

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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My dear friends

As we come together at the beginning of September, we remember all our young people returning to school, college and university. We pray for all those involved in beginning a new academic year. The church too in a sense makes a new beginning at this time as those programmes of preparation for the sacraments start up again, in particular, the RCIA programme for those wishing to know more about the Catholic faith – which begins very soon.

Today at all Masses, members of the Knights of Saint Columba will lead a membership drive for SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) and will say a short word after Mass. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Every year in Britain – 200,000 unborn babies die under the Abortion Act. SPUC's work aims to bring about just laws to protect unborn children and their mothers from abortion. Joining the Society is an excellent way to express your solidarity with the unborn child.

Welcome to Fr Zbigniew Zybala from Poland who is to stay with us for six months, as he learns about life in England and the church in particular. Eventually he will be joining the Polish Chaplaincy to Great Britain. We say farewell to Fr Norlan Julia SJ who is returning to the Philippines this month having completed his studies at Heythrop. We thank him for his help to the parish and to the Filipino community.

Mass for Marriage and Family: If you are attending this Mass on Saturday 21st September at Brentwood Cathedral, you need to send back your RSVP to

Brentwood by 6th September.

God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes			
SUNDAYS:		Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	
3pm			
DAILY:		Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	
8:35am			
EVENING PRAYER:		Fridays	at 6pm
Church			
PRAYER GROUP:		Mondays	at 8pm
Crypt			
MEDITATION GROUP:		Tuesdays	at 8pm
Crypt			

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Stanley Crane, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Alphonse Knapp, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, The Sharfraie Family, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White, Dorsey Young.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday 6th and 13th September in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. [This course is for new-borns up to age 6].

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Cox; may he rest in peace. Richard Cox's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 20th September at Priory St.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The first meeting of the new council will be on Thursday 5th September at 7:30pm in the crypt

JOURNEY IN FAITH WITH RCIA: if you have been thinking of becoming a Catholic or just want to find out more about the Catholic Faith then come along to the Crypt on October 1st at 7.30pm for the start of the next programme. There is no commitment just come along, have a cup of tea and see if this is for you. Further details from Fr Tony or Cathy O'Connor T: 01206 501146 E: cathy_oconnor83@hotmail.com

QUESTIONS ON LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH? : You are warmly invited to attend an evening to ask questions on living the Catholic faith, being held during the Year of Faith, on Thursday 19 September 2013 at Priory St from 7.30 pm. Your questions can be on moral issues, Catholic Social Teaching, theology, scripture, the church's history, the church in today's world or any question you have always wanted to find the answer to.....Our experienced panel members will help you! Further details from the Commission for Evangelisation and Formation on 01277 265289 or cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP: presents "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Operatic Society's Production of the Mikado". In the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, on Friday and Saturday 6th & 7th September 2013. Doors open 7.00 pm. Starts 7.30 pm. Tickets £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children and concessions. Enjoy the music of Gilbert and Sullivan but with lots of comedy. For more information contact Lesley on 01206 512310.

KSC FAMILY FUN DAY: Saturday 21st September, Mile End Church Grounds, Family Fun Day and BBQ 10am to 5pm, bring your own chairs. Tickets £5 per family and £1.50 PP.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: 29th and 30th November. *Important message from Frances, Norah, Armando & Amy (Social group Members):* Dear Parishioners, due to changing health needs and advancing years, we have lost many of our active social group members. Those of us who are left are asking you to join us in planning and organising this year's Christmas Market. As this is the main parish fundraising event of the year it is important that we help and support it, so that any monies raised will assist in covering the parish overheads for this financial year. You are welcome to join us as individuals, families, parish groups etc at a planning meeting on **Sunday 15th September** after evening Mass in the crypt. All ages, skills, talents and ideas most welcome – Thank you.

