

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

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

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Feria</b> John & Julie O'Connor RIP
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>ST PATRICK, Bp, Apostle of Ireland</b> Rose Ann + Patrick McAloon
	Church	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Stations of the Cross (Polish)
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	<b>12.15 pm</b>	<b>Feria</b> Eric Proudfoot RIP
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> William Joseph Singleton RIP
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Church	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Margaret Murray
	West Mersea	<b>9:30 am</b>	Stations of the Cross
	Church	<b>12.00 pm</b>	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Church	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Feria</b> Dec. Mem. Farrell + Fuller Fams

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

('Laetare' Sunday)

<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Church	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Ints: James McCarthy
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Church	<b>8:00 am</b>	Private Intention
	Church	<b>10:30 am</b>	Ints: Josephine + Ray Canty + Fams
	Church	<b>2.00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	Church	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Private Intention
West Mersea		<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
Mile End		<b>9:15 am</b>	Clyde Jardim RIP
Monkwick		<b>10:15 am</b>	Joseph Hawken RIP

<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b> (confession):	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

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WEEK COMMENCING: 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE 158

Gradual progression of Faith: The dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is the lengthiest and most theological found in Scripture (John 4:5-42). The most startling aspect is that it happens. The animosity between the Jews and Samaritans should have prevented the conversation. Yet Jesus not only converses, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him ritually unclean.

The conversation reaches a high point when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. Jesus thus uses this encounter to teach his disciples that God's mercy is limitless.

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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: *Find our 'living water'*.** Jesus' message to the woman at the well reminds us of His first miracle at Cana where He changed water into wine. Today, He promises us "living water where we will never be thirsty again...a spring inside...welling up to eternal life". When His grace is poured into us, into our marriages, it can overflow, strengthening us, reaching out to others.

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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 souls of Wendy Valerie Munson and Brian James Scobey who have recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of their bereaved family and friends. Wendy's Requiem Mass will be held here on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30<sub>am</sub>. Brian's Requiem Mass will be held here on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 11.00<sub>am</sub>.

**CHURCH FLOWERS (EASTER):** After all masses this weekend a special collection will be taken to support the floral costs (Priory Street and Mile End). It is our tradition to use fresh flowers throughout the year and we are incredibly lucky to have such a talented group of volunteers who create the most wonderful floral displays for our church. Thank you for enabling us in continue this tradition.

**LENT TALKS.** Come and join us in the hall on Friday at 7.30<sub>pm</sub> for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Talk with guest speaker Valerie Quinlivan who will be giving a talk on "*What is Discipleship*". Further Lent talks will take place every Friday evening up to 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Please see posters at the back of the church for the list of guest speakers and their chosen subject. All are 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 by the clergy. [*If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office*].

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19):** At the time of writing, the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales have recommended the following changes at mass: -

- Host to be given on the hand only
- Sign of Peace – no handshaking, please nod instead
- Holy Water stoups have been removed, please make a sign of cross when entering and leaving church instead
- Please maintain good hygiene i.e. sanitizing hands by either soap and water or gel before attending mass and when you get home after mass and at all Parish gatherings
- Anyone with cold or flu symptoms please refrain from attending Liturgy, public events and the sacrament of reconciliation if symptomatic
- Catering (teas, coffees etc) have been suspended at large parish gatherings **and** we have taken the decision to cancel coffee mornings after the 10.30<sub>am</sub> Sunday Mass

This will be kept under continuous review and if the situation changes, we will keep you updated.

**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. Feedback to Fr. Chris would be welcome.

**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>ys</sub> £5.00 – Contact Nora 503410 or Frances 369568. Please join us for the Craic!

**THE SVP CUPPA CLUB:** which runs each Thursday morning has been cancelled until further notice. We hope you understand that we have to take into consideration the health and safety of our elderly community. Thank you for your understanding.

**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. This will be the last screening until further notice.

**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.

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

**SION COMMUNITY WORK AND PRAY:** join us for a week or a few days from **30<sup>th</sup> Mar to 4<sup>th</sup> Apr** to volunteer your time and talents helping us with some essential upkeep to our large house/gardens. An opportunity for anyone who would like to take time out and experience community life, incl. daily prayer, Adoration and Mass at the Cathedral. Working hours will be taken up with manual work and if you are someone who likes to cook you can take a turn in the kitchen feeding the troops! For further info and to register contact Mary: [admin@sioncommunity.org.uk](mailto:admin@sioncommunity.org.uk)

**MASS FOR MIGRANTS:** Banner Procession and Mass, St Antony of Padua RC Church, Forest Gate, E7 9QB on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 11<sub>am</sub>**. Everyone is warmly welcome to this wonderful Mass, celebrating the tremendous contribution of migrants to the London Diocese of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster. The Mass will include the newly painted icon of Our Lady of Walsingham, recently blessed by Pope Francis, and will be celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams, in honour of St Joseph the Worker. If you are the leader of a group bringing a banner please email [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org) for more info.

**ST JOHN BOSCO:** Do you know a child in need of a holiday between the ages of 8 and 13? The St John Bosco Children's Camp is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos situated in Aldham, Essex. The dates that the Camp runs are as follows: Week 1: Sat 25/07/20-01/08/20 for Boys \* Week 2: Sat 01/08/20-08/08/20 for Boys \* Week 3: Sat 08/08/20-15/08/20 for Girls \* Week 4: Sat 15/08/20-22/08/20 FOR Mixed Camp. The suggested donation is £165 per week, including transport to and from London. Should you require an application form or more info then please visit our website - [www.svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk)

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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

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March: **Team 4**