

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT [B]

Saturday March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:15 pm	Canon Tony McKentey RIP
Sunday March 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Miriam Murray RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Fr Gordon Cordy RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls
Mile End	9:15 am	Holy Souls
Monkwick	10:15 am	Intentions: Mary David

Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

**Feria**

Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup>

**Feria**

Church 9:30 am Patricia Urquhart RIP

Church 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross – Polish/English

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>

**Feria**

Church 12:15 pm Intentions: Frank and Carrie Smith

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup>

**Feria**

Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>

**Feria**

Mersea 9:30 am Stations of the Cross

Church 9:30 am Michael and Ellen Kate Condon RIP

Church 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Church 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup>

**Feria**

Church 9:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT [B] ["Laetare" Sunday]

Saturday, March, 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	William Christopher Grahame RIP
Sunday, March, 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Teresa Hanley RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5:00 pm	Holy Hour
	6:30 pm	Private Intention
West Mersea	8:30 am	Private Intention
Mile End	9:15 am	John Hopwood RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Dave McLoughlin RIP

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

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

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I would suggest that when we hear the first reading unfold, at some stage we will find ourselves saying, 'It's the Ten Commandments'. Perhaps we follow up that realisation by delving into our memory and trying to list the Ten as the reading progresses, seeing if we can anticipate them correctly. It is therefore curious to note that they are introduced by the phrase, 'God spoke all these words'; 'words' not 'Commandments'. They are of course sometimes called the 'Decalogue', another way of saying 'Ten Words'. There is a difference between 'word' and 'Commandment', surely. Commandment will likely bring to mind other words, such as rule, instruction, order, being-told-what-to-do, all of which frequently have off-putting connotations to the average person, and adults especially tend to react badly to being-told-what-to-do. Revelation is the Word of God, and we could say that God desires to enter into a conversation with each of us, rather than being seen as the author of a book of rules. The Ten Words are of course still relevant today, addressing fundamental aspects of how to live a fully human life as God desires, they are not just rules.

**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

**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, Teresa Emoli, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, 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.

**APPOINTMENT:** The Bishop has appointed Fr Chris as Episcopal Vicar for Finance

**MILE END NEWS:** Volunteers required to join the cleaning rota at St Joseph's. If you can help, please contact Ken Chapman 07730 523282 or talk to either Ken or Brenda after Mass.

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS:** For your information collections will be taken up for the Parish Development Fund on 11<sup>th</sup> March; for church flowers *at Priory Street and Mile End only on 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.

**BAPTISMS THIS SUNDAY:** We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Noraya, Miguel, Annora and Aline Stanley**. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**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.

**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.**

**PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK:** [On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 7 p.m. until 8.30 pm Fr David Manson will be presenting a talk entitled 'Preparing for Holy Week'](#). This 'Gidea Park Faith Evening' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) Refreshments provided. Admission free.

**CATENIAN QUIZ** is being held at St John Payne Parish Hall on Thursday 08 March. They are a friendly lot and invite parishioners and friends to join them for the quiz. All

profits will go to a Youth Fund. It starts at 7:30pm, cost £8.50 which includes a Fish & Chip Supper. Bring your own drinks, glasses will be provided. Booking is essential: contact David on 863067 or [d.bates966@btinternet.com](mailto:d.bates966@btinternet.com)

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Crypt. Please do attend and participate.

**RESCHEDULED DATE FOR WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** **Please note:** this is now 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm, at both St Cedd & St Gregory, West Mersea, and also at Mile End Methodist Church, Nayland Road. Prayers, readings and refreshments.

**ST PATRICK'S DANCE:** Saturday, 17<sup>TH</sup> March 7:30-11pm. Good food, Irish dance music and singing. Raffle, tea and coffee provided; bring you own drinks. Adults £12; children aged 5-12 £5. Venue: Cardinal Bourne Hall. Contacts: Norah on 503410 or Frances on 369568 .

**THE FUNERAL OF YVETTE CURMI RIP:** Has now been arranged for Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, here at Priory Street at 2:30pm.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** The next meeting of the UCM will take place on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, in the Crypt between 8:15-9:15pm. New members will be most welcome.

**SPIRITUALITY SEMINAR AT CATHEDRAL HOUSE:** Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30am-12 noon. Title: LENT. Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Cathedral Dean. For more information, contact [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or Tel: 01277 265285.

**ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL CHOIR EASTER PERFORMANCE:** On Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March here in the Church. There will be two performances;- the first at 1:30pm and the second at 6pm. Parishioners are warmly invited.

**EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT for those aged 19-27.** Experience the Holy Week liturgies in the tranquil and beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. [From the stillness of Adoration on Holy Thursday evening to an Easter Vigil finishing with champagne and chocolates, we hope this will be a Triduum celebration to live in the heart and mind for the year ahead.](#) £30 covers meals and accommodation 7.30pm Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 9.00am Easter Sunday morning. Maximum 35 places – apply soon. Full details & online application at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**SPRING 2018 MISSIO NEWSLETTERS:** Available free in the church porch. Please take one. If you wish to become a "red box" holder, please contact Ron Griffin after 6:15pm Saturday Mass at Priory Street or phone 01206 571590.

**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

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** MONDAY MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>: Team 3.