

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

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday January 20 th	6:15 pm	Paul Healey RIP
Sunday January 21 st	8:00 am	Ron Kernott RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Lilian Southon
	8:30 am	Bridie Smith RIP
West Mersea	9:15 am	Theo Tinneveld RIP
Mile End	10:15 am	Michael Hawken RIP
Monkwick		

Monday, January 22nd

Feria		
Church	9:30 am	Kay Knight RIP

Tuesday, 23rd

Feria		
Church	9:30 am	Margaret Wheeler RIP
Church	4:00 pm	Reception of Coffin

Wednesday, 24th

St Francis de Sales, Bp, D		
Church	12:15 pm	Stephen Hilton RIP
Church	1:30 pm	REQUIEM – MARY BEATTIE RIP

Thursday, 25th

THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Ap		
Church	9:30 am	Maire Comerford RIP

Friday, 26th

SS Timothy and Titus, Bp		
Church	9:30 am	Bridget Frawley RIP
Church	11:00 am	REQUIEM – JAN PADUCH RIP

Saturday, 27th

St Angela Merici, V		
Church	9:30 am	Jan Darken RIP

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B] – Racial Justice Day

Saturday, January 27 th	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs Moira Pryke
Sunday, January 28 th	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	D/Rels: Caldeira Family
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Professor Alan Sinfield RIP
	8:30 am	Bridget Lloyd
West Mersea	9:15 am	Douglas & David Finch RIP
Mile End	10:15 am	Celestine Tighe RIP [A]
Monkwick		

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

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In the film, 'Dead Poets' Society' a key phrase of the central character (a teacher) is, Carpe Diem, seize the day. Some of the pupils respond and are changed. In today's Gospel Jesus begins his preaching with a reference to time. The Greek word used is Kairos, which doesn't refer to clock-time, it is a matter of being the right time to act, the appropriate moment, because the Kingdom, or Reign, of God is at hand. There is an urgency in Jesus' words, even though the Kairos has continued for 2,000 years; the Gospel cannot merely be ignored, a person's attitude to it is decisive for good or ill as they respond or not as the case may be. This is reflected in the word, repent, which is a call to radical change. St. Paul encountered the Word and it changed the whole of his life, from persecuting the early Church to being a central character in its development. Carpe Diem.

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:50am

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, Pat Keene, Roger Kemp, 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.

AN APPEAL BY THE SOCIETY OF MARY [MARISTS]: Will take place in the parish this weekend.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS: Next Sunday, January 28th - Racial Justice Sunday; February 11th – Lourdes Sick & Helpers Fund; February 23rd – CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barry Matthews who has recently died. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family. His funeral will take place here on Friday, 2nd February, at 1pm.

RCIA MEETING: Thursday, January 25th, in the Crypt between 7pm and 8:30pm.

GIDEA PARK STUDY DAYS: UNDERSTANDING THE CREED On Wednesdays 24th and 31st January from 7 p.m. until 8.30 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Nicene Creed recited at Sunday Mass. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' 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 Refreshments provided. Admission free.

100 CLUB RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AT THE MASS CENTRES: Will take place at Mile End this Sunday and at Mersea and Monkwick next Sunday, 28th January.

THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: The first session will take place here, in the Crypt, on Friday, 26th January, between 7:30pm – 9pm. The date of the second session will be announced in due course. [Entrance to the Crypt is via the Church].

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP: present their annual pantomime, *Dick Whittington*, in the Cardinal Bourne Hall on Friday 26th January 7.30 p.m. doors open 7.00 pm and Saturday 27th January 3 pm doors open 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm

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SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) – turning concern into action We are here to help and support anyone in need – the sick, the disabled, the lonely and the homeless. New members are welcome. If you feel able to help, please see the dates of our next meetings on the noticeboard at the back of the church where there is also a collection box. If you know of anyone who needs befriending irrespective of religion, race or lifestyle, please contact us. We have a mobile number where you can leave a message. (07775 545894)

MASS FOR THE SICK: Our Lady of Lourdes is both the patroness of our diocese and the sick. **At 3 pm on Sunday 4 February, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass in her honour at Brentwood Cathedral.** This is a diocesan celebration; all are invited. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are unwell. This Mass is also an opportunity for those who attended the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2017 to give thanks for graces received.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018: Advance notice of the date of the 2018 Diocesan Pilgrimage: 23rd-28th July 2018. Further information to follow.

VACANCY: HR/Operations Officer (Payroll experience essential) required to support the Finance Office at Cathedral House, Brentwood. The role is part-time, working three days a week (21 hours). If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please first contact finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org for a copy of the 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 and attributes of the role as per the job description and person specification. Closing date for CVs/applications is Friday 2nd February 2018. Interviews week commencing 12th February 2018.

VACANCY: Walsingham House at Abbotswick: Hospitality, Retreats and Facilities Co-ordinator. Living on site, the role includes the leadership of some youth retreats, as well as excellent team-working with staff and volunteers. 2 year fixed contract, starting late August. £18,000pa + accommodation. For full details please visit www.bcys.net/vacancy-abbotswick

SPIRITUALITY SEMINARS: at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. *Saturday February 10th* 10.30am-12.00pm. Theme: **The Mass Explained**. Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon. *Saturday March 24th* 10.30am-12.00pm. Theme - **Lent and the call to holiness**. Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Cathedral Dean. Contact Details: Tel: 01277 265285. email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263
CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: *Thursday, 25th January; Team 1.*