

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER [A]

Saturday April 29 th	6:15 pm	William Christopher Graham RIP
Sunday April 30 th	8:00 am	D/Rels: Farrell/Fuller Families RIP
	10:30 am	Packie Joe Walsh RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Mariella Doria RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Mary Thorn RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Bert Hewitt RIP

Monday 1st May *Feria* [Bank Holiday – Change of Mass Time]
N.B. Church 10:00 am Ints: Fr Russell Frost

Tuesday 2nd *St Athanasius, Bp, D*
Church 9:15 am May Banks RIP

Wednesday 3rd *SS PHILIP & JAMES, App Feast*
Church 9:15 am Intentions: Fr Alex
Church 12:15 pm Intentions: Ronan Cundy

Thursday 4th *THE ENGLISH MARTYRS National Feast*
Church 9:15 am Canon John Bloomfield RIP

Friday 5th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP

Saturday 6th *St John Payne, Pr, M*
Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [A] [World Day of Prayer for Vocations]

Saturday May 6 th	6:15 pm	Patricia Urquhart RIP
Sunday May 7 th	8:00 am	D/Rels: Farrell/Fuller Families RIP
	10:30 am	Mrs Hannah Goba
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Martin Coughlin RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Irene Farthing RIP

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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April 30th 2017 – Parish Mass Book 258

The blessed encounters of Jesus with his disciples continue. Today in the Gospel of St. Luke, the two disciples are on the road heading toward home, to Emmaus, in order to get rid of the horrible thoughts and experience of loss, pain, betrayal, murder and politics that have taken place in Jerusalem which made them really feel so sad and disappointed.

Along the way, they met a strange "stranger", who journeyed and talked them, and who, in the end, turned to be Jesus himself fully alive! In this lovely exchange of words and ideas along the road with the Lord and, at the breaking of the bread at the end of their journey, they realized and understood everything, and thus recognized him.

Brothers and sisters, as our hearts are still burning with surprise and thanksgiving for this Risen Lord, let us keep in our heart his challenge to us: to nurture our faith and encounter with this Risen Lord in the Eucharist and in the Word. Let us therefore become docile always, and with our heart open to his message and inspirations; a heart that has been purified by the love of God. Let this purified heart now find concrete expressions in our reformed life through obedience to God's commandments of love, and real witnessing to the Good News of forgiveness to all we meet daily.

Let us pray for one another always, and especially for those who are suffering in our family, community and society. Let us build a culture of acceptance and love for one another. In this way we will never forget Christ's message after his Resurrection...Peace be with you. My peace I give you. Amen.

Fr Alex, RCJ

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

[Monday – Bank Holiday – 10am 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, 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,

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 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.**

BAPTISMS TODAY: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Logan and Norah Davies.** God bless these children and congratulations to their family.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Sarah and Thomas married here yesterday

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Janek Grzeda who has recently died in New Zealand, though attended both here and St Teresa's. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family. The following funerals have now been arranged: Giovanni Emoli RIP on Tuesday, 9th May, here at 10:30am; Olive Crawford RIP on Wednesday, 10th May, here at 11am and Joan Roberts RIP at St Cedds, Mersea, on Tuesday, 16h May, at 1:30pm.

FR PHILIP WRITES: Of course many of us know that our Cathedral works and worships under the patronage of Our Lady of Lourdes and that the feast day is on February 11th and this is observed throughout the Diocese. WE, too, have a feast day; this is on May 3rd which we seem to forget about; we live and worship under the patronage of St James the less. This does not mean that he was less important than the other St James; it was probably more like a nickname suggesting that he was the young one or even the short one. Our tradition is that he governed the Church in Jerusalem and was martyred, of which we can read in scripture. Of course I have an interest in May 3rd as this is my feast day as well. May 3rd is the feast of SS Philip and James the Less. I did ask the late Fr James if he shared my feast day. His reply "Ah no Philip, I'm The (St James) Great". No arguing with that! But levity aside, perhaps on Wednesday we could ask our Patron for his prayers before the throne of grace for our Parish.

FILMS FOR FAITH: Films For Faith will be showing *The 13th Day* [a Fatima film] on Wednesday, 3rd May, in the Crypt. Timings: 1:00pm for a 1:15pm start. Refreshments will be provided and all are most welcome.

PARISH INTERNATIONAL DAY: There will be a meeting on Saturday, 6th May, at 11am in the Crypt of the committee in preparation for the Parish's International Day. Would all religious ethnic group committees please send their representative.

MILE END NEWS: On the first Sunday of each month, beginning next Sunday, 7th May, after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's, we will meet for morning coffee at the Dog & Pheasant.

MONKWICK NEWS: Firstly, many thanks to the Kerala Community who contributed to our Easter flower collection. Secondly, Mary and Chris are holding a coffee morning and home-made cake sale at St Theodore's on Saturday, 13th May, from 10-12 noon. All are most welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

FATIMA PROCESSIONS: Fatima Processions will take place here on the 13th of each month from May to October. On Saturday, 13th May, there will be a Procession in Polish/English at 5pm, followed by our usual Mass at 6:15pm.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: are organising a Rosary Crusade for the month of May. We will be hosting here on Wednesday 17th May and 24th May. at 7.30pm.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEWBORNS UP TO AGE 6: Will take place on **Thursday, May 18th and Thursday, May 25th** 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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: New envelopes are now available in the Church Porch.

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CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: **MONDAY, 1ST MAY – TEAM 3.**