

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

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT [B]

Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> 6:15 pm Oksana Zakhleniuk RIP  
Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Ron Kernott RIP  
10:30 am Parishioners  
2:00 pm Polish Mass  
6:30 pm Fr Tony RIP  
West Mersea 8:30 am Holy Souls  
Mile End 9:15 am Intentions: John Brady  
Monkwick 10:15 am Margaret Wheeler RIP

Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> **Feria**  
Church 9:30 am Rose Donovan RIP

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> **Feria**  
Church 9:30 am Edward & Catherine McElroy RIP

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> **Feria**  
STM – Y6 Church 9:30 am Dr Halley Mathew - Anniversary

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> **THE CHAIR OF ST PETER Feast**  
9:30 am Michael & Ellen Kate Conlon RIP

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> **Feria [CAFOD-LENT FAST DAY]**  
Mersea 9:30 am Stations of the Cross  
Church 9:30 am Phyllis, Cora, Deirdre, and Ann RIP  
Church 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> **Feria**  
Church 9:30 am Rita and Phil Kenny RIP  
**N.B. .... NO CONFESSIONS OR HOLY HOUR**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [B]

Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 6:15 pm Richard Lambe RIP  
Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Ron Kernott RIP  
10:30 am Ints: Una & Finbar Nogle & Family  
2:00 pm Polish Mass  
6:30 pm Parishioners  
West Mersea 8:30 am Holy Souls  
Mile End 9:15 am Margaret Wheeler RIP  
Monkwick 10:15 am Donald Studd RIP

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

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT [B]

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“We sustain ourselves with the hard stones of the temptations that the devil brought upon us to test, as he did with our Lord, *whether we are children of God [cf. Mt 4:3]*. Thus we draw forth honey from poison and health from our wounds, and we emerge from temptations having been tried and with millions of other blessings.

For these blessings, we do not have the devil to thank, for his will is not to make us crowns but chains. Rather, we must thank God, the supreme and omnipotent Good, who will never permit any evil except to bring good from it by a higher means. Nor would he permit our enemy and those who belong to him to afflict us, unless it is for the great confusion of the enemy and for the good of the one afflicted...

When the devil thinks that he is doing most harm to the virtuous, he benefits them most. Because of this, he ends up so confounded and ashamed that, in his pride and envy, he would prefer that he had not begun this game that turned out so well for those he wanted to harm.”

*St John of Avila, priest, mystic, preacher, scholar. Doctor of the Church.*

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

***N.B. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – No Confessions or Holy Hour***

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass  
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm  
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:50am  
SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY Eucharistic Adoration 5-6pm

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, John Ashdown-Hill, Pat Banks, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Teresa Emoli, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION DONATIONS:** The Crib Collection raised £493 which will be going to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, and the Pax Christi collection on Racial Justice Sunday amounted to £579 [including Gift Aid]. Thank you very much for your generosity.

**CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY:** A second collection will be taken up at all Masses next Sunday, 25th February, following CAFOD'S Lent Fast Day on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. There are envelopes at the back of the church this weekend if you prefer to use them. Donations will be matched by the UK Government, pound for pound, up to a total of £5 million. *"You have been a bride from a place of suffering to a better world."*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen McPoland who has recently died. May she rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of her bereaved family. Her funeral has been arranged for Tuesday, 20th February, at Colchester Crematorium at 11:45am.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT:** Each Friday in Lent Stations of the Cross I takes place at 7:30pm here at Priory Street and also at Mersea at 9:30am.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Praying the Sunday Scriptures in Lent. Let us come to Mass with hearts open to the Word of God.. Fridays 6.30-7.15pm in the Crypt, before Stations of the Cross.

**LENTEN REFLECTION** on the theme of **LOSS**. Loss in the Gospel and how we deal with the many losses in our lives. **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**. 10.15am. Venue to be announced. Further info: Valerie Q 07941903227

**VACANCY – person required for paid position of Parish and Chaplaincy Assistant** to assist in Brightlingsea with Wivenhoe parish and University of Essex Chaplaincy. 10 hours per week. Timing of work can be negotiated. If you – or any family / friends – are interested, please first contact Fr Mark Swires – email: [Brightlingsea@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:Brightlingsea@dioceseofbrentwood.org) for a job description and person

specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements of the role. *Closing date for CVs is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018.*

**HOSPITAL MASS:** Please note that the next Hospital Mass will take place on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 12 noon in the Chapel at Colchester General Hospital, which is situated on the first floor between the Main Block and Gainsborough [behind the MacMillan Pod]. All are most welcome.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** At St Cedd & St Gregory, West Mersea on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm. Theme: All God's creation is very good". Prayers, readings, and refreshments.

**PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK:** On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 7 p.m. until 8.30 pm Fr David Manson will be presenting a talk entitled 'Preparing for Holy Week'. This 'Gidea Park Faith Evening' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) Refreshments provided. Admission free.

**CATENIAN QUIZ** is being held at St John Payne Parish Hall on Thursday 08 March. They are a friendly lot and invite parishioners and friends to join them for the quiz. All profits will go to a Youth Fund. It starts at 7:30pm, cost £8.50 which includes a Fish & Chip Supper. Bring your own drinks, glasses will be provided. Booking is essential: contact David on 863067 or [d.bates966@btinternet.com](mailto:d.bates966@btinternet.com)

**ST PATRICK'S DANCE:** Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 7:30-11pm. Good food, Irish dance music and singing. Raffle, tea and coffee provided; bring your own drinks. Adults £12; children aged 5-12 £5. Venue: Cardinal Bourne Hall. Some of our supporters have requested live music on the night but due to hiring costs, we would have to increase the entry fee to £15. Your opinion on this issue would be much appreciated. Please ring either Norah on 503410 or Frances o 369568 to express your preference.

**REFRAME:** A *Catholic Voices* initiative coming to the Diocese of Brentwood. Find out more about the programme by going to one of their Workshop days. Engaging and well-trained speakers want to share the experience of Catholic Voices sharing the Church's story in the media and help ordinary Catholics to change controversy into an opportunity to share the Church's story in your conversations at work and at home. Saturday 28 April 10 am – 3 pm at St John Payne School, Chelmsford <https://doodle.com/poll/xcatfin63p9e57d4> to sign up or Saturday 2 June 10 am – 3 pm at The Campion School, Hornchurch <https://doodle.com/poll/zhmvgkyfyvi8shc5> to sign up. To find out about Catholic Voices, visit [www.CatholicVoices.org.uk](http://www.CatholicVoices.org.uk)

**"REDISCOVER JESUS" by Matthew Kelly:** There is a limited number of this publication available, free, at the back of the Church and at the Mass Centres.

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

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) 07758 805263

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Team