

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

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [A] - [World Day of Prayer for Vocations] May 7th 2017 – Parish Mass Book 262

On the fourth Sunday of Easter, the Gospel is always from the chapter 10 of John's Gospel, "The Good Shepherd".

"I am the Good Shepherd" is mentioned twice, (vv. 11:11, vv. 11.14) in this Gospel pericope. In here, Jesus would like to emphasize the self-giving, the mercy element of his life. As a "Good Shepherd" par excellence, he lays down his life for us, his sheep. An obvious thing, but in contrast with those who are just simply hired to look after the sheep.

The latter kind of shepherd, first of all thinks only of himself; busies himself with enterprises that concern only of how to gain; lives a happy-go-lucky life style and does not mind his duties and responsibilities. Secondly, he is carefree person. That is why when the sheep are being attacked by evil "wolves" he does not mind this at all and, worse, he runs away before an imminent danger.

Jesus instead is different, HE is our GOOD SHEPHERD. He takes care of us always and is always ready to give his life as a proof of his love and concern for us. His relationship with us is so strong and flawless that he even sacrificed his whole and entire life for each of us.

Moreover, this Good Shepherd also desires that we, his sheep, should build our intimacy with him. He wants us to identify ourselves with him, conducting our daily affairs in the light of his teachings. He even added saying: "...my sheep, I lead, they know my voice and follow me."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [A] – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Saturday May 6th 6:15 pm Patricia Urquhart RIP
Sunday May 7th 8:00 am D/Rels: Farrell/Fuller Families RIP
10:30 am Mrs Hannah Goba
2:00 pm Polish Mass
4:00 pm Filipino Mass
6:30 pm Parishioners
West Mersea 8:30 am Holy Souls RIP
Mile End 9:15 am Martin Coughlin RIP
Monkwick 10:15 am Irene Farthing RIP

Monday 8th *Feria*
N.B. Church 9:30 am V Rev.Mgr George Stokes RIP

Tuesday 9th *Feria*
Church 9:30 am Ints: Jan Orawski
Church 10:30 am **Requiem: Giovanni Emoli RIP**

Wednesday 10th *Feria*
Church 9:30 am Ann Thomas RIP
Church 12:00 pm **Requiem: Olive Crawford RIP**

Thursday 11th *Feria*
Church 9:30 am Olive Crawford RIP

Friday 12th *St John Houghton, Pr, M*
Church 9:30 am Derek Harvey RIP

Saturday 13th *St Erconwald, BP*
Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP
Church 5:00 pm Fatima Procession – Polish/English

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [A]

Saturday May 13th 6:15 pm Mr & Mrs Milford RIP
Sunday May 14th 8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am Patricia Urquhart RIP
2:00 pm Polish Mass
5:00 pm Holy Hour
6:30 pm Ints: Eileen Keane & Julie Corkery
West Mersea 8:30 am Holy Souls RIP
Mile End 9:15 am Aimee Stammers RIP
Monkwick 10:15 am Peter McCartney RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required-

Frankly speaking, do you know your shepherd whom you follow everyday? Do you listen to him? Or better still, do you love him?

Lastly, the Good Shepherd has only one ultimate goal: to gather the flock together as one and to lead them into his fold so that there will be one flock one shepherd. Are you IN or OUT? Send O Lord, holy apostles into your Church.

Fr Alex, RCJ

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

[Weekday Mass time change]

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:50am
FILMS FOR FAITH: Please see below

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Antoinetta Caldeira, Frank Campbell, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, 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.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: There will be a second collection today at all Masses for Vocations on this Good Shepherd Sunday.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mgr George Stokes who has recently died. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family. His funeral Mass takes place on 10th May at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Grays, at 12 noon.

MILE END NEWS: On the first Sunday of each month, beginning today, after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's, we will meet for morning coffee at the Dog & Pheasant.

BAPTISM TODAY: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Andre Imbert**. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

MONKWICK COFFEE MORNING: Mary and Chris are holding a coffee morning and home-made cake sale at St Theodore's on Saturday 13th May from 10-12 noon. All are most welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA Quiz night at St John Payne Parish: The Colchester Knights of St. Columba are organising a Quiz Night on the 13th May at 7.45pm at St John Payne, Greenstead. Cost is £5 per person with a maximum of six people to a table. There will be a buffet provided. You are also encouraged to bring your own snacks and drinks. Proceeds will go to a charity.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: are organising a Rosary Crusade for the month of May. We will be hosting here on Wednesday 17th May and 24th May. at 7.30pm

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEWBORNS UP TO AGE 6: Will take place on **Thursday, May 18th and Thursday, May 25th** in the Crypt from 7:30pm to 9pm, There is no need to make an appointment but **both sessions must be attended.** Entry to the Crypt is via the Church.

FILMS FOR FAITH: Films For Faith will be showing *The Quiet Man* on Wednesday, 17th May, in the Crypt. Timings: 1:00pm for a 1:15pm start. Refreshments will be provided and all are most welcome.

SCHOOL VACANCIES:

[1] St Francis Catholic Primary School, Braintree; require a KS1/2 class teacher for September 2017. Visit Essex Jobs scene website – ref; ECC3790-52S or contact Headteacher on 01376 320440. Closing date 12th May.

[2] St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upminster, require a Deputy Headteacher for September 2017. <https://ats-haveringschools.jobsgopublic.com> or contact Headteacher on 01708 220277. Closing date: 15th May.

[3] Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Witham, require a Deputy Headteacher for September 2017. See Jobs scene or contact school on 01376 513418. Closing date 18th May.

[4] St Benedict's College require a Reprographics & Student Services Officer. Full details: www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk . Closing date 22nd May. Due to space constraints here, fuller details are given on the links as above.

FATIMA PROCESSIONS: Fatima Processions will take place here on the 13th of each month from May to October in Polish/English at 5pm, followed by our usual Mass at 6:15pm.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL CHOIR has commissioned a new Missa Brevis, for choir and organ, from the composer Diana Burrell, for the Diocesan Centenary. Diana Burrell is a parishioner at the church of Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, Harwich, and her most recent commission was for the BBC Symphony Orchestra at London's Barbican Centre. The Missa Brevis will receive its first performance at the 11.30 am Mass in Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 18th June. Parishioners are very warmly invited to this celebration of the Diocesan Centenary.

100 CLUB – APRIL DRAW WINNERS: 1st – Theresa Roberts: 2nd – Anne Willsher: 3rd – Nigel Feakes. Congratulations to one and all!

PARKING: Again, a reminder that the few parking spaces behind the Hall are for the use of those attending the church, the hall or parish staff. It is not for school runs or shopping **AT ANY TIME. To those persistent parkers, your Registration Numbers will be taken.** Your co-operation and consideration is appreciated.

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CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, 11th May – **TEAM 4.**