

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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Today's Scripture

In the Gospel story, Jesus shows himself to be 'the friend of sinners', which is Luke's favourite way of portraying him. The Pharisees had nothing to do with sinners. As a Pharisee, Simon was shocked at seeing Jesus allow a sinner, not only to approach him, but to actually touch him. He reckoned Jesus must be unaware of the character of the women. Otherwise he wouldn't have allowed her to touch him, thereby incurring ritual uncleanness. Hence, he concluded that he could not be the prophet whom many believed him to be.

Luke contrasts the cold reception Simon gave Jesus with the warm reception of the sinful woman. (There are no grounds for identifying the woman with Mary Magdalen). What Jesus was saying to Simon (in the parable of the debtors) was that this woman, despite her sinful past, was nearer to God than he was.

There is a debate as to whether the woman was forgiven because she loved much, or whether she loved much because she had already been forgiven. Either meaning would fit Luke's stress on God's forgiveness in Christ and the loving response it evokes.

Luke also introduces us to a number of women disciples of Jesus. The same ones were present on Calvary, at the burial of Jesus, and were witnesses of the

resurrection. In this way, Luke prepares the way for the service of women in the early Church.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

Sunday 16 th	10:30am FHC "Going Forth" Mass	Church
Wednesday 19 th	6:45pm Scripture Group	Crypt

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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, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Richard Cox, Stanley Crane, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Minimol Joseph, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Denis O'Neill, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, The Sharfraie Family, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

SICK LIST: If you know of anyone who has recently recovered – please let one of the priests know. Many thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Sydenham. May she rest in peace. Patricia's Funeral will be on Monday 17th June at 1:15pm – Colchester Crematorium.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday 6th and 13th September 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].

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please remember in your prayers *Eleanor Jacobs & Mary Richardson* who receive their First Holy Communion today at Mersea. The Going Forth Mass for our First Communicants is also today at 10:30am at Priory St.

PARISH AGM: Sunday 30th June at 7:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

MERSEA NEWS: Many thanks to Margaret Williams for hosting our June Coffee morning, nice seeing everyone, enjoying a chat. We are still waiting for the sun. Hope to see you all again in July - details will follow later.

SVP – PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Sunday 7th July. The pick up point has changed to OPPOSITE the PORSCHE GARAGE on the IPSWICH ROAD, leaving at 9 a.m. Plenty of free parking. £12 per person to be paid by 23rd June please.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: Vatican City, 31 May 2013 (VIS) - The Pope's general prayer intention for June is: "That a culture of dialogue, listening, and mutual respect may prevail among peoples." His mission intention is: "That where secularization is strongest, Christian communities may effectively promote a new evangelization."

PRAYER GROUP: We are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the prayer group at St. James the less and St. Helen. We will begin our celebration with Mass at **10.30am on 14th July** followed by tea in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. This will be a great opportunity to make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

JUNE 22nd at 11am: **The Catholic Heritage Group** will have a stall at the Abbey Gatehouse, St Johns Green, to re-establish the link between the town and the abbey, where a fair was held in honour of St John the Baptist: Feast Day June 24th, Patron Saint of the abbey. We look forward to seeing you.

DOWNTON ABBEY FANS: The SVP trip to Highclere Castle on Sunday 18th August will pick up on East Hill at 9am. There are 5 remaining spaces, cost £42, if anyone is interested. To book please phone 07970 408 707. Would those already booked please pay the balance of £32 by 29th July.

COLCHESTER DEANERY: YEAR OF FAITH TALKS: 'Become what you hear; become what you receive'. Speaker is Mgr David Manson, VG. Talk 1 - The Eucharist, Wednesday 19 June, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm. Venue Our Lady of Light & St Osyth Parish, Clacton. Talk 2 - Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation, Wednesday 26 June, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm. Here at Priory St in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. For further information contact the Adult Religious Education office on 01277 265255 or email are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org. See poster at back of church.

THE BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE: Saturday 6th July 11am to 3.00pm. Theme is "Faith Alive" and the speaker will be Bishop Thomas McMahon. Lots of activities with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service providing activities for children and the youth. Lovely day out in the countryside; bring a picnic. More details online at www.bradwellpilgrimage.webs.com

REPOSITORY NEWS: Many thanks to the helpers who have sold books, cards and religious items each Sunday after the 10:30 Mass. With great help from Pauline Rook, we have completed the end of the (financial) year stock check. Last year we sold 240 books and booklets (mostly the excellent CTS ones), 191 rosaries and 71 cards. We still have 1600 cards of back stock so do check the 50p and 29p sale baskets in the porch! One of our team has returned to London so if you would like to help once a month on Sundays, please see Fr Neil. Details of the tasks are listed in the porch, or you can talk to the team at any time.

BRENTWOOD VOCATIONS: Who is God calling you to be? What is God calling you to do? If you are aged 17-35 and have been asking yourself these questions, then you would be very welcome at the next Vocations Discernment Group, on Friday 28th June, when our speaker is Sr Josephine Canny OA, a Religious Sister with over forty years' experience of religious life. We meet in Brentwood, and the group is both welcoming and informal. For more details, or to ask any questions, please call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, on 01268 281732 or email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 20th June – Team 2

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Saturday June 15th 6:15 pm Stephen Mooney RIP
Sunday June 16th 8:00 am Helen, Julian & Joseph Hoareau RIP
 10:30 am **FHC "Going Forth" MASS**
 Raymond Banks RIP
 4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

	6:30 pm	D/Rels: Sullivan Family
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Derrick Foley RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	D/Rels: Wright & Buckle Families
Monday 17th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Patrick McMahon RIP & Ints: Andrew McMahon
Tuesday 18th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Maria Bradshaw RIP
Wednesday 19th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Patrick McMahon RIP & Ints: Andrew McMahon
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Hector Silva RIP
Thursday 20th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Patrick McMahon RIP & Ints: Andrew McMahon
Friday 21st	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Rel	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Mr B F Mathews RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Ken Herbert & William Richards RIP
Saturday 22nd	SS JOHN FISHER, Bp, and THOMAS MORE, Mm	
	National Feast	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Patrick McMahon RIP & Ints: Andrew McMahon
	TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] 23rd June 2013	
Saturday June 22nd	6:15 pm	Albert & Maureen Tew RIP & D/Rels: Sullivan Family
Sunday June 23rd	8:00 am	Maureen & George Tew RIP
	10:30 am	Reginald Hammond RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Susan Savage RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Patrick McMahon RIP & Ints: Andrew McMahon
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Pat McDaid RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm*
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter*

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