

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AND THE CANONISATIONS OF JOHN XXIII AND JOHN PAUL II

On 22nd February 1931, Our Lord appeared to a Polish nun called Faustina Kowalska. His right hand was raised in blessing, and with his left hand he touched his white garment just over his heart. "From the opening of the garment at the breast", wrote the sister in her diary, "there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale". The pale ray, he told her, "stands for water which makes souls righteous", and the red ray "stands for the blood which is the life of souls". These rays, Our Lord told her, issued from the depths of "my most tender mercy at a time when my agonising heart was opened by the lance on the Cross". He asked her to have an image of himself as he had first appeared to her painted, with the inscription: "Jesus, I trust in you".

In the Universal Church, the devotion to the Divine Mercy will always be associated as much with Saint John Paul II as it is with his compatriot, whom he canonised in the spring of 2000. A few weeks later, Our Lord's request that the Sunday after Easter should be devoted to Divine mercy was finally fulfilled, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments decreed that the feast should be kept throughout the world, as "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come".

It is though the suffering Pope knew, at the turn of the new millennium, how much the world would need this sign. As if to seal this prophetic act, when he died five years later, it was on the vigil of the feast itself. From the eloquent encyclical *Dives*

in *Misericordia*, to his profound charity and understanding of human nature Saint John Paul's life can be said to epitomise the principle at the heart of the devotion. For God wishes us not merely to avail ourselves of his mercy, but to express and pass this on to others. This is not always an easy thing to do, particularly in the face of overwhelming evil. However, as Jesus said to Saint Faustina: "When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls."

Léonie Caldecott

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:		Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Karl Collins, Emma Cooper, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Ida Twynham, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be on Friday May 9th and 16th in the Crypt from 7:30pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry into the Crypt is via the Church [This course is for new-borns up to age 6]

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Molly Hefford, Marco Mussi, John Bradbrook and Laura Thorne – may they rest in peace. Marco's Requiem Mass will be this Wednesday 30th April at 11am. The Canonesses ask your prayers for Sister Pauline Crowther CRSS who died on Good Friday. Funeral details will appear on www.canonesses.co.uk

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME MASS: Will be at 12:30pm this Wednesday 30th April because of the Requiem Mass for Marco Mussi at 11:00am.

EASTER THANKS: To everyone for a beautiful and inspiring celebration of Holy Week & Easter and to all those who helped prepare for it in anyway.

FILIPINO MASS: There will be a Filipino Mass next Sunday 4th May at 4pm. All our welcome.

DIVINE MERCY THIS SUNDAY: The Divine Mercy Chaplet & Devotions will take place this Sunday 27th April at 3pm after the Polish Mass at 2pm.

ROAD ACCESS SUNDAY AFTERNOON: For those coming to church in the afternoon by car for the Polish Mass and Divine Mercy, please be aware that there may be access issues down Queen Street and getting into Priory St for car parking.

APF: We will be welcoming Fr Frank Thompson from APF / Missio to our parish on the weekend of the 3 / 4th May. He will make an appeal for people to join the Red Box scheme, which in England and Wales, collects funds for overseas mission. Last year, this parish raised £1,375 for this important work. Have you considered having a box?

TEACHER REQUIRED: St. Philomena's Catholic School, Frinton KS1/KS2 teacher required Sep 14. Contact 01255 674492 or generalenquiries@stphilomenas.com Closing date 9 May. Interviews 15 May. Experienced P/T Special Needs teacher also required. Contact school for details. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children. Successful applicants will need to undertake enhanced disclosure.

CATHOLIC SINGLES: is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

KSC ROSARY CRUSADE: The Colchester Knights of St Columba are conducting a Rosary Crusade around the Colchester parishes and will be at St Teresa's 7.30pm Tuesday 20th May 2014. All parishioners are welcome to join in with us. The full programme is as follows: St James the Less, Priory Street - Tuesday 6th & 13th 7.30pm and St John Payne, Greenstead - Friday 30th 7.30pm following Mass.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: 17 May 2014. This year's Colchester Deanery walk in support of the BCCS CHILDCARE will take place 10am Saturday 17th May 2014 starting and finishing at The Bus Terminus Colchester Hythe opposite B&Q entrance. Those wishing to take part Please Contact Gary Hull 01206 – 530863. Please be generous in your support of the Deanery Walkers.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 24th May. A 16 seat minibus will be leaving East Hill at 8:15am. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 1st May – Teams 2 / 4

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) – Divine Mercy Sunday
27th April

Saturday April 26th	6:15 pm	George & Agnes Perry RIP
Sunday April 27th	8:00 am	Private Intention [MW]
	10:30 am	D/Rels: Petersen Family
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Tom Hagan RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	John Cawley RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Bridget Philomena Board RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Parishioners
Monday 28th		ST GEORGE, M, Patron of England – National Solemnity
	Church 9:15 am	Roger Thurlow RIP [LM]

Tuesday 29th		ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, V, D - Feast
	Church 9:15 am	Ints: Isabel Silva
Wednesday 30th		Feria
	Church 7:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
	Church 11:00 am	REQUIEM MASS – Marco Mussi RIP
	Church 12:30 pm	Ints: Silva Family
Thursday 1st	NB	
	Feria	
	Church 9:15 am	May Banks RIP
Friday 2nd		St Athanasius, Bp, D
	Church 9:15 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	Church 6:30 pm	Anne Richardson RIP
Saturday 3rd		SS PHILIP AND JAMES, App - Feast
	Church 9:15 am	Joy Spenner RIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) - 4th May

Saturday May 3rd	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs F Milford RIP
Sunday May 4th	8:00 am	Helen, Julian & Joseph Hoareau RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Sykes Family
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	4:00 pm	FILIPINO MASS
	6:30 pm	Ken Herbert RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Roger Thurlow RIP [SV]
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	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*

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