

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER[C]

Divine Mercy Sunday - 14th April 2013

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Love her or loath her, Baroness Thatcher cannot be ignored even in death. One of her principles was that of freedom in the economic and social spheres. For those of us born under the shadow of the Soviet Union and state monopolies at home, this idea of freedom was very attractive. Freedom, however, is not in itself a virtue. Yesterday's cure often becomes today's poison. A new generation does not remember the Iron Curtain or Lady. The vocal opponents of the pro-life movement would be horrified to think they were Thatcher's children, but their mantra "a woman's right to choose" is part of her legacy. George Weigel, the biographer, considers Mrs Thatcher, Ronald Reagan and Blessed John Paul II to be the key players in the peaceful dismantling of the Soviet Bloc. What the great Polish pope taught was the value of the human person. He stressed the dignity we have being created in the image of God. And the Church is the supernatural society, resisting the socially corrosive effects of more than one 20th century ideology.

The price of freedom is eternal vigilance. We can see in the West moves to curtail that freedom. One of the well-founded fears about the Same-Sex Marriage Bill is that to voice the Church's teaching on sex within marriage between one man and one woman will become a "homophobic" crime.

Even more important is interior freedom. It kept sane those imprisoned in the Gulags. Freedom from sin, found on our knees before Christ's representative in the Confessional, restores innocence, giving us a lightness of heart. Freedom is not simply freedom to choose, but freedom to choose to do the right. Freedom to become

the people God wants us to be. Our choices are not equal. They have consequences, not just in this life. Some lead to eternal perdition, others to eternal happiness in the presence of God. May we thank God for our freedom, defend it and exercise it with the dignity of children of God.

Fr Neil Brett

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

Wednesday 17 th	6:45pm Scripture Group	Crypt
	7:00pm SVP	

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 (new entries are in bold type): Please remember in your prayers, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Richard Cox, Stanley Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, **Minimol Joseph**, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Denis O'Neill, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Patricia Roche, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Perina Bracco, William Duncan, Anna Koch & Margaret Wilson. Perina Bracco's Requiem Mass will be at 10:30am on Tuesday 16th April at Priory St. William Duncan's Requiem Mass will be at 12 noon on Friday 26th April at Priory St. Margaret Wilson's Funeral Service will take place at Colchester Crematorium on Thursday 25th April at 2pm. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Michael Olufeyisan. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday 26th April and Friday 3rd May in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. [This course is for new-borns up to age 6]

SECOND COLLECTIONS: There will be a collection on the 21st April for the Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund for the training and support of priests for our diocese.

VACANCY: St Joachim's Primary School in Custom House is seeking to appoint 2 enthusiastic, hardworking and inspiring teachers + possible TLR2a (we regret these posts are not suitable for NQTs). Please contact the school for an application form or for further details tel. 0207 476 1658. Application forms can also be obtained online at the CES Website: <http://www.cesew.org.uk/standard>

PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM: Danny Ferdinand reporting: 'After a number of weeks without playing due to the bad weather we drew 4-4 against DNAN in the cup. Andrew Springford scored a penalty, Nick Luck got two and Ray Patterson scored with a spectacular bicycle kick into the top corner after an assist from Andrew'

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Monday 27th May is the Feast Day of St Augustine of Canterbury, and we will be going to Ramsgate to share in the festivities. If you'd like to join us, please indicate to Fr Neil so that we can decide the transport. We wouldn't need to leave before 8 am, honest.

SOUP RUN: More helpers are needed for this important work – particularly to make sandwiches and to do deliveries. Please contact Armando T: 854921

RATZINGER READER: This Sunday evening – 14th April. There will be a short recap on the first three chapters of volume II for those who have been unable to attend. Next week Sunday 21st – we will continue with Chapter 4.

SVP – WALSINGHAM: SVP are arranging for a coach to Walsingham on July 7th. Details to follow.

PARISH HISTORY: New stock available of this popular short history of our parish by Fr Stewart Foster. A keepsake for all families. Priced £5. Please contact the parish office.

DO YOU EVER ASK: “Who is God calling me to be?” “What is God calling me to do?” Men and women aged 17 – 35 are very welcome to the Brentwood Vocations Discernment Group. Next meeting on **Friday 26th April**. For full details of the group, and the venue, please email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org or call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, 01268 281732. www.brentwoodvocations.org.

MASS WITH FILIPINO CHOIR: Fr Norlan Julia will celebrate a Mass in English on Sunday 28th April at 6:30pm with a Filipino Choir. All our welcome.

KSC: are hosting a Table Quiz on Saturday 27th April in the Cardinal Bourne Hall - starting after the 6.15 Mass. It is a Quiz involving other KSC Councils. All our invited to take part – not just KSC members! For the Ladies (teams of 4) and a chance for the Ladies Team Trophy. The winning Knights Team goes on to Walsall to compete with other Councils. Refreshments will be available and a Licensed Bar. Cost £3 .

SION COMMUNITY: A weekend exploring faith in the light of the New Evangelisation. 3 - 5th May 2013. Topics include: What the Church Says, 'I Believe-We Believe', Prayer, The Catechism, Personal Testimony, Change, Joy. There will also be Mass and times for prayer. If you would like to deepen your faith and become more confident in sharing faith with others then this is for you. The venue is at Sion Community Brentwood From Friday 6pm until Lunch Sunday. Cost £100 Residential - £70 Non-Residential or Unwaged. Contact: isabel.cameron@sioncommunity.org.uk or T: 01277 215011 for further information or to book.

ABSEIL FOR CAFOD: on Sunday May 5th why not challenge yourself to abseiling 110ft down the Harlow Water Tower? This annual sponsored event is organised by the Rotary Club of Harlow Tye. You have to be over 16 and there is a £30 participation fee. Last chance - places limited. For more details contact the CAFOD Brentwood Office on 0208 502 9722 or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or find us on facebook.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 18th April – Team 5

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]
14th April 2013**

Saturday April 13th 6:15 pm Klothilde Wolf RIP

Sunday April 14th

8:00 am Catherine Libby RIP
10:30 am Margaret Rose RIP
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm Ints: Kate Strong
8:30 am Parishioners
9:15 am Canon John Bloomfield RIP
10:15 am Rita Wright RIP

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Monday 15th

Feria
Church **7:30 am** Ints: Charles Michalles
Church **9:15 am** Ints: Richard Cox

Tuesday 16th

Feria
Church **9:15 am** Terry Hilton RIP
Church **10:30 am** **REQUIEM MASS – Perina Bracco RIP**

Wednesday 17th

Feria
Church **7:30 am** Ints: Jackie Ravenhall & Family
Church **12:15 pm** Ints: Richard Cox

Thursday 18th

Feria
Church **9:15 am** Hector Silva RIP [IS]

Friday 19th

Feria
Church **9:15 am** Ints: Samantha Hume
Church **6:30 pm** Joe Gray RIP

Saturday 20th

Feria
Church **9:15 am** Ints: Miss Ria & Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]

21st April 2013

Saturday April 20th

6:15 pm Noel L'Esperance RIP

Sunday April 21st

8:00 am Brian Jackson RIP

10:30 am Eileen Hollis RIP

4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Mary Peel-Yates RIP [MG]

8:30 am Holy Souls RIP

9:15 am Parishioners

10:15 am Molly & Gordon Scanlan RIP

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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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