

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT <sup>(A)</sup>**

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	William Grahane RIP
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Thanksgiving
	<i>Church</i>	<b>2.00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	<b>5.00 pm</b>	Holy Hour
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Dec. Fam. Thomas + Bridget Lohan
<i>West Mersea</i>		<b>8:30 am</b>	Paddy Doyle RIP
<i>Mile End</i>		<b>9:15 am</b>	Private Intention
<i>Monkwick</i>		<b>10:15 am</b>	

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Thomas Nirappil RIP
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Patrick J. Cunningham RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Stations of the Cross (Polish)
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12.15 pm</b>	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>* 9.00 am</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Belen + Ursula De Jesus RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>		<b>9:30 am</b>	Stations of the Cross
	<i>Church</i>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS:</b> Mary (Moira) Knapp RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Holy Souls

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT <sup>(A)</sup>**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Ints: Charles Lynch
<i>Church</i>			
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>			
	<i>Church</i>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Patrick Kehoe RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>2.00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Bridget Lloyn
<i>West Mersea</i>		<b>8:30 am</b>	William Wynne RIP
<i>Mile End</i>		<b>9:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>		<b>10:15 am</b>	Private Intention

<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b>	( <i>confession</i> ):	Saturday 9:45am -10:30am; 5:30pm -6.00pm
<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:</b>		At least six months' notice is required
<b>BAPTISM COURSE:</b>		<a href="http://www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org">www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org</a> under events where a list of course dates are available

**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.

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

### WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

#### 1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



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**WEEK COMMENCING: 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE 155**

The Transfiguration is unusual, in itself of course but also liturgically because it is celebrated twice, also having its own feast day of August 6<sup>th</sup>. The event has a particular 'wow' factor if I may express it in un-theological terms. I wonder if that could explain the confusion, as we may call it, of Peter, James and John? They don't know what to say or do, the Gospels themselves tell us that. How, then, might we respond? I would suggest that, rather than responding only to the astounding visible transfiguration, we focus on there being a conversation between Jesus, Moses and Elijah and then the declaration of the Father (from a bright cloud). To recognise the Word is the most important step. We should also note that the Word, the Son of God, accomplishes the climax of his life here on earth in his Passion and death when his glory was in one sense hidden and yet in another sense most gloriously revealed to the eyes of faith.

Fr.Chris

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**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15 <sub>am</sub>
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35 <sub>am</sub>
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00 <sub>am</sub> Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00 <sub>pm</sub> - 6.00 <sub>pm</sub>
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00 <sub>pm</sub>

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**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: *Catholics in China*.** We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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**MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Avoid independence*.** Today, both Eve and Jesus are tempted to become independent, to turn away from the love of God. In marriage, we can think we have a right to fulfil our own desires without considering our partner, but we need to share these deepest hopes and dreams, and be prepared to hear the impact on our loved one and our relationship.

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah. Valerie Thurston, Joan Jeal

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter George Onwuezezi who has recently passed away. May he rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of his bereaved family and friends. Peter's Requiem Mass will be held here on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 11.00<sub>am</sub>.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** This will take place here every Friday of Lent at 12<sub>pm</sub> (Noon) and at 9.30<sub>am</sub> in Mersea. Also here every Tuesday at 6.30<sub>pm</sub> for our Polish Community.

**LENT TALKS.** Come and join us in the hall on Friday at 7.30<sub>pm</sub> for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Lenten Talk with guest speaker Fr. Stewart Foster who will be giving a talk on "*Our Lady in Lent*". Further Lent talks will take place every Friday evening from 6<sup>th</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Please see posters at the back of the church. All are welcome.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION RE CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY:** After all Masses this weekend there will be a collection for CAFOD. Envelopes in porch. Please give what you can to help those less fortunate.

**UPCOMING 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS:** Church Lent + Easter Flowers (Mile End + Priory Street) on 15th March.

