

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING [C]

**Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 pm Joan Jackson RIP  
**Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Dec/Rels: Farrell/Fuller Families RIP  
10:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP  
4:00 pm Polish Mass  
6:30 pm Sidney and Rose Castell RIP  
*West Mersea* 8:30 am Dec/Rels: Rafferty Family RIP  
*Mile End* 9:15 am Oresta Mele RIP  
*Monkwick* 10:15 am Leslie Hawken RIP

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Church* 9:15 am Intentions of Fr Tom Coffey  
*Church* 12:45 pm **REQUIEM: Jane Blackburn RIP**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** **St Cecilia, V.M**  
*Church* 9:15 am November Dead List

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 pm Ints: Fr Alex - 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination  
*Church* 12:15 pm November Dead List

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** **St Andrew Dung Lac, Pr, and Comps, Mm**  
*Church* 9:15 am November Dead List

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 am November Dead List  
**C.G.H. Chapel** 12:00 pm Intentions of Patients and Staff

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 am November Dead List

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR [A]

**Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 pm Frank Milford RIP  
**Sunday November 28<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Mr & Mrs MacDonald RIP  
10:30 am Tony Southon RIP  
2:00 pm Polish Mass  
6:30 pm Ann de Smith RIP  
*West Mersea* 8:30 am Sheila Courtney RIP  
*Mile End* 9:15 am Douglas and David Finch RIP  
*Monkwick* 10:15 am D/Rels: Wright & Wrobel Families RIP

**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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With gladness and appreciation I thank all of you for coming during the celebration of the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy at Deanery level, to our church in Priory Street. The atmosphere was really inspiring because of your active presence and participation. The programme of activities went well during the day, and everybody experienced really the joyful inspirations of the Lord to commit oneself to the practice of mercy and compassion to one another. And, of course, our appreciation also to all the priests who came and assisted us during the confession, and lastly to Fr. Mark Swires who presided Holy Benediction in the evening.

We proclaim today Christ the King. The Church recognizes his kingship, not for his super power talent, huge wealth, great kingdom, neither because of his many followers etc., but rather a different king who embraced suffering humanity because of its state of sin. Our KING is JESUS alone, the unique one because he did not display his power, but on making himself powerless so that others may live.

Let us be reminded then, that our celebration today, is to recognize Jesus as KING in our own respective lives. The one who will lead us sincerely to the royal road of life in a manner which is being selfless, loving and dedicated to service to our needy brethren. He is the king who came down from his throne to touch the lives of many, even by dying on the cross for the love of us. Let us thank and adore him for ever and ever. AMEN.

Fr Alex

**Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes**  
**[N.B. HOSPITAL MASS THIS FRIDAY AT NOON]**

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass  
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am  
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays - Crypt 8:00pm  
FILMS FOR FAITH Next showing – See below 1:15pm

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Frank Campbell, Olive Crawford, Vicky Culham, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Kay Knight, 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, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, 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.

**NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY:** There will be speakers from the youth of the Diocese after the 10:30am and 6:30pm Masses at Priory Street today. There will be a second collection after all Masses in aid of this ministry.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND:** We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, David, Isaac and Sharon Alibi, and Theodore Blackham. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**FR TONY UPDATE:** He is making excellent progress in his recovery and will soon be writing a personal message again in our Newsletter; however, it is still very important that he is given complete peace and quiet to recuperate, and we thank you in advance for continuing to respect this request for his long term recovery.

**FR PAUL McCOURT:** As many of you know, we are sadly losing Fr Paul to his new position at Sandhurst. He has been a huge help to the Parish, especially these past few months in Fr Tony's absence. To send him on his way, we will be holding a second collection for him on December 4<sup>th</sup> and also holding a "Farewell Soiree" on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, at 7pm in the Crypt. Would any helpers for food and drinks please contact the Parish Office of Jane Hopgood. Thank you.

**9:15am MASS THIS COMING WEDNESDAY:** There will be a 9:15 Mass this Wednesday, in addition to the 12:15pm Mass, as Fr Alex celebrates the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to priesthood. [Next week we shall revert to one Mass at 12:15pm on Wednesdays for the time being].

**FILMS FOR FAITH:** The film to be shown this Wednesday will be "The Bells of St Mary's". 1pm for a 1:15pm start.

**CHURCH INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** *FINAL REQUEST:* for bottles of wine, beer and spirits; unwanted gifts, items for the Tombola, adults and children etc., Please continue to support us. Frances – 369568 and Norah – 503410.

**PARISH GRAND DRAW:** Tickets will be available at all Masses for this year's *Grand Draw on 17 December 2016.* Money prizes of £250, £150 and £75, plus many other special gifts. Please ensure that each household buys at least 1 book to support the church repair programme. All donations of items for the Grand Draw are welcome.

**ADVENT:** In preparation for Advent Sunday readings, we shall again have **LECTIO DIVINA** on Saturdays at 5pm. This is not bible study but a prayerful reading of the scriptures in preparation for each of the Sundays leading up to Christmas. Father Tony has always promoted this very enthusiastically, but numbers have been small; joining in Lectio Divina /Holy Reading is a wonderful way to approach Christmas. Please see Poster in porch.

**SERVICE OF LIGHT** and the inauguration of Advent at Brentwood Cathedral with Bishop Alan and the Cathedral choir will take place at 4.00 p.m. **next Sunday 27th November.** This is a beautiful service of prayer and music with the solemn lighting of the Advent wreath. Everyone is welcome.

**St Thomas More's Primary School 2017-18 Intake** Any parent wishing to apply for a place at St Thomas More's School must complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) in addition to the Local Authority Application Form. SIFs are available to download on the school's website [www.stthomasmores.co.uk](http://www.stthomasmores.co.uk) under the admissions tab or by contacting the office on 01206 865722. You will also need to supply the school with a Certificate of Practice. Dates when Father Alex will be signing these will be: *Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.* All between 4pm – 6pm. Please contact the Parish Office to book an appointment.

**DEPUTY HEAD REQUIRED** at St Clare's Primary School Clacton. We are looking to expand our SLT in the school. This would be an exciting opportunity for a teacher with an interest in school development at leadership level. You are encouraged to visit the school and meet wonderful pupils and staff. Great support offered to the right candidate. For further details contact: Moire Breeze at St Clare's 01255 425344.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AT PRIORY STREET:** Next weekend there will be a second collection at *Priory Street only* for Christmas Flowers. Thank you.

**DIARY DATE: DISCERNMENT WEEKEND:** At the Bar Convent, York – 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 for women who feel they may have a vocation to religious life. Led by Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus, full information via [vocations@congregatiojesu.org.uk](mailto:vocations@congregatiojesu.org.uk)

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Thursday, November 24th - Team 3.