

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ([B] World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday 22nd	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Bill O'Brien RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish/English Mass
	6:30 pm	Ints: Ciara Barr
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	

Monday, 23rd
N.B. Church **9.30 am** **MONDAY – St George, M, Patron of England**
Sidney Finch & Rose Jane Castell RIP

Tuesday, 24th
Church **9:30 am** **TUESDAY – St Mellitus, BP**
Madge & Len Goodwin RIP

Wednesday, 25th
Church **09.30am** **WEDNESDAY – St Mark, Evangelist FEAST**
Ints: Gov & Borough Councils
There will be NO 12.15pm mass today

Thursday, 26th
Church **9:30 am** **THURSDAY - Feria**

Friday, 27th
Church **9:30 am** **FRIDAY - Feria**

Saturday, 28th
Church **9:30 am** **SATURDAY - Feria**
6.15 pm David Wilson RIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ([B])

Sunday 29th	8:00 am	John Nelia Ireland RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish/English Mass
	6:30 pm	Intentions: Patricia Donovan
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Ints: Thanksgiving

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE: www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org under events
where a list of course dates are available

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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To “take refuge in the Lord”, the Good Shepherd, we must face the predicament of our powerlessness, our extreme limitations. If we want to experience true fulfilment in our life, we must follow someone who can be depended on. Unlike literal sheep, we are aware of the risk that our Shepherd takes; “The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.” Thus we are brought to “think of the love that the Father has lavished on us”. More than merely knowing the Shepherd’s voice, we know his name “by which we can be saved”. We are more than just his flock: now we are to “be called God’s children”.

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy and Rosary - <i>following</i>	8.00am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8:00pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Rosary/Divine Mercy		8:50am
SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Tony Allen, John Ashdown-Hill, Pat Banks, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jason McLean, Bernadette McLean, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Elizabeth Pace, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Alice White, Patricia Wiltshire.

ROSARY ON THE COAST: For faith, life and peace in the British Isles. 40 Days of spiritual preparation - **finishes on 29th April**. Visit www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk for more information

RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH: RCIA will continue to meet on Thursday 26th April and also 3rd and 10th May at 7.00pm - 8.30pm (in the Crypt).

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: The next Baptism Course for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on the **26th April 2018** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the Course. For further details on baptism courses and dates please refer to our website www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org under events where a list of course dates are available.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: will be observed this Sunday which is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

THE GIFT AID ORGANISER writes: "*We are now in the third week of the new financial year and 49 sets of weekly offertory envelopes still remain in the Priory Street porch. Have you collected yours?*"

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: An appeal for donations of tinned/dry goods along with cleaning products & long life fruit juices, milk and squashes would be greatly appreciated

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 28th May 2018 **ALSO** they will be hosting their annual Charity Golf Day at The Rayleigh Golf and Country Club, Hullbridge on Monday 11th June. For tickets and further information on both events, please contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

GK CHESTERTON a talk by Canon John Udris who is investigating the Cause for his Beatification. On 14th June 2018 (the 82nd anniversary of GK's death) at 7pm til 9pm. For a free ticket telephone The Centre for Catholic Formation 020 8672 7684, GK Chesterton prayer cards can be found here; www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

MARCH FOR LIFE UK will take place in London on 5th May 2018 for further details & information please see www.marchforlife.co.uk also leaflets in church porch.

PARKINSON'S UK: Registrations are now open for the Hyde Park Walk on Sunday 8th July in support of all those affected by Parkinson's. Further details & information can be found on www.parkinsons.org.uk/walkhydehall

THY KINGDOM COME: With just over two weeks to go, a kind reminder to all parishioners to register their PLEDGE TO PRAY as individuals or as a family! Family activities and Catholic Novena are now available from your Steward of the Gospel. To register your pledge please go to: www.thykingdomcome.global/#Pledge2PrayCounter

GOVERNOR TRAINING: Cathedral House Ingrave Road Brentwood CMI5 8AT- Saturday 28th April 10.30am-12.00noon. **Topics:** Core Skills, behaviours & Expectations for Governors. Speaker: Maureen Smith, Governing Body Support Service Manager, Havering. Contact details: Tel. 01277265285 Email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

OBERRAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020: One of the world's most spectacular events is due to take place in 2020 – the 42nd Oberammergau Passion Play – a performance that takes place every 10 years and celebrates the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is proposed to visit the Austrian Lake district for 5 days and 1 night in Oberammergau to see the Passion Play. For further details/information please call Lee Robinson on 01277 652358

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL, DAGENHAM. A position for a School chaplain (scale 4 p/t 18-21hrs, £16,945-£18,653 pro rata) term time only. Job description and person specification are on the website www.allsaintsschool.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: -

TABLE TOP SALE: will take place on Wednesday 25th April 2018 in the Cardinal Bourne Hall from 8.45am to 11.45am various items for sale incl. Books/Toys etc., refreshments available. All are welcome (proceeds are in aid of the Helen Rollarson Cancer Charity).

St JOHN PAYNE PAINTING GROUP: are holding their annual "Exhibition of Work" on bank holiday Monday 7th May from 12 noon onwards. Cards & Paintings for sale + Free Refreshments – All are welcome (sales and donations are in support of Essex First Sight).

MASS FOR MIGRANTS: Monday 7th May (Bank Holiday Monday), 11.00am, Southwark Cathedral. For decades the Church has welcomed people from many shores, and this Mass celebrates the international diversity of our congregations. Celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark, with our own Bishop Alan. This Mass is full of joy. All are welcome. More details on the poster at the back of the church.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK: The date of the "official opening" is Saturday September 1st, when you are very welcome to Midday Mass with Bishop Alan, and then to stay for the afternoon, enjoying the beautiful grounds. Do save the date!

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society): Telephone number - **07493 439427**.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message].

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 23rd April 2018: Team 2.