HERITAGE WEEKEND 13th - 15th September: If you would like to get involved with the English Heritage weekend in September either here in Priory Street or at the Gatehouse you would be very welcome. There is quite an extensive and interesting programme planned. For more details please contact Jennie on 01206 679060 or leave your details with the Parish office.

FATIMA: 13th of September. Our Lady appeared to the three shepherd children on six consecutive months, always on the 13th, from May to October 1917. We will keep the 13th of September this year. It falls on a Friday. Vespers will be as usual at 6:00 pm followed by Mass in English and Polish. After Mass we will process around the church with an image of Our Blessed Lady. All are welcome!

SIGNED MASS: The Diocesan Deaf Service is celebrating a Signed Mass at Priory St on September 15th at 6.30pm. Fr David Clemens will lead the celebration and people who are deaf will sign the readings. All are welcome, hearing, hard of hearing and deaf. For more information contact Sister Margaret Duffy
T: 020 8504 0406 M: 07989129091 E: bpds@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THE LAST SUMMER MONDAY MATINÉE: Mother Teresa of Calcutta - Part II. This Monday 2nd September starting after Mass at 10:00 in the crypt. Follow the story of how one nun in Calcutta set out to save the poorest of the poor. We pick up the story in 1965. It is marked PG (Parental Guidance). Still popcorn for the interval!

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER: to Walsingham, for the Sanctity of Life. Sunday 22 September, led by bishop John Sherrington with Fr Jeremy Davies and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. For details see the poster or www.prolifepilgrimage.org. If you would like to go, there is the possibility of organising a car share or if sufficient interest a minibus / coach. Please contact John Sutcliffe T: 851838

DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION: The Knights of St Columba are holding a day of prayer and reflection at Clare Priory on Saturday 14th September. Mass at 10.00am followed by talks and discussions. Conclusion is 4.30pm approx. Own

transport required. £12 per head - all monies go straight to the Priory. You may also like to bring a packed lunch. Please phone: Justin Nathan 01206 241317 or 07845 392684. Gary Hull 01206 530863 or Ron 01206 795715.

FRIENDS OF PERU: Present a Peruvian Cuisine Evening on Saturday 28th September in the Cardinal Bourne Hall from 7:00pm – 10:30pm; three course meal with veg option – cooked by Peruvian ladies. £12. Music, bar, raffle and Peruvian crafts on sale. Proceeds to Sisters of Mercy in Peru. For tickets contact Linda
T: 762 994 or Nora T: 503410. Advance tickets only – no tickets on door.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 5th September – Team 1.

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Saturday August 31st	6:15 pm	John Higgins RIP & Michael Murphy RIP
Sunday September 1st	8:00 am	Marco Bertoni
	10:30 am	D/Rels: Allard Family
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	D/Rels: Mathew Family
	8:30 am	Edward Hogan RIP
	9:15 am	Parishioners
	10:15 am	Ints: Catherine Spicer & Tony Hawken RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>		
<i>Mile End</i>		
<i>Monkwick</i>		
Monday 2nd	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Holy Souls RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Margaret McCormick RIP
Tuesday 3rd		ST GREGORY THE GREAT, P, D
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am D/Rels: Farrell Family
Wednesday 4th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Margaret Murray RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Sister Mary John Fernandes RIP
Thursday 5th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Canon John Bloomfield RIP
Friday 6th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am D/Rels: Clarke Family RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm D/Rels: Herbert / Richards Families RIP
Saturday 7th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Martynas Simelis RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6:15 pm D/Rels: Clarke Family RIP

TWENTY - THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] - 1st September 2013
(Racial Justice Day)

Saturday September 7th	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs Milford RIP
Sunday September 8th	8:00 am	V Rev Canon Joseph Whitfield RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Adrian Sykes
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Ints: Domanle Culley
	8:30 am	Parishioners
	9:15 am	Alfredo Sagnella
<i>West Mersea</i>		
<i>Mile End</i>		

Monkwick

10:15 am Ints: Pauline Carter

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm*
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter*
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE *At least six months notice is required*

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