

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER [A] – Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday April 22nd 8:00 pm Mr & Mrs Frank Milford RIP

Sunday April 23rd 8:00 am Sidney & Rose Castell RIP

10:30 am Ronnie Hammond RIP

2:00 pm Polish Mass

6:30 pm Mariella Doria RIP

West Mersea 8:30 am Parishioners

Mile End 9:15 am Clyde Jardim RIP

Monkwick 10:15 am Patricia Urquhart RIP

Monday 24th **ST GEORGE, m, Patron of England National Solemnity**

Church 10:00 am Ints: Fr Russell Frost

Tuesday 25th **ST MARK, Evangelist**

Church 9:15 am Dec'd Relatives: Atkin Family

Wednesday 26th **Feria**

N.B. Church 9:15 am Ints: The Brown Family

Thursday 27th **Feria**

Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP

Friday 28th **Feria**

Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP

CGH Chapel 12:00 pm Intentions of Patients and Staff

Saturday 29th **ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, V.D.**

Church 9:15 am Patricia Urquhart RIP

Church 3:00 pm **WEDDING: Sarah and Thomas**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER [A]

Saturday April 29th 6:15 pm William Christopher Graham RIP

Sunday April 30th 8:00 am D/Rels: Farrell/Fuller Families RIP

10:30 am Packie Joe Walsh RIP

2:00 pm Polish Mass

6:30 pm David Anthony Hill RIP

West Mersea 8:30 am Parishioners

Mile End 9:15 am Mary Thorn RIP

Monkwick 10:15 am Bert Hewitt RIP

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My dear friends.

Given recent circumstances, I was delighted to be able to participate in the Easter Triduum which was an inspiration for all of us who took part. Thank you to all those who helped in the different ministries, especially the choir for all their preparations and the beautiful music throughout. We are always indebted to the flower ladies for their inspirational flower arrangements. Thank you everyone.

Congratulations to Gabriela Cozma, Emeline De Cilia, Margaret Jones, Jelony Nwaneri and Jay Thomas, who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. We continue to pray for them that they will always treasure their faith.

The Second Sunday of Easter has been recently designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. It was the special devotion of St John Paul II who died on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2005. Today you can join the Polish Community at 3pm when the Divine Mercy image will be venerated and the Chaplet will be recited.

May the Risen Lord continue to bless you in these days of the Easter Season,

Canon Anthony McKentey

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 changes
[Wednesday Mass at 9:15am; Hospital Mass on Friday]

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, 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, Chris Sands, Maureen Sheeran, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White,

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: As usual, the Polish Mass will be at 2pm today, Divine Mercy Sunday. It will be followed at 3pm by the Solemnity of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Devotions as asked by Our Lord.

WEEKDAY MASS CHANGE: The general opinion was that the change to 9:30am would be good on the weekdays, that is, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. *From the week beginning Monday, 8th May*, the 9:15am Mass will change to 9:30am. The other Devotions will begin a quarter of an hour later. Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary, Angelus, Chaplet from 8:50am onwards.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Applications are invited for the post of Parish Administrator at St James the Less & St Helen, Colchester. This is a part-time post of 24 hours per week – Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9am to 5pm, at an hourly rate of £12.50. Candidates must be skilled in the use of Word, Excel and Access, with a proven track record in all areas of Administration, Health & Safety, Maintenance and Premises issues across several sites. Absolute integrity and discretion are essential, together with the ability to work under pressure. Email colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org for a full Job Description. Please submit your application in writing, together with a full C.V. and details of two referees, one professional and one personal, to Canon Anthony McKentey, 51, Priory Street, Colchester, Essex, CO1 2QB. Closing date: Friday 5th May 2017.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Olive Crawford, Giovanni Emoli and Joan Roberts who have died. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families.

FILMS FOR FAITH: Films For Faith will be showing *Science Tests Faith* on Wednesday 26th April in the Crypt. Timings: 1:00pm for a 1:15pm start. Refreshments will be provided and all are most welcome.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN RWANDA: The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are currently looking for two women to travel to Rwanda to teach English to their sisters there. It will be for six months, during the calendar year September 2017/18; dates to be agreed with candidates. Closing date for applications: 29th April 2017. For further information: www.canonesses.co.uk/news-events/rwanda-volunteer-programme or 01206 869479.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA Colchester are organising a Rosary Crusade for the month of May and invite all parishioners to join us on the following dates:

Wednesday 3rd May at 8.15 pm at St. Teresa of Lisieux, Lexden.

Wednesday 10th May at St. Teresa's at 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 17th May will be at St. James the less, Priory St. at 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 24th May will be at Priory St. at 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 31st May is at 7.30 pm, venue to be confirmed.

VACANCY - ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY TEACHING SCHOOL UPTON PARK: St Edward's are seeking to appoint a new Deputy to start in September 2017. This post is an excellent opportunity for those who aspire to Headship through the opportunities offered from being part of our Teaching School Alliance. **Closing date Friday 5th May - Shortlisting 9th May** and Interview on Tuesday 16th May. Visits are welcome please contact Mr Mabey, the Head Teacher on 0208 472 4337 for further details,

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: is hosting an evening of classical music in the beautiful surroundings of Ingatestone Hall on Saturday 6th May at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy an exciting and varied programme with three professional musicians performing a selection of classical favourites. Tickets are £25 which includes prosecco and nibbles. For tickets or further information, please call Libby Phillips on 01268 784544 or email lphillips@bccs.org.uk

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 29th May Bank holiday -2nd June 2017. By Air from Gatwick. Price includes 4* Hotel Full board. Price £545 per person_(based on two people sharing a double/twin room). Full spiritual programme._Fr. Joseph Whistock, Spiritual Director. For further details please contact Sue 07979 746707.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The new sets of envelopes are now available in the Church Porch.

MINISTRY OF WELCOME: We need more volunteers to help in this important Ministry which involves welcoming people to Mass with a hymn book and Newsletter. We need volunteers for all Masses at Priory Street. Please contact Paul Horwood on 01206 852728 if you are willing to help and learn what is entailed

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

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, 27th April – Team 2.