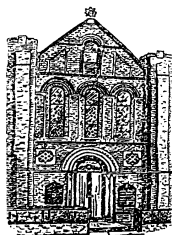


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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [B] February 26th 2012

My dear friends,

It was good to see so many of you, young and old, coming to receive the ashes on Ash Wednesday to make a good beginning to Lent. May the Lord help us persevere in our resolve. This Friday, March 2nd, is the CAFOD Lenten Fast Day and you can take one of the leaflets today about their campaign centred on the need for clean water in the developing world. We will take up the collection for that cause next weekend.

A Glimpse of Heaven - Colchester Chamber Choir, under the direction of our own Michael Earle, is performing, at six different venues next weekend, a short recital of sacred music [see posters]. The choir will give a performance in our Church next Saturday, 3rd March, at 8pm. This is a short recital of about 45 minutes duration. There will be a retiring collection towards Church funds and an opportunity for light refreshments afterwards in the Hall. This is a special event that marks the date in 1837 when building began on our parish church and the foundation stone was laid. I hope you will be able to come and mark this milestone in our anniversary year.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK - Please see Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 26 th	7:30-9:30pm	Confirmation Group	See below
“ “	8-9pm	Evangelium	Crypt
Wednesday 29 th	6:45pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
Thursday 1 st	7:30 pm	RCIA	
Friday 2 nd	12pm	Stations +	Church
“ “	7:30pm	Stations +	at St James the Great
“ “	7:30-9pm	FHC Parents	Crypt
Saturday 3 rd	10-12	FHC Programme	Hall
“ “	8pm	Colchester Chamber Choir Recital	Church

DAILY Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am
PRAYER GROUP: Mondays at 8pm Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm Crypt

SICK: Please remember in your prayers Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Alan Doleman, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Pamela Lee, Pat Maloney, Maria Mahy, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Tim Young.

PARISH MASS BOOK: First Sunday of Lent p.148; Preface for the Temptation of the Lord p.57; also notice the helpful overview found on p.142.

THE STUDENT CROSS [ESSEX LEG] that is housed in our Hall has now, for the season of Lent, been placed on the Sanctuary and will be taken on the walk to Walsingham beginning on the weekend of Palm Sunday.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Liberty Clough, Kirsty and Ricky Riches. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

RITE OF ELECTION: Takes place today at Brentwood Cathedral for all those to be received into the Church this Easter, including those from our own Parish, and we pray for them on their spiritual journey.

CONFIRMATION MEETING: Candidates meet this Sunday evening in the Cardinal Bourne Hall – 7:30-9pm. This is for those who have passed the age of 14 and upwards. It is not too late to join the Group.

MONKWICK NEWS: We have only just received details from the South Colchester Churches Together about their Lent Course, this year entitled “Inside Out”, on the 5 remaining Tuesdays in Lent at the Orchard Baptist Church, Mersea Road, at 7:30pm. All very welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Here on Fridays at 12 noon, followed by soup and a roll in the Crypt, beginning this Friday, 2nd March. All donations for the food to Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society.

CAFOD: Lent Fast Day - Friday 2nd March 2012: A child under 5 dies every 20 seconds because of diarrhoea caused by dirty water – CAFOD invites us to help people living without one of God’s most precious resources – clean water. For this Lent only, the Government will match £pound for £pound every donation given to CAFOD, giving us the chance to help thousands more people gain access to water and other vital services. Your fast day envelopes will be available in Church this weekend at all Masses and the collection will be taken up next weekend.

MERSEA NEWS: The annual “Women’s World Day of Prayer” will take place this year on Friday, 2nd March at 11:30am and will be hosted by the Free church, Mill Road, Mersea. Please come along if you can, and help boost the representation of our Catholic community on Mersea.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: Mercy Associates please NOTE change of venue for the meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 5 March to 37 Beaconsfield Avenue.

MILE END NEWS: Novena at St Joseph’s 10th – 18th March at 7pm, culminating on the patronal feast on March 19th.

ST PATRICK’S NIGHT DANCE: Saturday 17th March in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Live Irish music, dancing and singing. Homemade Irish stew, soda bread, apple crumble with custard/cream. Bar and Raffle. Tickets: £7:50 adults; £5 children 5-12 yrs. To book call: Pauline 768418; Armando 854921; Frances 369568; Nora 503410.

SPRING YOUTH GATHER: 31st March Yr 7-9. A full day of team building, outdoor activities, and an opportunity to meet new people. At Stubbers Outdoor Activity Centre in Upminster. The cost of the day is £20 and you will need to bring a packed lunch. Forms are available by calling 01277 265286.

“TRANSITIONS”: Day of Reflection Saturday March 31st from 11am - 3:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. [Coffee at 10:30am]. Please bring a packed lunch, and donations will go to our Parish Development Fund.

READERS AT PRIORY STREET: Volunteers are needed to join the rota for readers at all Masses at Priory St. If you feel you could join the list please contact Elspeth on 01206 861360 or by email andrew@andrwjhn.plus.com.

WELCOMERS NEEDED AT PRIORY STREET: New volunteers are urgently needed for this important ministry. If you can help, on a rota basis, please contact Paul on 852728 or 07895 177574.

CHURCH CLEANING: Saturday, March 3rd: Team 6.

MOVING OUT OF THE PARISH OR WITHIN THE PARISH?: Please let the Parish office know. **Newly arrived?** Please complete a registration form to be found in the porch [in Priory Street on the left hand side table] and pop form back through the

Presbytery letter box.

For inclusions to the Parish website:- admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

LITURGY FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT[B]

February 26th 2012

Saturday 25th	<i>Mile End</i>	6:00 pm	KERALA MASS
“	“	6:15 pm	Tommy Close RIP
	<i>Church</i>	8:00 am	Maureen Allen RIP
Sunday February 26th		10:30 am	Lucy Walker RIP [VL]
		6:30 pm	Sean Joyce RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Henry Johnson RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
	<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Desmond & Sheila Boyden
Monday 27th	Feria		
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Lucy Walker RIP [WH]
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	In Thanksgiving [EH]
Tuesday 28th	Feria		
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Mary O’Connell RIP
Wednesday 29th	Feria		
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory RIP [AC]
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm	William and Eva Richards RIP
Thurs 1st March	ST DAVID, Bp, Patron of Wales		
	<i>Church</i>	9.15 am	Intentions of Brenda
Friday 2nd	Feria		
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Sr Helen Walsh RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12:00 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm	Intentions: Veronica Nevard
	<i>SJTG</i>	7:30pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday 3rd	Feria		
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Clare Adams RIP [A]

LITURGY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [B]

March 4th 2012

Saturday March 3rd		6:15 pm	Patricia and Peter Pryke RIP
Sunday March 4th		8:00 am	Intentions: John Foley
		10:30am	Oksana Zakhleniuk RIP [A]
		6:30 pm	Lucy Walker RIP [PMcE]
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Brian McGurk RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Clyde Jardim RIP
		4:30 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS]
		5:30pm	FILIPINO MASS
	<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Parishioners
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm		
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter		
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE	At least six months notice is required		
SCHOOLS	St Thomas More	Head: Bridget Harris	[865722]
	St Benedict’s	Acting: Head: Peter Johnson	[549222]

www.marriagecare.org.uk or 0800 389 3801.

www.brentwoodvocations.org

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