

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ([B])

Sunday 29th April	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

Monday, 30th April

N.B. Church 9.30 am **MONDAY – Feria**
Holy Souls

Tuesday, 1st May

Church 9.30 am **TUESDAY – Feria**
May Banks RIP

Wednesday, 2nd

Church 12.15 pm **WEDNESDAY – St Athanasius, Bp, D**
Sisenando & Rosario De Jesus RIP

Thursday, 3rd

Church 9:30 am **THURSDAY – SS Phillip & James App**
Josef Von Wrede RIP

Friday, 4th

Church 9:30 am **FRIDAY – The English Martyrs**
Gertrude Brankhaus RIP

Saturday, 5th

Church 9:30 am **SATURDAY - Feria**
D/Rels: Lavery, O'Dwyer, Gloria
6.15 pm Canon Tony McKentey RIP

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ([B])

Sunday 6th	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	George M RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish/English Mass
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Angela Jardim RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	

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

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What image comes to mind when we hear the words, 'I am the vine, you are the branches'? Many people seem to think of a vine stock (Jesus) from which come branches (us), an image which surely is not correct. Repeatedly in the Gospel passage we have the word, 'in' so that we are called to remain in Jesus. He is the whole vine, stock and branches; we are part, the branches. The Holy Spirit is the sap, one might say, which flows throughout the whole plant. Through faith we are grafted on to the vine, become a branch, such that the Spirit gives life to our actions and we can bear fruit. The biggest obstacle to this life-giving situation is our attachment to self, expressed by the word, 'I'. We might usefully consider how frequently in an average day we use the word, 'I', especially in comparison with the occasions we consciously seek to enact God's will.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bruce Martin Stephenson and Kathleen Mary Atkins who have both recently died. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved family. Bruce's funeral takes place on 23rd May at Weeley Crematorium at 3.30pm and Kathleen's funeral will take place on 22nd May at St Cedd & St Gregory at 10.00am.

ROSARY ON THE COAST: Is a national initiative of prayer that has been endorsed by the Pope, Cardinal Nichols and many bishops including Bishop Alan and clergy. Groups of people will travel to the coast to pray the Rosary. It takes place today (Sunday 29th April) in Mersea, at 3pm and everyone is invited to this event – Please join us.

PROCEEDS OF RECENT SECOND COLLECTIONS: Holy Places = £525.40 & SVP = £536.40. Thank you for your generosity.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS: The next second collection will be World Communications Day which will take place on 13th May (Ascension Sunday) followed by the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund on 3rd June (Feast of Corpus Christi).

MASS INTENTIONS: We are very fortunate in this parish to have Mass offered every day, sometimes twice a day. If you would like a Mass to be offered for your intentions or for the intentions of your loved ones or departed relatives, please use the Mass Intention envelopes that are available in the church porch and then post the completed envelopes through the Presbytery door. It is appropriate to include a donation to the priest, which is known as a Mass Stipend. Thank you

COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL: If you would like to arrange for a priest to visit a Catholic relative in hospital please contact the presbytery direct on (01206) 866317, we can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the patient so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

PRIORY STREET: It's finally here (summertime) and we are looking for donations of any suitable plants, bushes incl. rose bushes for the garden and the hanging baskets at the front of the church – any donations either in plants or monetary would be most welcome. Thank you

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

MILE END COFFEE MORNING: On Sunday 6th May after Mass, at the Dog & Pheasant.

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: There are ***still many boxes (40) uncollected.*** If yours is among them, please collect it from the porch in Priory Street. Thank you.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: Please keep donating items of tinned/dry goods along with cleaning products & long life fruit juices, milk and squashes, hygiene & sanitary products as all goods are always 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

x3 VACANCIES - NEW HALL SCHOOL: Assistant Housemistress & Assistant Housemaster/mistress & Graduate Sports Assistant – for further details & info on these vacancies www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities

VACANCY - ST PETERS PRIMARY SCHOOL DAGENHAM: Deputy Head Teacher required. Please contact school for application pack on Tel. 0208 270 6524. Closing date 11 May 2018. www.st-peter.bardaglea.org.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.

THY KINGDOM COME: With just over one week 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: -

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), 11am, St George's Catholic Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY. 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, and many priests and people from across London, Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire, 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 Middy 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 30th April 2018: Team 3.