

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ([B])

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Sally Clarke RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish/English Mass
	6:30 pm	Maria A. A. Alama RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Brian Jackson RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Holy Souls
Monkwick	10:15 am	Kathy McPoland RIP

### Monday, 16<sup>th</sup>

**N.B.**

Church	9.30 am	<b>MONDAY - Feria</b> Terry Hilton RIP
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### Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup>

Church	9:30 am	<b>TUESDAY - Feria</b> Darren Ledger RIP
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### Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup>

Church	12.15 pm	<b>WEDNESDAY - Feria</b> Holy Souls
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### Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup>

Church	9:30 am	<b>THURSDAY - Feria</b> Holy Souls
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### Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>

Church	9:30 am	<b>FRIDAY - Feria</b>
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### Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup>

Church	9:30 am	<b>SATURDAY - Feria</b>
	6.15 pm	George Downes RIP

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ([B]) [World Day of Prayer for Vocations]

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Bill O'Brien RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish/English Mass
	6:30 pm	Intentions: Ciara Barr
West Mersea	8:30 am	
Mile End	9:15 am	
Monkwick	10:15 am	

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45am-10:30am; 5:30 - 6.00pm**

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

**BAPTISM COURSE: [www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](http://www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org) under events where a list of course dates are available**

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER [B]

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I would like to suggest that an average citizen of this country (therefore someone with no real faith), giving a quick glance at this Sunday's readings would focus in on the word, 'sin', and most probably make some comment about Catholics being obsessed with sin. They would be wrong on both counts. Consider for a moment a person who takes regular exercise in order to be physically healthy. The exercise will involve effort and discomfort, but this is disregarded, and it would be odd if an observer criticised the exercise purely on the basis of the effort and discomfort and ignored the purpose and results. The parallel isn't exact, since we don't sin in order to be forgiven, but nevertheless we all do sin. The Good News is forgiveness and its results, as expressed in 1 John, 'God's love comes to perfection in him', or the joy of the disciples described in the Gospel passage. Note also that Jesus suffers before he enters into glory. Elsewhere St. Paul proposes the image of a race, in which we must throw off the sin which clings easily and continue running, despite effort and discomfort, in order to win the crown which awaits us at the finishing line.

## PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy and Rosary - <i>following</i>	8.00am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8:00pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer	8:30am
Rosary/Divine Mercy		8:50am
<b>SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY</b>	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers, Tony Allen, John Ashdown-Hill, Pat Banks, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Pat Keene, 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rita Harris who has recently died. May she rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of her bereaved family. Rita's funeral takes place here at 11.00am on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**ROSARY ON THE COAST:** For faith, life and peace in the British Isles. 40 Days of spiritual preparation - finishes on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Visit [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk) for more information

**NEXT SECOND COLLECTION** will be Good Shepherd Sunday which will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April for the promotion of vocations.

**RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH:** RCIA will continue to meet on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April and also 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm - 8.30pm (in the Crypt).

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** The next Baptism Course for new-borns up to age 6 yrs. will take place on the **26<sup>th</sup> April 2018** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the Course. For further details on baptism courses and dates please refer to our website [www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](http://www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org) under events where a list of course dates are available.

**COLCHESTER FOOD BANK:** An appeal for donations of tinned/dry goods along with cleaning products & long life fruit juices, milk and squashes would be greatly appreciated.

**CAFOD:** Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

**THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** will be hosting their annual Charity Golf Day at The Rayleigh Golf and Country Club, Hullbridge on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets are priced at £55 per person and include bacon rolls & tea/coffee on arrival, 18 Hole Stableford Competition and a Golfers' Lunch. For tickets and further information, please contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**THY KINGDOM COME:** The Vicariate of Evangelisation, supporting our effort to renew our diocese, has decided to join THY KINGDOM COME 2018 --- a global wave of prayer for the renewal of the Christian faith. All you have to do is to pledge to pray between May 10-20. More information and resources will be made available during the weeks coming up to the event. Meantime, you can log in to <https://www.thykingdomcome.global> for more information.

**THE NEW EVANGELISATION SUMMIT:** on 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> May in **Brentwood** for people to connect, be inspired and engage with others who want to share the good news. If you would like to know more about the Summit, please visit <https://www.newevangelization.ca/> Bookings need to be in by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018. For further information, please contact Julie at [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) or 07912 277413

**Dates for your diary: -**

**TABLE TOP SALE:** will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in the Cardinal Bourne Hall from 8.45am to 11.45am various items for sale incl. Books/Toys etc., refreshments available. All are welcome (proceeds are in aid of the Helen Rollarson Cancer Charity).

**St JOHN PAYNE PAINTING GROUP:** are holding their annual "Exhibition of Work" on bank holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 12 noon onwards. Cards & Paintings for sale + Free Refreshments – All are welcome (sales and donations are in support of Essex First Sight).

**MASS FOR MIGRANTS:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday Monday), 11.00am, Southwark Cathedral. For decades the Church has welcomed people from many shores, and this Mass celebrates the international diversity of our congregations. Celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark, with our own Bishop Alan. This Mass is full of joy. All are welcome. More details on the poster at the back of the church.

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH & THE BIBLE:** Fr Levente Balazs Martos from Hungary, and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will lead a study day on this topic at Gidea Park Church Hall, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30 until 3 pm. Please book your place by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or by phone 01708 449914.

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK– come and see!** The refurbished House is now open, and we love receiving visitors to enjoy the grounds and chapel. You will find pictures and information at [www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick](http://www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick). The date of the "official opening" is Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>, when you are very welcome to Middy Mass with Bishop Alan, and then to stay for the afternoon, enjoying the beautiful grounds. Do save the date!

**PARKING:** A reminder that the few parking spaces behind the Hall are for the use of parish & hall staff and for those attending the church, spaces permitting. They are not available for school runs or shopping **AT ANY TIME**. Your co-operation and consideration is appreciated.

**SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Telephone number - **07493 439427**.

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) or Tel: 07758 805263 [**answerphone only** – please leave a message].

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018: Team 1.