

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday July 16th	6:15 pm	Joe Mooney RIP
Sunday July 17th	8:00 am	The Clarke Family RIP
	10:30 am	Dorothy Burke RIP
	2:00 pm	Nigerian Mass
	4:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
	8:30 am	Frances Walker RIP
West Mersea	9:15 am	Barry Fitzgerald RIP
Mile End	10:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick		
Monday 18th	<i>Feria</i>	
Church	9:15 am	Frederick, Elizabeth and Angelo Lucas RI
Tuesday 19th	<i>Feria</i>	
Church	9:15 am	Tom Brennan RIP
Wednesday 20th	<i>Feria</i>	
Church	9:15 am	Fr James Hawes RIP
Church	12:15 pm	Tony Southon RIP
Thursday 21st	<i>Feria</i>	
Church	9:15 am	Canon T W Clarke & Family RIP
Friday 22nd	<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	
Church	9:15 am	Mr K T George RIP
Saturday 23rd	<i>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, ReI</i>	
Church	9:15 am	Joan Jackson RIP

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday July 23rd	6:15 pm	Lionel & Beulah Wright RIP
Sunday July 24th	8:00 am	Canon Thomas Clarke RIP
	10:30 am	Mick and Teresa Hanley RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Mathias Asakpa RIP
	8:30 am	Kathleen McCarthy
	9:15 am	Mrs Anna Mele RIP
West Mersea	10:15 am	Parishioners
Mile End		
Monkwick		

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

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A message from Fr Tony

My dear friends, during the last few weeks various tests and scans have shown that I have some abnormalities on my liver. A part of the liver has to be removed by an operation on Saturday 23rd July. I will be in hospital for about ten days and will then have to have six weeks convalescence. Unfortunately I will not be able to go on the pilgrimage to Lourdes in August but I will be relying on the prayers and intercession of Our Lady. I would also ask for your prayers at this time. I am grateful to my Priest colleagues for holding the fort. May God bless you all.

Fr Tony

From the Presbytery – Fr Tony will be enormously grateful for your prayers at this time, but may we ask that you respect his need for complete rest and ask you to refrain from visiting or calling for him during this time. Updates to his health will be posted in the newsletter and on our social media sites. Thank you.

A message from Adrian Lowe (Seminarist)

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus politely declines Martha's request to tell Mary to help her. Mary's listening to him was not to be sacrificed to Martha's need for help with the meal.

Could both Martha and Mary have sat at the Lord's feet? There would have been no meal, the central act of hospitality, without Martha's work. Martha is a woman of faith. She combines solid faith and humility, working in the background to meet the needs of others. Perhaps Jesus wasn't proposing the contemplative Mary was somehow "better", but indicating to faith-filled Martha just how much he wanted her to be near him too.

The real problem is when constantly doing things squeezes periods of listening and praying out of our lives. Even someone called to a very active service cannot sustain it without giving some time to sitting at the Lord's feet. The Mary and Martha dimensions of our spiritual lives are finely balanced, and the balance is different for each of us. It is often our Mary dimension which suffers in a busy world. Let's all try to let our Martha dimension learn to care for and appreciate our Mary dimension as during the week ahead.

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
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, Vicky Culhan, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Mercas, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Cristeta Poblador, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Aimée Stammers, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

AFRICAN THEME MASS: An African theme Mass to be celebrated in English will take place at 2pm at Priory Street this afternoon. All are welcome to attend.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, Skye Elizabeth Fuller-Jones. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR JAMES HAWES RIP: Fr James's body will be received into the church of The Immaculate Conception at Epping at 4.30pm on Monday, 18th July, and Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm, at which Bishop Thomas will preside. On Tuesday, 19th July, Fr James will be taken from the church at Epping to the Cathedral for a Requiem Mass which will be celebrated at 11.30am by Bishop Alan, followed by burial in the family grave at Romford.

FILMS FOR FAITH: The next film, which is a new 90 minute film on Fatima, will be shown on Wednesday 20th July in the Crypt. Meet at 1pm for a 1:15 film start [our new start time]. There will be an interval break with refreshments provided.

CREAM TEA: Come and enjoy a strawberry cream tea on Wednesday 20th July at 1:30pm in the church courtyard (or Cardinal Bourne Hall if inclement weather). Homemade craft and food stall, as well as yummy cakes. All proceeds to Aid to the Church in Need. £5 per adult / £1 per child. Contact Anne Claydon 07880852738 or Sarah Cooper 0798975595 to book.

QUIET DAY ON FRIDAY 22ND JULY AT 74 HOWE CLOSE: All welcome to come and *BE*. Coffee from 10 – Introduction at 10:30. Ends at 3pm. Coffee and Tea provided, please bring lunch. Just Turn up!

FILIPINO FUN DAY: will be held at Mersea in the grounds of St Cedd's on Saturday, 23rd July from 9am to 6pm. All are invited!

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY EVENTS: Gold Token Scheme at Adventure Island: As part of its 40th birthday celebrations, Adventure Island in Southend is giving away £8000 to good causes throughout July. We are delighted to have been chosen to participate in the Gold Token Scheme which means we will receive a share of this money. If you, or your friends or family are planning a visit to Adventure Island in July, could you please nominate us by placing your token in the 'bccs' box. *You are also invited* to join the BCCS on September 17th at Ingatestone Hall for a fundraising '**Tour and Tea**'. The tour of this beautiful Tudor mansion will start promptly at 2pm at the gates and will end in the Summer Parlour at 3.30pm where you will enjoy a traditional cream tea. Tickets are £25 and as tours are limited to parties of 25, we would advise booking early to secure your place. For tickets & information please contact Libby on 01268 784544/ lphillips@bccs.org.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AUGUST 2016: Bishop Alan will lead the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Sunday 14 to Friday 19 August. It is not too late to join us. From £639 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £419 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There is a full programme to opt in and out of, and everyone is welcome. For more information or for a brochure, please phone Cathy O'Connor: (01206) 501146.

YEAR OF MERCY Autumn Talks – Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. All Saturdays at 10:30am-12.00 noon. 1st October "*Living the Works of Mercy in a secular age*" – Speaker: Fr Martin Boland. 15th October "*The Four Last Things*" – Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas. 5th November "*Transformed by Mercy*" – Speaker: Bishop Alan. To book: Call 01277 265285 [BRES Office] or email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

MINISTRY OF WELCOME: This Ministry is in very short supply of members and we desperately need new ones. It only involves spending a little extra time at Mass but is very rewarding. Please contact any MOW minister or Paul Horwood paulhorwood@hotmail.com for more information.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, July 21st Team 1.