

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [A]

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PALM SUNDAY for us Christians is the commemoration of the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. This event, replete with many significant events in the life of Jesus, calls us to see in us our being disciples in light of our faith's journey.

This last joyful entrance of Jesus is a journey which gives us a clear picture of how he answered to the voice of his Father. Indeed, he is telling us that "this is it", i.e., the ultimate expression of his obedience to him has come in order to prove his love not only to his "Abba", Father, through to us by dying through total self-offering on the Cross.

Sometimes seeing what is happening in this world, we are tempted to think that Jesus' total self-offering wasn't good enough. We seem to have been overcome by it. Many would think that parents are incapable of their duty as parents, priests are scarce and inadequate, friendship is so vulnerable, family has collapsed and what the world offers us is not sufficient to meet our needs...everything else is a disaster. But what do we really want in life? What Jesus did for us was already the "maximum"; his whole self. Nothing is left to him! Now, isn't more than enough yet?

In this coming Holy Week let us meditate again and consider more deeply and seriously the love and mercy of God for humanity. And let us join him in his way to the cross with humility, so that we may awaken once again in us how much Jesus love us.

The Son of God gave himself to us totally without reserve. Believe in him, he is the only one who gave us enough in order to have life here on earth reach its fulfilment. Let us sing together "HOSANA to the King of kings.

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| Saturday April 8 th | 6:15 pm | Lewis Baldacchino RIP |
| Sunday April 9 th | 8:00 am | Intentions: Hill Family |
| | 10:30 am | D/Rels: O'Grady Family RIP |
| | 2:00 pm | Polish Mass |
| NO HOLY HOUR | 6:30 pm | Delia Connolly RIP/Catherine Lucas RIP |
| West Mersea | 8:30 am | Holy Souls RIP |
| Mile End | 9:15 am | Parishioners |
| Monkwick | 10:15 am | Michael Hawken RIP |

Monday 10th **MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK [Mass & Confessions]**
Church 9:15 am Success of GCSE Exam students

Tuesday 11th **TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK [Mass & Confessions]**
Church 9:15 am Mary Bernadette Murrin
Monkwick 11 am Mass and Confessions
Church 4:00 pm Reception of Coffin
Church 6:30 pm Stns of the Cross – Polish/English + H/C

Wednesday 12th **WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**
Mersea 10:00 am Mass and Confessions
Church 10:45 am **REQUIEM – Patricia Urguhart RIP**
Church 12:15 pm Derek Harvey RIP

EASTER TRIDUUM
Thursday 13th **MAUNDY THURSDAY – Mass of the Lords' Supper & Watching until Midnight**
Church 8:00 pm Parishioners

Friday 14th **GOOD FRIDAY – Fasting & Abstinence [no Masses today]**
Mile End 10:00 am Stations of the Cross
Church 10:30 am Children's Stations of the Cross
Church 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion
Church 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD [A]

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| Saturday April 15 th | 8:00 pm | THE EASTER VIGIL – Mr & Mrs Cooke RIP |
| Sunday April 16 th | 8:00 am | Brian Jackson RIP |
| | 10:30 am | Terry Hilton RIP |
| | 2:00 pm | Polish Mass |
| | 6:30 pm | Ints: Fr Philip Willenbrock |
| West Mersea | 8:30 am | Nora O'Sullivan RIP |
| Mile End | 9:15 am | Parishioners |
| Monkwick | 10:15 am | Peggy Wilding RIP |
| Monkwick | 3:00 pm | Kerala Mass |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

Fr Alex rcj

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY change

No Holy Hour today

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am
FILMS FOR FAITH: Please see below

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Lorraine Atkin, Pat Banks, Antoinetta Caldeira, Frank Campbell, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Olive Crawford, Vicky Culham, Margaret Doorish, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, 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, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Chris Sands, Maureen Sheeran, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White,

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please see schedule .

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS: From Headgate through the centre of the town to Lion Walk Churchyard and commencing promptly **at Noon on Good Friday 14th April**. Last year it was noted how good the support was from the Catholic Church, so let's make it at least as good this year – or better.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT THE MERCURY THEATRE: At 7:30pm, with the Choir *Cantus Firmus* leading the service.

COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR THE HOLY PLACES: This Diocesan Collection after the 3pm Solemn Liturgy is an important support for the Christian Community in the Holy Land, particularly with the continued unrest in the Middle East.

EASTER OFFERING: The Offertory Collection at all the Easter Masses is your personal gift to the Clergy. This collection, together with the Christmas one, forms the main part of their income. Thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stephen Rhatigan who has died. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family. His funeral will take place in Ireland.

FILMS FOR FAITH: Films For Faith will be showing *The Passion of Christ* on Wednesday 12th April in the Crypt. Timings: 1:00pm for a 1:15pm start. This film runs for 2 hours. Refreshments will be provided and all are most welcome

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Applications are invited for the post of Parish Administrator at St James the Less & St Helen, Colchester. This is a part-time post of 24 hours per week – Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9am to 5pm, at an hourly rate of £12.50. Candidates must be skilled in the use of Word, Excel and Access, with a proven track record in all areas of Administration, Health & Safety, Maintenance and Premises issues across several sites. Absolute integrity and discretion are essential, together with the ability to work under pressure. Email colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org for a full Job Description. Please submit your application in writing, together with a full C.V. and details of two referees, one professional and one personal, to Canon Anthony McKentey, 51, Priory Street, Colchester, Essex, CO1 2QB. Closing date: Friday 5th May 2017.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 29th May Bank holiday -2nd June 2017. By Air from Gatwick. Price includes 4* Hotel Full board. Price £545 per person_(based on two people sharing a double/twin room). Full spiritual programme. Fr. Joseph Whistock, Spiritual Director. For further details please contact Sue 07979 746707.

OUR LADY OF CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - RAYLEIGH: is looking to appoint a class teacher for September 2017. The successful candidate will need to be a strong practitioner and the post would suit either an experienced teacher or NQT. Further details can be found on the school website www.olorcps.net or contact the School Office 01268-785741.

DIVINE MERCY: On Sundays following the 8am Mass. All welcome.

100 CLUB DRAW FOR MARCH: And the winners are: Grant Chinyuku – 1st; Bernadette Morrison-Ebling 2nd; Catherine Wood 3rd. Congratulations!

CATHOLIC PAPERS: Due to the very low take-up of the Catholic Papers provided and the work involved, their supply will be cancelled. You can, of course, ask your newsagent for a regular delivery, take out a subscription or view on line.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The new sets of envelopes are now available in the Church Porch.

MINISTRY OF WELCOME: We need more volunteers to help in this important Ministry which involves welcoming people to Mass with a hymn book and Newsletter. We need volunteers for all Masses at Priory Street. Please contact Paul Horwood on 01206 852728 if you are willing to help and learn what is entailed

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: **MAUNDY THURSDAY, 13TH April – Team 4.**