

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT [B]

Saturday March 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Douglas and David Finch RIP
Sunday March 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Maureen Sheeran RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions: Monica Galvin & Family
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
	8:30 am	Brian Cooke RIP
West Mersea	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken RIP
Monkwick		
Monday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>		<b>ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BVM</b>
Church	9:30 am	Michael & Ellen Kate Conlon RIP
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Feria</b>
Church	9:30 am	R Corbet RIP
Church	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross – Polish/English
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Feria</b>
N.B STM – Y5	Church 9:30 am	D/Rels: Brennan Family RIP
Church	12:15 pm	Private Intention
Church	2:30 pm	<b>REQUIEM – Yvette Curmi RIP</b>
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>Feria</b>
Church	9:30 am	Sr Mary Feane RIP
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>Feria</b>
Mersea	9:30 am	Stations of the Cross
Church	9:30 am	J Carey
Church	12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Church	7:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Feria</b>
Church	9:30 am	Vocations to the Priesthood & religious life

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [B]

Saturday, March, 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Caroline Long RIP
Sunday, March, 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Margaret Barker RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Maria A. A. Alfama RIP
	8:30 am	Private Intention
West Mersea	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	10:15 am	Catherine Spicer RIP
Monkwick		

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

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required**

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT [B]

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At every Mass we attend, we dutifully make the response to the psalm verses. This Sunday we have intoned, 'A pure heart create for me, O God'. It is worth reflecting on what we have committed ourselves to in what is a prayerful request to God. The heart can be considered to be the centre of who a person is, what defines them. How might we describe a 'pure heart'? It will be a heart which is fully human, truly free, turned entirely towards what is good. Conversely, an impure heart will be attracted to what is evil. We need to be clear here about evil, it can be understood as the misuse of something which in itself is good (for example, gluttony is eating to excess, eating more than is needed to sustain the body in a healthy way). An impure heart will be unbalanced, unhappy, not at peace; whereas a pure heart is characterised by harmony, consistency, peace and joy. So it is good to ask for a pure heart, our Lenten exercises ought to be aimed at purifying our hearts; and we should be serious when we make the psalm response, aware of what we are seeking.

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass  
 CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm  
 DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:50am  
**SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY** Eucharistic Adoration 5-6pm

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2018**

<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass &amp; Confessions</b>	<b>Priory Street</b>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass &amp; Confessions</b>	<b>Priory Street</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Priory Street</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Chrism Mass</b>	<b>Brentwood Cathedral</b>
<b><i>EASTER TRIDUUM</i></b>			
<b>Maundy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Priory Street</b>
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper; Watching til Midnight</b>	<b>Priory Street</b>
<b>Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Priory Street</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Children's Stations</b>	<b>Priory Street</b>
	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Passion</b>	<b>Priory Street</b>
<b>Holy Saturday [NO CONFESSIONS] 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Priory Street</b>
	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Solemn Vigil of Easter</b>	<b>Priory Street</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Masses at usual Sunday times [including 6:30pm evening Mass at Priory Street]</b>		
<b>Easter Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> "</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Priory Street</b>

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, 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.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** For your information collections will be taken up for **church flowers at Priory Street and Mile End today, 18<sup>th</sup> March**; the annual collection for the SVP on Maundy Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, and on Good Friday there will be a collection for the upkeep of the places in the Holy Land, Thank you.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of John James O'Carroll, Sr Catherine Cardis, CRSS and Elizabeth [Betty] Plater. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families. The funeral of John O'Carroll has been arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Colchester Crematorium at 1:15pm. The funeral of Elizabeth Plater will take place at St Cedd & St Gregory, Mersea, on 10<sup>th</sup> April at 11am.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT:** Each Friday in Lent Stations of the Cross take place at **12 noon and 7:30pm** here at Priory Street and also at Mersea at 9:30am.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Praying the Sunday Scriptures in Lent. Let us come to Mass with hearts open to the Word of God. Fridays 6.30-7.15pm in the Crypt, before Stations of the Cross. This will be the last Lectio in Lent 2018.

**LENTEN REFLECTION** on the theme of **LOSS**. Loss in the Gospel and how we deal with the many losses in our lives. **Thursday 22nd March. Starting with coffee at 10.15am** in the Crypt. **NB Change of date.** If you wish, please bring a packed lunch to have at the end of the reflection.

**STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION:** A meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer at St Bede's, Chadwell Heath, RM6 5RS on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, at 7:30pm. Free admission – retiring collection.

**ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL CHOIR EASTER PERFORMANCE:** On Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March here in the Church at 6pm. Parishioners are warmly invited.

**GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS** once again this will start in Essex St, off Headgate, at 11.45 am, and finish in Lion Walk, where **Father Chris** will lead the final prayer. Please let's show our witness to Christ's crucifixion by taking part in the walk. Poster in Porch.

**POURED OUT FOR MANY** is the theme of the **Good Friday** service in the **Mercury Theatre** at 7.30pm. The poster in the porch features Sr Mary Stephen's artwork.

**ROSARY ON THE COAST:** For faith, life and peace in the British Isles. 40 Days of spiritual preparation starting tomorrow, the feast of St Joseph and finishing on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Visit [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk) for more information and there are also leaflets at the back of church.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** Mass here at 2pm. The Novena in preparation for the Feast starts on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Prayer Leaflets will be available at the back of church. A Plenary Indulgence is now available. Confessions in both Polish and English.

**PART-TIME VACANCY:** Admin Manager – Holy Family Parish, Benfleet – 20 hours p.w. negotiable. Firstly, please contact Fr Eduard Fartan on 01268 792082 or office on 01268 799649, or email [priest@holyfamily-church.org](mailto:priest@holyfamily-church.org) for details. Closing date for CVs/applications is Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

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

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) 07758 805263 [answerphone – please leave a message]

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Thursday March 22nd: Team 1.