

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [A] -

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The fifth Sunday of Easter is characterized as a joyful thanksgiving for the very reason that Jesus is alive and present still even up today, tomorrow and forever.

In the Gospel, we read this line "If you know me, then you will also know my Father". Jesus answered Philip this way when he queried about his relationship with his Father. Jesus also gave words of consolation as he is about to leave them orphans. Furthermore, Jesus added this phrase at the end "do not let your hearts be troubled".

The Gospel is clearly saying that we cannot know the Father if we do not know Jesus. It is only through Jesus that we can approach the "Abba", for they are one.

Brothers and sisters, we are Christians precisely because Christ is non-negotiable for us. That is why Christ must always be at the centre of our prayers. We cannot get rid of him, as in the Liturgy and in the Sacraments, especially in the Eucharist. He must be the centre of our Christian life always. The Jews and Muslims pray straight to God without acknowledging Jesus as the Father's only begotten Son. We Christians, however, do recognize in him, his oneness with his Father.

If this is our Faith, let us reflect and preach this Truth always. And let us not allow our hearts be troubled with anything and anybody. He is our Good Shepherd; he is truly the one! Pray always that you may increase in faith, hope and love. Finally, say the prayer which St. Philip uttered, "Master, show us the Father". **Fr. Alex,rcj**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [A]

Saturday May 13 th	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs Milford RIP
Sunday May 14 th	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Patricia Urquhart RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5:00 pm	Holy Hour
	6:30 pm	Ints: Eileen Keane & Julie Corkery
West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Aimee Stammers RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Peter McCartney RIP

Monday 15th *Feria*
 N.B. Church 9:30 am Mrs Mary Cleary RIP

Tuesday 16th *Feria*
 Church 9:30 am Cristeta Poblador RIP
 Mersea 1:30 pm **REQUIEM: JOAN ROBERTS RIP**

Wednesday 17th *Feria*
 Church 12:15 pm Holy Souls RIP
 Church 7:30 pm **Rosary**

Thursday 18th *Feria [or St John I,P,M]*
 Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

Friday 19th *Feria [or St Dunstan, Bp]*
 Church 9:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Saturday 20th *Feria [or St Bernardine of Siena, Pr]*
 Church 9:30 am Bridget & Michael Brady RIP

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [A]

Saturday May 20 th	6:15 pm	Amanda Louise Harris RIP
Sunday May 21 st	8:00 am	Johnny Emoli RIP
	10:30 am	In Thanksgiving
	4:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Intentions: Jacinta & Jessica Ngh
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	John Sutcliffe RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Josephine and Joe Ripard 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
[Weekday Mass time change]

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:50am
FILMS FOR FAITH: Please see below

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Antoinetta Caldeira, Frank Campbell, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Margaret Doorish, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Canon Anthony McKentey, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Maureen Sheeran, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White.

BAPTISM TODAY: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Rosena Chukwufumnanya Smith.** God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jill Swires, mother of Fr Mark, and Frank Clark, father of Mrs Hayes, at St Thomas More school, who have died. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of Fr Mark, Mrs Hayes and their families.

CHAPTER MASS: The Chapter of Canons Mass occurs four times a year and will be celebrated tomorrow, Monday, at 9:15am at Brentwood Cathedral, after which the Canons meet and mid-morning meet with the Bishop. Then there is lunch. This month Canon McKentey will be presiding AT THE Mass.

FATIMA CENTENARY: May 13th this year marks the 100 years since Our Lady appeared to three little shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. I know we will have parishioners there for this very special celebration. Pope Francis is due to canonise two of the children, Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto. The children died a few years after the Apparition; their cousin, Lucia, lived as a Carmelite nun in Coimbra and lived to a great age. Our Lady of Fatima pray for us.

FATIMA PROCESSIONS: Fatima Processions will take place here on the 13th of each month from May to October in Polish/English. The next Procession will take place here on Tuesday, 13th June, at 6:30pm, and will be followed by Mass.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: are organising a Rosary Crusade for the month of May. This Wednesday, 17th May, and next, 24th May. at 7.30pm the rosary will be said here at St James the Less.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEWBORNS UP TO AGE 6: Will take place this **Thursday, May 18th** and next **Thursday, May 25th** in the Crypt from 7:30pm to 9pm, There is no need to make an appointment but **both sessions must be attended.** Entry to the Crypt is via the Church.

FILMS FOR FAITH: Films For Faith will be showing *The Quiet Man* this Wednesday, 17th May, in the Crypt. Timings: 1:00pm for a 1:15pm start. Refreshments will be provided and all are most welcome.

FINAL COMMITTEE MEETING FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL PARISH DAY: Will take place on Saturday, 27th May at 11am in the Crypt.

THE NEXT TWO SECOND COLLECTIONS: Please kindly note the following: Parish Development Fund will be taken up on the 28th May and the Sick Clergy Fund on the 11th June.

MEETING THE “LIVING GOD” SEMINARS 2017: Seminar 4: “The Beautiful will save us: beauty in the thought of Pope emeritus Benedict XVI”. Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral, on Saturday, 17th June 2017, 10:30am -12.00 noon, at Cathedral House, Brentwood.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 22ND JULY: A coach has been booked and will leave East Hill at 8:30am. Full details from Theresa Higgins on 01206 523501.

DBS FORMS: Sorry for the delay in processing the forms. The system has changed and all DBS applications will be done electronically. Please contact Theresa Higgins on 523501 or Hywel Edwards for more details.

RED MISSIO BOXES: If you have handed in a full red box, they have now been emptied and await your collection in the porch at Priory Street on the left hand side table. Thank you for your contributions.

PARKING: Again, a reminder that the few parking spaces behind the Hall are for the use of those attending the church, the hall or parish staff. It is not for school runs or shopping **AT ANY TIME. To those persistent parkers, your Registration Numbers will be taken.** Your co-operation and consideration is appreciated.

ADVANCE NOTICE: *The Parish Car Park will be closed totally on the 10th and 11th June. Please comply.*

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CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, 18th May – **TEAM 1.**