**DONATION STATION:** We have recently installed a 'donation station' in the porch. If you wish to make a donation, please touch the screen in the appropriate place and follow the instructions. Many people like to make their offertory donation this way, either before or after Mass. There is the option of Gift Aid, if you take that option (and submit the details on the machine) then the machine will remember the card and automatically claim Gift Aid on any subsequent donations with that card. Feedback to Fr. Chris would be welcome.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020** here in the Crypt from 7:30<sub>pm</sub>-9.00<sub>pm</sub> (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of course. [If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office].

**MISSIO MAGAZINES FOR SPRING 2020** are available free in the church porch – please take one. If you do not have a Missio Red Box to put in your contributions at home and wish to have one, please call me on 01206 571590 or see me at Mass at Priory St on Saturday Evening. Ron Griffin, Local Mission Promoter.

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19):** At the time of writing, the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales have not recommended any changes at mass. We would kindly ask that anyone with cold (*coughs / sneezes*) or flu symptoms to please refrain from taking communion from the Chalice/Cup and receive the host on the hand only, also refrain from handshaking during the sign of peace. This will be kept under continuous review and if the situation changes, we will keep you updated.

**REPOSITORY (CHURCH PORCH):** now selling a selection of St Patrick's Day + Easter cards.

**ST. PATRICK'S DANCE:** On **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March from 7.30<sub>pm</sub> to 10.30<sub>pm</sub>**. Great atmosphere with good food, tea + coffee served. Bring your own drinks. Enjoy the Irish dancing (ceilidh) performed by McGann school of Dancing. DJ music & dancing, Raffle. Book early to assist catering; Tickets Adult £12, Children 5-12<sub>yrs</sub> £5.00 – Contact Nora 503410 or Frances 369568. Please join us for the Craic!

**WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP:** The next Film showing is on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** with a **start time of 1.15<sub>pm</sub>** screening "*What every Catholic needs to know about Hell*" & "*The Mercy of God in the Family*" Session 1. Everyone welcome.

**THE SVP CUPPA CLUB** is running **every Thursday morning from 10<sub>am</sub> to 12 noon** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games and craft. If you know anyone who would like to come but needs a lift, please get in touch, using the contact details below

**THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** takes place on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020**. For transport details contact Theresa Higgins on 07881370626.

**POUSTINIA PROJECT:** As we prepare to celebrate the Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry, the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham hopes to find benefactors who can support their 'Poustinia' project. With there being an ever-greater need for silence in today's world, many people are searching for space to enter into the silence of their hearts and listen to 'the still small voice of God' I Kings 19:12. As a community of men and women in different states of life, we accompany people so they can live in the joy and freedom of Mary's 'Fiat' or 'Yes'. We are hoping that a parish, a group of parishioners or individuals may contribute to this project. We need to raise £100,000 to build two shepherd's huts and develop prayer gardens around them at our convent, House of the Divine Will. If you know of anyone who can help please give them our contact details and ask to speak with Sr. Camilla COLW ([info@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:info@walsinghamcommunity.org) or 01328 801018).

**THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY** takes place throughout the country on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. To prepare for this renewal of the relationship of England with the Mother of God., St John Vianney, Clayhall, is hosting a lecture: "*Mary's Dowry and the Rededication of England*", speaker Fr Neil Brett, **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30<sub>pm</sub>. Location: at St John Vianney, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Ilford, IG5 0JB. The lecture will last about 40 minutes, followed by time for questions and refreshments.

**PLANTING TREES FOR THE FUTURE – COME AND LEND A HAND!** The Woodland Trust have granted 105 trees to Walsingham House at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, CM14 5SH), and we need a helping hand to plant them, please, on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30<sub>am</sub>-5<sub>pm</sub>**. Come with a spade, and some sandwiches – we'll provide drinks and snacks. So we know who to expect, please email [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or call 01277373959. As the area where we are planting includes bee hives and a ditch, we suggest no very young children, please.

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❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)  
❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com)  
or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message with name + contact number]

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**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March: **Team 3**