

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

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT [A]

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This week (Fourth Sunday of Lent), allow me to take this opportunity to announce to you in advance something that is of outmost importance for everyone to know and prepare about. Our Parish, St. James the less and St. Helen celebrates its 180th anniversary since it was canonically erected in the year 1837. In line with this, a thanksgiving celebration is being organized and we shall call this “International Parish Day”. The date will be **Sunday 11th of June 2017**.

To highlight the day, we shall have the usual mass at 10:30am and then it will be followed by a get-together party of all the parish members and friends. To make it more lively and meaningful, all International Communities around will be invited in a special way. Basically, you will find on that day a variety of sumptuous food and special delicacies to be sold and shared. In the afternoon, there will be also be different cultural presentations and activities for us to see and enjoy. These international groups will showcase to us their hidden talents and gifts like dances and traditional cultural presentations which we seldom see. All ethnic communities will also be encouraged to attend wearing his/her national costume! Watch and see....

Since we have two more months left to prepare, I will schedule very soon a meeting with representatives from each ethnic group in order to plan the details of the said event. Take note, this will be the first time in the history of our parish to hold this great event. So, let's pray and work together as one family to make it happen with God's blessings and support. In this this way we can build and improve in a better way our “unity amidst diversity” among us particularly, in this parish community in which we call “our family; OUR HOME!”

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT [A]

Saturday March 25 th	6:15 pm	Margaret Barker RIP
Sunday March 26 th	8:00 am	V. Rev. Canon Joseph Whitfield RIP
	10:30 am	Mary Atkin RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Intentions of the Brown Family
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Sabu Mathew RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Catherine Spicer RIP
Monday 27th	Feria	
	Church	9:15 am Intentions: Jessie Mascarentias
Tuesday 28th	Feria	
	Church	9:15 am Shirley Dredge RIP
	Church	6:30 pm Stns of the Cross – Polish/English + H/C
Wednesday 29th	Feria	
	N.B. Church	9:15 am Eric Proudfoot RIP
		NO 12:15 MASS
	Church	7:30 pm Vocations Holy Hour
Thursday 30th	Feria	
	Church	9:15 am Mathew Joseph RIP
Friday 31st	Feria	
	Church	9:15 am In Thanksgiving RIP
	Chapel	12:00 pm Ints: Patients and Staff
	Church	12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
	Church	7:30 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday April 1st	Feria	
	Church	9:15 am Jonathan and Julie Atkin RIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT [A]

Saturday April 1 st	6:15 pm	Mrs D Pryke RIP
Sunday April 2 nd	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Mary and Bridie Markham RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Jim O'Hare RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	John O'Sullivan RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Rose Foley RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	In Thanksgiving

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

Lastly, we thank our almighty God, to him all praise and honour for all the blessings he continuously bestow upon us, starting from Fr. Tony down to the very last but not least members of our community. To our great patrons, St. James the less and St. Helen, for allowing us to continue our mission of evangelization in this parish and to the town of Colchester and its people. Happy 180th anniversary to all of us!

On this Mothering Sunday, we send our love, prayers and best wishes to all Mums, everywhere.

Fr Alex, rcj

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY change

N.B. No 12:15 Mass on Wednesday; 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, Olive Crawford, 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, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Maureen Sheeran, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White,

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday, at 12 noon followed by soup and a roll in the Crypt, with donations going to the Colchester Soup Run. Again, every Friday, Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm which, this year, due to the retirement of Canon Peter Walker, take place at Priory Street. Also every Tuesday at 6:30pm Stations of the Cross take place here in Polish/English, followed by Holy Communion.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAYS IN LENT – Lectio Divina - reflective Reading of the Sunday scriptures]; Fridays at 6:30pm before Stations of the Cross, in the Crypt from March 3rd until March 31st.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: The second Lenten Reflection: ACCUSATION. March 30th, 10.15am, after Mass. In the Church. Poster in porch. (Further information: Valerie Q. 07941903227).

THANK YOU: To everyone who supported the St Patrick's Dance on the 18th March. The grand sum of £450 was raised.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Isabella Geary –Cooper.** God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

TALK IN THE CRYPT: On Tuesday 28th March from 2pm to 3:30pm in the Crypt. An explanation of 'The Scroll' of St Johns Abbey and its importance for the Catholic Church in Colchester. The talk will be given by Jennie Guthrie-Stevens and there will be a retiring collection.

COME AND PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: *Deanery Vocations Holy Hour* here at St James the Less, on Wednesday 29th March, at 7:30pm with Fr Mark Swires, Parish Priest of Brightlingsea and Wivenhoe and Chaplain to the University of Essex.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION : The children on this year's Programme will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 1st April at 10:00am. The service in the church is open to all after the children have received their first reconciliation. This will be followed by refreshments in the Hall

FILMS FOR FAITH: Films For Faith will be showing *Mary Magdalene* on 22nd on Wednesday 12th April in the Crypt. Timings: 1:00pm for a 1:15pm start and finish by 3:15pm. Refreshments will be provided and all are most welcome

STUDENT CROSS : The large cross in the Sanctuary will leave us for a visit to Walsingham the weekend before Holy Week. It will be carried by a group of walkers who will gather here on Friday 7th April for Stations of the Cross, followed by a meal in the Hall. On Saturday morning they will receive the blessings of the parish as they set out to walk to Harwich, their first over-night stop, following breakfast in the Hall. If you can help with hospitality please contact Hywel & Pam Edwards on 867325, or see them after the 10:30am Mass.

WEEKDAY MASS: It has been suggested several times that our 9:15am Mass should be altered to 9:30am to enable people to get to Mass in the week. Bus passes can only be used after 9am. Let us know what you think.

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

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CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, March 30th , Team 2 .