Basildon, SS15 5AD. E: frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org T:01268 281 732. www.brentwoodvocations.org.

He is always willing to speak to anyone who is interested in a religious vocation, as is any one of your parish clergy. He has a group of enquirers at the moment as well as five students to the priesthood, and we look forward to the ordination of Rev. Patrick Daly this June. We have several prayer cards available today, with a few copies of a Rosary booklet with meditations on the mysteries of the rosary on the theme of vocations.

We pray, especially today and everyday, for more priests and religious for our diocese.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

Saint John Paul II Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of our souls, you who know your sheep and know how to reach our hearts, arouse the courage of those who know where to seek the truth, but fear that what you ask will be too demanding.

Stir in the hearts of those young people who would follow you, but who cannot overcome doubts and fears, and who in the end follow other voices and other paths which lead nowhere.

You who are the Word which creates and saves, **arouse in those you call the courage of Love's answer: "Here I am, send me!"**

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:		Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

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, Emma Cooper, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, 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, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, **Coleen Mercus** Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Ida Twynham, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Amber-Mai Goodwin. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosaleen Campbell & Molly Hefford, – may they rest in peace. Rosaleen's Requiem Mass will be at St Teresa's Lexden on Thursday 15th May at 12 noon. Molly's Requiem Mass will be at St Cedd & St Gregory Mersea on Friday 16th May at 11am.

PARISH INCOME: We need to raise £1,560 each week from the collection bags. During the month of April, the money received each week on average was £1,562. We are grateful for all that you give, please continue to do so generously as costs are rising, not going down. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: Following on from "Good Shepherd Sunday" this week, there will be a collection next weekend 17th and 18th May to help support the promotion of vocations in our diocese.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday 18th May and Sunday 25th May at 2pm. Please remember all our First Communicants.

OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA: On Tuesday 13th at 6:30pm there will be joint Fatima devotions in St. James the Less and St. Helen in Polish and English. All are welcome.

FILIPINO FAMILY EVENING 21st June. More details to follow shortly.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: From Frances - Next meeting is Monday 12th 7:30pm at 37 Beaconsfield Avenue,

THE GIFT AID ORGANISER WRITES: "20 envelope sets for 2014-15 remain uncollected - is yours among them? Why not check the supply in the Priory Street porch?"

SVP WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: 6th July. Coach departs from Ipswich Road Colchester at 8:30am. Tickets £12. Limited availability so please call to confirm on 01206 841236 by 20th May at the latest. Thank you.

THE CANONISATION CELEBRATIONS IN KRAKOW: the 'Krakow Pilgrims' returned on Tuesday 29th April evening after 5 days of an unforgettable, deeply spiritual experience. Led by Fr Neil, the group of 15 parishioners, from Priory Street, Monkwick, and West Mersea, worshipped in some truly beautiful churches. Although bedazzled by the beauty and splendour, they were still able to pray - ...for themselves, their families, for each other, and for the parish community. The highlight was 'Canonisation Day'. Tens of thousands thronged the grounds surrounding the Divine Mercy Centre in prayerful silence. The Canonisation ceremony at the Vatican was beamed on to huge screens, until the end of Pope Francis' homily. It was followed by a concelebrated Mass. (It was truly humbling, yet edifying, to observe the devout silence in between responses, and most noticeable at the Consecration). A visit to the Divine Mercy Convent and the newly rising St John Paul II Shrine rounded off the trip.

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION - Fundraising Lunch: There will be a lunch in the Church Hall, Priory Street, on Sunday 25th May at 2 pm. Tickets are £14.50 for a 3 course meal. Posters will be displayed in the Church Hall showing the menu. If you would like to come along please contact June Bond on 01206 851187 with your menu choices. Bring your own drinks!

KSC ROSARY CRUSADE: The Colchester Knights of St Columba are conducting a Rosary Crusade around the Colchester parishes and will be at St Teresa's 7.30pm Tuesday 20th May 2014. All parishioners are welcome to join in with us. The full programme is as follows: St James the Less, Priory Street - Tuesday 6th & 13th 7.30pm and St John Payne, Greenstead - Friday 30th 7.30pm following Mass. **KSC TABLE TOP QUIZ:** Saturday 10th May at St Teresa's church hall, Clairmont Rd, Lexden 8pm. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Refreshment provided. Cost £5 per person. **KSC SPONSORED WALK:** 17 May 2014. This years Colchester Deanery walk in support of the **BCCS CHILDCARE** will take place 10am Saturday 17th May 2014. Walking from B&Q car park to Wivenhoe and back with Fish and chips at Wivenhoe. Those wishing to take part Please Contact Gary Hull T: 530863 or Ron Smith T: 795715. Please be generous in your support of the Deanery Walkers.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 24th 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 May 15th – Team 5

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Saturday May 10th	6:15 pm	Una Close RIP
Sunday May 11th	8:00 am	Angela Guendner RIP
	10:30 am	Kathleen Joyce RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	D/Rels: Herbert / Richards Families
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joan Norman RIP [TW]
Monday 12th		St John Houghton, Pr, M
	Church 7:30am	Judy O'Connor RIP
	Church 9:15am	Sheila Campbell RIP
Tuesday 13th		St Erconwald, Bp
	Church 9:15 am	D/Rels: Farrell & Fuller Families
Wednesday 14th		ST MATTHIAS, Ap - Feast
	Church 7:30 am	Emilie Carter
	Church 12:15 pm	Ints: Sykes Family
Thursday 15th		Feria
	Church 9:15 am	Eda Smith RIP
Friday 16th		Feria
	Church 9:15 am	Stephen Hilton RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	11:00 am	REQUIEM MASS – Molly Hefford RIP
	Church 6:30 pm	Anna Norfolk RIP [PM]
Saturday 17th		Feria
	Church 9:15 am	Private Intention [MW]

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) - 18th May

Saturday May 17th	6:15 pm	Ann Thomas RIP
Sunday May 18th	8:00 am	Roger Thurlow RIP [MR]
	10:30 am	Joy Spenner RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Russell Crook & Anna Norfolk RIP [JH]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Anna Norfolk RIP [JW]

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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