

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]  
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## This Sunday's liturgy

The First Reading states, "God's ways are not our ways, God's thoughts are not our thoughts". Just how vast is the difference between God's ways and our ways, between God's thoughts and our thoughts, is illustrated in the Gospel. God's generosity utterly transcends human generosity.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard was aimed at the Pharisees. These legalistically minded men were critical of Jesus because he befriended sinners and outcasts. In the parable Jesus faces up to his critics and shows them what God is like: God is generous and full of compassion for the poor and the outcast. In that respect the parable is similar to that of the prodigal son.

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**PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP:** present "We wrote a show" a selection of song from the films - Saturday 20th September 2014 in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street at 7.30 pm. Doors open 7.00 pm. Tickets £5 and £2.50 for children and concessions. For more information contact Lesley on 01206 512310.

**SAT 27TH SEPTEMBER: Day of Reflection 'Harvest of Gifts:** How we respond to the Creativity of God'. Led by Valerie Quinlivan. Poster in porch. Cardinal Bourne Hall. Coffee 10.30am. 11am - 3pm. Bring packed lunch. Donations to Church Development Fund.

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Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

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 7:45pm

Crypt

MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm

Crypt

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Władysław Antończak, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Joan Donnelly, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Marie Lyons, Pat Maloney, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorsey Young.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** This weekend we welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Mollie McKay-Rogers. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED?** The next Baptism course will be Friday September 26th and Friday October 3rd 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]

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Congratulations to Anna & Paul Horwood who celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary next Saturday at the 6:15pm Mass.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia Crowley, Paul Howlett and Jim Kennedy. Jim Kennedy's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 22nd September at 1pm Priory St. Mr Howlett's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 12:30pm Priory St. Details of Mrs Crowley's funeral will follow shortly. May they rest in peace.

**PARISH INCOME:** We need to raise £1,560 each week from the collection bags. During the month of August, the money received on average was £1,483 – leaving us short of £77 each week. We are grateful for all that you give, please continue to do so generously as costs are rising, not going down. Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTION: Parish Development Fund - Essential Maintenance Work.** There will be a collection for the fund this weekend 20 / 21<sup>st</sup> September. The fund helps to support the continued maintenance work that is needed on the six buildings we have to look after. Over the next month - £7,000 will have to be spent on work here at Priory St.

**RELIC OF ST JOHN PAUL II:** Bishop Alan recently wrote the following in response to a letter from Fr Tony: "I was delighted to hear about your pilgrimage to Poland and Rome about your devotion to St John Paul II. If you are able to obtain a relic of St John Paul II from Krakow I am sure it would bring many blessings for the parish and the diocese." With this encouragement we will write to the relevant authorities in Poland. In this newsletter you will find a leaflet on relics, one in a series to help prepare us for the day when we receive, please God, a relic of this great contemporary saint.

**HERITAGE WEEKEND THANK YOU:** Many thanks to all those who helped at the

Church and the Gatehouse and for all the help with the Ride and Stride.

**MONKWICK NEWS:** Our last coffee morning this summer will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at Joyce Wrobel's from 10am till noon at 26 Queensland Drive. Everyone welcome.

**WEDNESDAY MASS:** Will be at 9:30am rather than 12:15pm because of the Clergy Deanery Meeting.

**SVP REGIONAL MEETING:** Will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September with Mass at 7pm followed by a meeting afterwards.

**ST BENEDICT'S FORM SIGNING:** Fr Tony will be available to sign your application forms for St Benedict's College on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm – 6pm. Please make contact through the church office to book your appointment time. Don't forget to bring a **completed form** with you ready for Fr Tony to sign.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Will next meet this Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Crypt.

**KSC RETREAT DAY:** The Knights of St. Columba, Colchester are organising a day of Recollection with Prayer and Meditation at Clare Priory, Suffolk on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and invite ALL parishioners to join them. The cost will be £12. Please bring a packed lunch. Transport will be by private car. The day begins at 10am with Mass and ends at 4pm with Benediction. To book, please contact Stewart Taylor on 01206 271606 or 075 4582 9333. **KSC SOCIAL:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November at Catholic Church Hall – Greenstead. 7:30pm onwards. **KSC ROSARY CRUSADE:** First and second Tuesdays in October – 7:45pm in the church.

**PRO-LIFE:** There are one or two pro-life activities coming up shortly and we need someone willing to help organise these. This means some coordination, publicity, planning the itinerary and other not very onerous tasks. Please speak to Fr. Neil if you are interested.

**SCRIPTURE GROUP:** Continues this Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 6:45 – 8:45pm in the crypt. Meets most weeks (please keep an eye on the newsletter for breaks). Beginning with the study of the first five books of the Bible.

**PROPHET PRIEST KING:** Fr. Robert Barron has produced a new series on DVD of 6 episodes exploring this theme of the Old Testament. We will run this three times a week starting in late October on a similar pattern to the Catholicism series which received very positive feedback here when we showed it last year. There's a trailer for the series at: [www.priestprophetking.com](http://www.priestprophetking.com). If you have a preferred time of the week, and can find others to join you at that time, let me know as soon as possible and I will try to accommodate you. Fr. Neil

**CHRISTMAS MARKET PLANNING MEETING:** The next meeting will be Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September after 10:30am Mass in the Crypt. All ages, skills, talents and ideas most welcome – Thank you.

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST COLCHESTER:** is inviting you to a Christian life program for couples and singles on October , 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 5pm at Priory St in the crypt.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Team 3

## **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A] 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 pm Christina Mooney RIP  
**Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>** 8:00 am Thomas & Gladys Lane RIP  
10:30 am Ints: Sykes family  
4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**  
6:30 pm Mario Bertoni  
8:30 am Patrick Hogan RIP  
9:15 am Parishioners  
10:15 am Sarah Betts RIP

*West Mersea  
Mile End  
Monkwick*

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 7:30 am Ints: Barry Hayes  
*Church* 9:15 pm Carlos Go Hua  
*Church* 1:00 pm **REQUIEM MASS – Jim Kennedy RIP**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** **St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Pr**  
*Church* 9:15 am Ints: Teresa Hogan

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** **Our Lady of Walsingham**  
*Church* 7:30 am Ints: Clarke Family  
*Church* 9:30 am W & E Richards RIP  
*NB*  
*West Mersea* 9:30 am **Holy Communion Service**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 am In Thanksgiving [N&TD]  
6:30 pm Tim Lynch RIP

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** **St Vincent de Paul, Pr**  
*Church* 9:15 am Jim Kennedy RIP [A&AS]

## **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A] 28<sup>th</sup> September**

**Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 pm Ints: Anna & Paul Horwood  
**Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am D/Rels: O'Reilly family  
10:30 am Melody Mullins Jeantet RIP  
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**  
6:30 pm Deceased parishioners  
*West Mersea* 8:30 am Parishioners  
*Mile End* 9:15 am Jim Kennedy RIP  
*Monkwick* 10:15 am D/Rels & friends Wright & Wrobel families

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