

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always set aside as Good Shepherd Sunday: a chance for us to give thanks to God for the gift of priesthood and also to pray for more vocations to priesthood. Through his prayer, the priest offers the people and the intractable situations of life to God the loving Father, knowing that only His Spirit can bring true healing and peace. In this way the priest deepens his own relationship with Christ, his shepherd and friend, so that he may be more available to Him and to his flock.

We have had a wonderful example of the joy which the priestly vocation brings when we celebrated Canon Tony's 40th anniversary of his ordination just after Easter Sunday. The Mass and celebration afterwards were filled with many happy memories of his ministry for himself and for the many priests and parishioners whom attended. The anointing that the priest receives at his ordination is not just meant for himself, but should flow joyfully through him to those he serves, just as the water in the baptismal font is not meant for ourselves but should flow through the baptised to nourish all those whom we meet and hopefully bring them to Christ if they are not of faith.

A recent survey about how happy people are in their different jobs showed that clergy come in at top of the list in terms of satisfaction and fulfilment! This is not to say that a priest's daily life is a bed of roses, but that there is a fundamental gratitude and joy in priests that the work that they do is a gift from God and the

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Saturday April 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Intentions: Ron Griffin
Sunday April 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Brian Jackson RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions: Jolly Family
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	June Bickersteth RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick	10:15 am	Michael Hawken RIP

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> **Feria**  
Church 9:15 am Michael Snell RIP

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> **Feria**  
Church 9:15 am Anne Coughlan RIP

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> **Feria**  
Church 9:15 am Ints: White & Heslin Families  
Church 12:15 pm Julia Henegan RIP & Tommy Lennon RIP

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> **Feria**  
Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> **Feria**  
Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP  
Church 10:30 am REQUIEM – Isabella McEwan RIP

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> **ST GEORGE, M, Patron of England**  
Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]

Saturday April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:15 pm	Sidney & Rose Castell RIP
Sunday April 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Eileen Hollis
West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick	10:15 am	Intentions: Colin & May Andrew

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm  
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

greatest honour to be a servant to His people in imitation of Christ himself.

Please say a prayer today for the priests who serve you and for the seminarians who are undertaking priestly formation. The second collection today is for the costs of training seminarians in our Diocese.

**Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes**

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy and Rosary
9:15am	
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy
8:35am	
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays - Crypt
8:00pm	

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Lorraine Belmonté, Frank Campbell, Margaret Eddis, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, David Hill, Jan Holden, Joan Jackson, 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 Mercus, 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** A second collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend for the promotion of Vocations and the training of Priests in our Diocese as mentioned.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** The funeral of Isabella [Ella] McEwan takes place on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, at 10:30am.

**THE FIRST SESSION OF THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEWBORNS UP TO AGE 6** takes place this **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. The second session is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April and both sessions must be attended. These Baptisms will then take place between May and June and will be booked during the Course.

**MUSIC FOR SMALL CHOIRS:** A workshop at Our Lady of Ransom, London Hill, Rayleigh, SS6 7HP on 23rd April from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. directed by Philip Norman. If you sing with, or direct a choir with only a few members, we hope you will be interested in this event. Individual singers would also be very welcome. Cost £9, including a copy of the new RSCM publication 'With saintly shout' which

retails at £6.50. Further information from, or bookings to: Shirley Timmins, 156 Warley Hill, Brentwood, CM14 5HF: shirleytimmins@btinternet.com Tel: 01277 233302.

**FILMS FOR FAITH:** Continues on Wednesday, 27th April, at 1:30pm [after the 12:15 Mass] we will show Fatima and also The Rosary. All are welcome, please come along and enjoy good company, a good film and refreshments.

**YEAR OF MERCY EVENTS: "Mary: bearer of Christ's Mercy".** Speaker: Bishop Alan, SM, - Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 10.30-12.00 at Cathedral House Hall, Brentwood. **"Spirituality of Mercy".** Speaker: Bishop Alan, SM – Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Wanstead, Pastoral Centre. **"Pathways to Prayer":** Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 10:30-12.00 at Cathedral House Hall, Brentwood. To book, contact Brentwood Religious Education Service [BRES] Office on 01277 265285 or email [lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**YEAR OF MERCY MASSES AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL:** The next Sunday Mass during this Year of Mercy at the Cathedral takes place on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm welcoming those trapped by any destructive addiction or dependency. The preacher is Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector of Oscott College.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** 'bccs' requests the pleasure of your company at **Ingatestone Hall**, on the **14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**, for a fundraising concert. Graduates from The Guildhall School of Music & Drama will be performing a concert of operatic, classical and light musical favourites. We will be entertained by two professional singers (a Soprano and Tenor) and a pianist; the singers will perform duets and solo items. This should be a wonderful concert in the beautiful and historical venue of Ingatestone Hall. Tickets are £22, including prosecco and nibbles. Contact Amy Pether [apether@bccs.org.uk](mailto:apether@bccs.org.uk) / 01268784544 for more details and to reserve your place.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016:** Transport has been arranged and will leave East Hill at 8:30am. For more details and to book, please contact Theresa Higgins on 523501.

**GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS:** The new financial year has now begun and there are 86 boxes still uncollected. If yours is among them, could you please collect it from the porch in Priory Street. Thank you.

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL:** To book: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) 07758 805263

**CHURCH CLEANERS ROTA:** Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Team 4.