

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [A]

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DIOCESAN CENTENARY PRAYER

Almighty and merciful Father,
bestow your grace upon the Diocese of Brentwood
as we celebrate our Centenary Year.

We give thanks for the witness of past generations
and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit
that we may be ever more faithful to
proclaiming the Gospel of Christ.

Bless Alan our Bishop, the Clergy, Religious
and Faithful of our Diocese,
and graciously grant plentiful vocations to the Priesthood,
the Consecrated Life and the Sacrament of Marriage.
Strengthen us in the communion of faith, hope and charity,
united in prayer with our Holy Father the Pope
and the Universal Church.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Saints Erconwald, Cedd and Edmund of Canterbury, pray for us.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [A]

Saturday March 11 th	6:15 pm	Roger Thurlow RIP
Sunday March 12 th	8:00 am	Mick Hanley RIP
	10:30 am	Dr Roger Sykes RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5:00 pm	Holy Hour
	6:30 pm	Derek Harvey RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Michael Mitchell RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick	10:15 am	John & Virginian Dimech RIP

Monday 13th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Private Intention

Tuesday 14th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Eileen Holland RIP
Church 6:30 pm Stns of the Cross – Polish/English + H/C

Wednesday 15th *Feria*
Church 12:15 pm D/Rels: Tinneveld Family RIP

Thursday 16th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am John and Julie O'Connor RIP

Friday 17th *ST PATRICK, Bp, Apostle of Ireland*
Church 9:15 am Patrick & Roseanne McAloon RIP
Church 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Church 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 18th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT [A]

Saturday March 18 th	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs Noel Blanchette RIP
Sunday March 19 th	8:00 am	Pete, Teresa & Simon Monk RIP
	10:30 am	Dr Roger Sykes RIP
	4:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Caroline Long RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Kay Knight RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken RIP

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY change

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am
FILMS FOR FAITH: Please see below

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Lorraine Atkin, Pat Banks, Antoinetta Caldeira, Frank Campbell, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Olive Crawford, 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, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Maureen Sheeran, Christine Staines, Patricia Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White,

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **David Nguyen**. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

LENT 2017

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday, at 12 noon followed by soup and a roll in the Crypt, with donations going to the Colchester Soup Run. Again, every Friday, Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm which, this year, due to the retirement of Canon Peter Walker, take place at Priory Street. Also every Tuesday at 6:30pm Stations of the Cross take place here in Polish/English, followed by Holy Communion.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAYS IN LENT – Lectio Divina - reflective Reading of the Sunday scriptures; Fridays at 6:30pm before Stations of the Cross, in the Crypt from March 3rd until March 31st.

“WALK WITH ME” BOOKLETS are available for £1. A helpful prayer companion for the Lenten Season

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: There will be 3 one hour long Reflections on the following dates in the Church: **Thursday 23rd March, 6:30pm – 7:30pm;** **Thursday 30th March, 10:15am – 11.15am;** **Saturday, 8th April, 11.00am – 12noon.** There is a poster in the porch. [Help is needed on these dates to set up the projector etc., Please contact Valerie Q on 07941 903227 asap. Thank you].

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Murphy who has recently died. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family. Michael’s funeral will take place this Wednesday, 15th March, at Colchester Crematorium at 3:30pm.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend. Envelopes are available in the porch for your donation if

you wish to give via this method.

SECOND COLLECTION AT PRIORY STREET AND MILE END: Next weekend for Easter flowers. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: This coming Wednesday, 15th March, in the Crypt at 7:30pm.

ST PATRICK’S DANCE: Saturday 18th March in the Cardinal Bourne Hall at 7:30pm. Good food, Irish Dancing and live Irish singing and music. Raffle. Adults £12; children 6-12yrs £6. Contacts: Frances on 369568; Nora on 503410.

TEACHING VCANCY: New Hall School – Part time teacher of Economics or Business Studies. For full details, please visit www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities or HR Dept on 01245 467588. Closing Date: Midday, Monday, 20th March 2017; Interview Date: 23rd March 2017.

FILMS FOR FAITH: Films For Faith will be showing *The Ten Commandments – Part II* on 22nd March in the Crypt. Timings: 1:00pm for a 1:15pm start and finish by 3:15pm. Refreshments will be provided and all are most welcome.

SCHOOL LENTEN MASS: Will take place on Wednesday, 22nd March, at Priory Street at 9:15am. Following this Mass, Dr Jane Hargreaves, one of the Stewards of the Gospel, will be in the Cardinal Bourne Hall to speak with any interested parents. *There will also be the usual 12:15pm Mass on that day.*

LENT LECTURE AT EPPING CHURCH HALL : Monday 20th March at 8pm. *“Being a Catholic Doctor in 21st Century England & staying true to the Catholic Faith”.* Speaker: Dr Charlie O’Donnell FRCP, Consultant- Emergency Medicine & Intensive Care. All are welcome and admission is free.

COME AND PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: *Deanery Vocations Holy Hour* here at St James the Less, on Wednesday 29th March, at 7:30pm with Fr Mark Swires, Parish Priest of Brightlingsea and Wivenhoe and Chaplain to the University of Essex.

100 CLUB MONTHLY DRAW WINNERS: **January** – 1st – Richard Ebling; 2nd – Nigel Feakes; 3rd – Peggy McEnany. **February** – 1st – Peter Irven; 2nd – Lea Kernott; 3rd – Grace McCartney. Many congratulations to one and all!

SAINSBURY’S SCHOOL VOUCHERS: We are collecting these vouchers for St Thomas More’s School. Please donate your vouchers by bringing them to the Parish Office.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263

CHURCH CLEANERS’ ROTA: Thursday, March 16th, Team 4.