

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

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My dear friends,

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent we are following Our Lord towards his final Passion. The purple covers on the statues remind us of this solemn hour. For the next week we will hear the painful arguments Jesus had with the Pharisees and the religious leaders who refused to believe that he was the Son of God, sent by the Father. Today you will be given an Easter Card with the good wishes of the Parish Clergy and a resume of the Holy Week Services. May God bless you in these final days of prayer and reflection before the Easter Triduum.

Father Tony

DEANERY DAY OF PRAYER

A special event for the Holy Year is a Deanery Day of Prayer at St James the Less on the Monday of Holy Week, March 21st, from 10am to 10pm. During these twelve hours the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar and Priests from our Colchester Deanery will be available for confession and/or counselling. Please let people know. It may be helpful for them.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Everyone is invited to the Mass of Thanksgiving on Easter Monday, March 28th, at 12 noon to celebrate Canon Tony's forty years as a priest. There is a reception afterwards in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

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Saturday March 12 th	6:15 pm	Stephen Mooney RIP
Sunday March 13 th	8:00 am	Peter Hansbury RIP
	10:30 am	Peter, Teresa and Simon Monk RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Christopher Grahame RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	John O'Sullivan RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Monica Redgewell RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Giovanni Dimech RIP
Monday 14th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Edward and Patrick Hogan RIP
Tuesday 15th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	John Wynne RIP
Wednesday 16th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	John and Julie O'Connor RIP
Church	12:15 pm	Olivia and Norma Kelly RIP
Church	4:00 pm	Reception of Coffin
Thursday 17th	ST PATRICK, Bp, Apostle of Ireland	
Church	9:15 am	Roseanne & Patrick McAloon RIP
Church	12:30 pm	REQUIEM – ELIZABETH RILEY RIP
Friday 18th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Elizabeth Reilly RIP
Saturday 19th	ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BVM Solemnity	
Church	9:15 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Church	3:00 pm	Filipino Mass

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [C]

Saturday March 19 th	6:15 pm	Mr and Mrs Blanchette RIP
Sunday March 20 th	8:00 am	Cecily Sim RIP & Agnes Chee RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions of the Brown Family
	4:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	John Allen RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Brian McGurk RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy followed by Rosary
3pm DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy
8:35am
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays – Crypt 8pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Athene Jones, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merces, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Jordi Fleix Pujol, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Aimée Stammers, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

THANK YOU: Margaret Griffin wishes to thank the many parishioners for their prayers and kindness over the past months. Not quite there yet, but making progress!

LECTIO DIVINA: *Every Saturday evening between 5pm-6pm in the Crypt.* Come and prayerfully read through the Readings for Sunday.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Reilly who has recently died. Her funeral will take place here on 17th March at 12:30pm We have just heard of the death of John Sutcliffe in Zambia. More details to follow. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEWBORNS UP TO AGE 6: Will take place on **Friday, 22nd April and Friday 29th April**, in the Crypt from 7:30-9pm. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. There is no need to make an appointment – just turn up – but both sessions must be attended. These Baptisms will then take place between May and June and will be booked during the Course.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday at mid-day here, followed by soup and a roll; Fridays at 7:30pm we will alternate with St James the Great [18th March St James the Great]. Fridays, 10am at Mile End; Tuesdays, Stations of the Cross in Polish and English at 6:30pm, followed by Mass.

MILE END ON PALM SUNDAY: 9am - blessing of palms prior to Mass at 9:15am.

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: Your supply of 2016-17 envelopes is now available. Please collect yours from the porch in Priory Street or your Mass Centre, as

appropriate.

+ST PATRICK'S DANCE– Saturday, March 19th, 7-30pm to 11pm. Traditional Irish Dancers. Live music. Good food, good company and great fun. Bring your own drinks. Adults: £12. Children 5-12 yrs. £6. Contact Frances 369568; Norah 503410.

NO EXPOSITION ON SATURDAY MORNING, 19TH MARCH: The children, under instruction for First Holy Communion, will be making their First Reconciliation.

CHRISM MASS - 23RD MARCH: A minibus will be running to the 7pm Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral on the 23rd March. Leaving Napier Road car park at 5:30pm. Cost: £10. To book, please contact Theresa Higgins on 523501.

WALK OF WITNESS: on **Good Friday**. The ecumenical Walk of Witness is always supported by our clergy, the Canonesses and some parishioners. It would be wonderful if many Catholics turned out to swell the ranks and bear witness to this solemn day, showing the mainly indifferent shoppers that it is more than a day for commercial “special offers”. **The Walk starts at Headgate at 11:45am.** More details about the route will follow.

CATERING FOR REFRESHMENTS ON MARCH 28TH: To anyone who would be interested in helping with refreshments after Canon Tony's Jubilee Mass on the 28th March, we are currently looking for donations of cheese and fruit. If you can donate fruit, please contact Jane on 07761 557375. If you can donate cheese, please contact Frances on 01206 369568. For any other donations of food, please contact either Jane or Frances. Many thanks.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 3rd April 2106. The Novena in preparation for the Feast occurs from 25th March – Good Friday – to Saturday 2nd April. To pray the Novena, recite the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy daily together with the prayers corresponding to each day of the Novena. Prayer leaflets will be available. On 3rd April, the Polish Mass is at 2pm; Divine Mercy devotions at 3pm. A Plenary Indulgence is now available to those who celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 28th MAY: A minibus will be running from East Hill, leaving at 8:30am. For more details, please contact Theresa Higgins on 523501.

DOCTORS NEEDED FOR LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: The Annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes would like to increase further the medical cover it provides for its pilgrims. If you are a doctor, please consider joining the pilgrimage this year (14 - 19 August). Your care of our pilgrims is greatly needed, will be greatly appreciated, and is immensely rewarding. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Cathy O'Connor at 01206 501146 or cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org

CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, March 10th – **Team 3.**

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL: To book: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263