

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]**

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Donal Healy RIP
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Maurice and Kitty Foley RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Alfredo J Ramos RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Connell McGinley RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Terry Sheeran RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Celestine Tighe RIP

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**      **Feria**  
*Church*      **9:15 am**      Mrs Bridie Foley RIP

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>**      **St John Bosco, Pr**  
*Church*      **9:15 am**      Holy Souls RIP

**Wed, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**      **Feria**  
**STM, Y4**      *Church*      **9:15 am**      Ints: Noelette Esperance  
**N.B**      **NO 12:15PM MASS**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**      **Feast**  
*Church*      **9:15 am**      Phyllis, Cora, Deirdre and Ann RIP

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **St Anne Line, M**  
*Church*      **9:15 am**      Mr and Mrs Bird RIP

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**      **Feria**  
*Church*      **9:15 am**      Ronnie Hammond RIP

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]**

<b>Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Brian Baggony & Deacon Yves Ferrier RIP
<b>Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mrs Josie Donnelly RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Intentions: Ian Sykes & Family
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Filipino Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Anthony Brooks RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Ints: The Dahl Family
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Irene Tullett

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

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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**WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK**



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The "Beatitudes", or the Sermon of the Mount, opens up the series of teachings in the Gospel of St. Matthew. In this account, Jesus called blessed the people whom the world called unlucky and unfortunate; they are the poor, those who mourn, the hungry and thirsty of righteousness, etc.

Accordingly for Jesus, the Beatitudes are sets of qualities a person needs today. If you notice, they are not easy to attain and much more difficult to practice. Their traits basically are against the tide of the world's affairs. Who wants for example to be poor, meek, humble, to go hungry or thirsty, to be persecuted or insulted. Definitely NO ONE!

However, if we look at it from the point of view of God, Beatitudes are keys by which he wants us to live our life. In addition, to help us understand further this teaching of Jesus on the Blessedness, the first and the second readings of this Sunday propose the necessary virtues to be practised.

Humility can therefore help a person to recognize who he really is in relation to God, to all his creation and to himself. It tells us how God wants us to live our life to the full. Man without God is nothing. And thus, he does not have any right at all to demand, or worse to go against his will, but rather to "follow". Before God, man must humble himself and recognize his power over him in many ways. In this way, in the eyes of God....we remain blessed forever. Finally, make up our mind and make a choice ourselves.....Amen.

Fr. Alex, rcj

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

N.B. 9:15am Mass on Wednesday; NO 12:15pm Mass

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, 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, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Fiona Stephenson, Patricia Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White,

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Basil Gowing, Miriam Heywood and Kay Knight who have recently died. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families. The funeral of Kay Knight will take place at the church of St Joseph the Worker, Hutton, CM13 1BJ, at 11:30am on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, but there will be a Vigil Mass here at Priory Street on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm, with her coffin being received into the church at 4:30pm the same day. The coffin will then be collected between 9:30/10am on 8<sup>th</sup> February and taken to Hutton for the Requiem Mass at 11:30am.

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND:** We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Jessica Bird**. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** As advised last week by Adrian Livesley, in his Finance Report on behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, there will be a special **Parish Funds Appeal collection** at all Masses this weekend. The financial year 2016/17 has been an exceptionally expensive year for the Parish for the reasons which he detailed in his report. Thank you for your continuing support

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION :** Over 40 children are now enrolled on the Parish First Communion Programme. Children are meeting on Saturday mornings and we look forward to the Inscription Mass next Sunday at 10:30 in Priory Street. We are looking for a few volunteers from the Parish to pray for the children over the coming months as Prayer Sponsors - all that is asked are prayers! Further information, and offers of prayers to Hywel & Pam Edwards on 867325.

**NEW GROUP: Introduction to Christian Meditation** now running at lunchtime (12.00-13.00) at Lion Walk Church on Mondays. Everyone welcome.

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES:** There are still some available in the porch, price

£2:75. Ringbound £4.

**CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE** invite you to a Quiet Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at 74 Howe Close, Colchester, Essex, CO4 3XD. 10am - 3pm please come for the day or call in for part of the day – bring a packed lunch if staying all day, tea and coffee provided. Call 01206 867296 or email [crssuk@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:crssuk@canonesses.co.uk) All welcome.

**CANDLEMAS DAY:** This Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, marks 40 days since the birthday of Christ. We begin Mass by the Crib, carrying lighted candles and commemorate the Presentation in the Temple when Mary and Joseph brought the

Infant Jesus to Jerusalem, where he was acclaimed the light of the nations by Simeon. This weekend is your last chance to donate to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society via the basket by the Crib or in the money box on the wall in the Lady Chapel.

**FILMS FOR FAITH:** On Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 1pm for a 1:15pm start in the Crypt, the Film will be "Bernadette" 2 [the sequel] and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February - "12 Ordinary Men". Refreshments are provided and all are most welcome.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEWBORNS UP TO AGE 6:** Will take place on Friday **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, and Friday, **February 10<sup>th</sup>** in the Crypt from 7:30pm to 9pm. There is no need to make an appointment, **but both sessions** must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church.,

**MASS FOR THE SICK:** Our Lady of Lourdes is both patroness of our Diocese and the sick. As a Diocese we are invited to join Bishop Alan on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, to celebrate our annual Lourdes Mass as part of the Diocesan centenary celebrations. During Mass the Sacrament of Anointing will be given to those who are unwell. This Mass is replacing the mass which is usually celebrated at the Cathedral.

**DIOCESAN CENTENERY:** Fr Tony writes - Our first centenary celebration will be on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Patroness of the Diocese, on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February. Every Parish is asked to hold a day of Eucharistic Adoration and to bear in mind the intention of the day, which is a day of prayer for the sick throughout the world. After the 9:15 Mass we will have our Marian Procession followed the Rosary. At around 10am the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar and there will be watching through the day until benediction at 5pm. In conclusion, the statue of Our Lady will be processed through the Church. Then we will make ready for the Vigil Mass at 6:15pm. *There will be no Holy Hour on the following Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.*

**VACANCIES:** Volunteers are required for the Soup Run. Ideally, this would suit a couple, so if you would like further information please contact Armando or the Parish Office.

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