

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

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**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013**

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My dear friends

We are approaching the end of the Church's year and the Feast of Christ the King (34<sup>th</sup> Sunday) which will mark the conclusion of the Year of Faith. On that day, we will make a very fervent profession of faith in the Creed. There have been several initiatives during the year to help us grow in faith. You may want to try the Why? Course that is being offered on three different times during this week and next (see inside for more details).

We are drawing to a close in our journey through the Gospel of St Luke and today we hear one of his most famous stories about Zacchaeus. This emphasizes Luke's recurring theme of Jesus' love for the repentant sinner. Zacchaeus comes to faith in Jesus and a renewal of his life. He comes to friendship with the Lord as Jesus visits him in his home. We pray that our relationship with Jesus may be strengthened and deepened through all that we have aimed to do during the Year of Faith.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

**CHRISTMAS MARKET:** November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. This week we are requesting unwanted gifts, toiletries, dress jewelry etc – plus gifts suitable for the grand raffle. Will collect if you are unable to deliver – call Frances on 369568. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS DRAW TICKETS:** are being given out today. Please sell as many as you can. Donations for the prizes would be greatly appreciated.

**MERSEA NEWS:** Our Christmas Fayre is being held at the Church on Saturday 23rd of November - looking forward to seeing you all there.

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Russell (Edward) Crook, Amy Daggitt, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Christine Farrell, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Piotr Ploskonka, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, The Sharfraie Family, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**SICK LIST:** If you know of anyone who has recently recovered, please let one of the priests know. Thank you

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Stanley Crane, Jackie Plowright and Yolanda Tilling. May they rest in peace. Yolanda's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 12 noon Priory St. The Requiem Mass for Stanley will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 11:30am Priory St with reception into Church at 4:30pm the evening before. Jackie's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 11am.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Mia Tyler.** God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

**PARISH INCOME:** We all know that we have a responsibility in ensuring that our Parish can pay for itself. During the month of October the money received in the collection bags fell short of our budget target by £80 a week. The Finance Committee would like to report regularly from now on as to whether the money you put in the collection bag each week meets what is needed. We are grateful for all that you give – so thank you.

**MONKWICK NEWS:** St Theodore's would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning last weekend and made it such a success. **Our committee** will meet on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. All welcome.

**100 CLUB:** Results for September: Mark Cutler [1<sup>st</sup>], Shiv Cordy-McKenna [2<sup>nd</sup>], Mary Wynne [3<sup>rd</sup>]. Results for October: Anne Hall [1<sup>st</sup>], Fr Tony McKentey [2<sup>nd</sup>], Joan Norman RIP [3<sup>rd</sup>] which will be used as a Mass offering for Joan.

**CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION AT ITS BEST!** You're invited to be part of a life-changing Catholic Bible tour that will rekindle your love for the Faith! Catholic speaker, author, and theologian Jeff Cavins will be embarking on a Bible and Evangelization Tour delivering his most powerful and popular talks for the first time in England. Each of Jeff's topics will touch on key aspects of our beautiful and rich Catholic faith leaving you with a greater understanding of the Scriptures and a deeper relationship with Christ. You will be able to both share and live your faith more fully. Nearest talks for us are: Friday November 15th at 7:00pm, St Patrick's Soho Square and Saturday 16th 10:00am – 4:00pm, Westminster Cathedral Hall. Further details in the porch. **BOOKING ADVISED:** catholicbibletour.com/schedule

**WHERE DO YOU TAKE THE LOVE OF CHRIST AFTER MASS?** Why not try to volunteer on a Sunday from 4:30pm till 7pm at Colchester Night Shelter and help them prepare a Sunday roast for the homeless residents? It's quite simple, very rewarding and you won't be working alone. Please contact Pernille on 01206 549885

**ARE YOU INVOLVED IN PARISH MINISTRY?:** In response to demand, the diocese have prepared a course called "Willing to Serve" which will run over 2 terms in Spring and Summer 2014. The course is intended for those who work in the various ministries in our parish and who wish to deepen their knowledge and develop their skills in lay ministry. The course requires commitment on all levels and will take place in Brentwood on alternate Tuesday evenings and some Saturdays. Areas include: Theology of Ministry, Growth in self-awareness, Spiritual Formation, Liturgical Formation, Pastoral Formation, Catechesis, Bereavement, Basic theological foundation in Church & Sacraments, Documents of Vatican Two, Scripture etc. Please contact Fr Tony if you are interested. More details available from the parish office.

**THE WHY? COURSE:** The next session Why Christ? Will be on Monday and is repeated on Friday and Saturday. The session is in two parts: a DVD presentation lasting half an hour followed by a break for refreshments and then an opportunity to explore in more depth the issues raised with the help of a beautifully-produced course book. Estimate 1½ hours for the whole of each unit.

Part 2: Why Christ?	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10:00am	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7:30pm	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov 11:00am
Part 3: Why the Church?	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10:00am	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7:30pm	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 11:00am

**DIARIES FOR 2014:** Now available from the repository – priced £1.95 and £3.45

**THE RATZINGER READER:** Why not make a genuine preparation for Christmas this year instead of the usual mince pies, office parties and hollow renditions of Jingle Bells, all stale before the event? Put Christology back into Christmas! We hope to complete the trilogy Jesus of Nazareth, written by Holy Father Benedict, in time for Christmas. The third volume is entitled The Infancy Narratives and copies are now available for purchase at £9.50 (hardback). As before, we will first read the relevant section at home and then meet on Sunday evenings at 8:00pm in the Crypt to discuss. You don't need to have been here for the previous volumes! Come along and see. Dates: Private Reading at home 10-16th November, if not before. Then 17th and 24th November; 1st, 8th and 15th of Dec. Perhaps there will be mince pies after the last one.

**St Thomas More's Primary School 2014-15 Intake:** Any parent wishing to

apply for a place at St Thomas More's School must complete a Supplementary Information Form in addition to the Local Authority application form. Forms are available to download on the school's website [www.stthomasmores.co.uk](http://www.stthomasmores.co.uk) or by contacting the office on 01206 865722.

**KSC MASS:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7:45pm Priory St. In memory of deceased members of the KSC and also for new members who will be inducted that night. Refreshments afterwards. All parishioners welcome.

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Team 4.**

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013**

<b>Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Ron Wheeler RIP [IJ]
<b>Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Helen, Julian & Joseph Hoareau RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Dr Roger Sykes RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Ron Wheeler RIP [JH]
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Private Intention [TH]
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Yadi Khodaverdi RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Bridie McGloin RIP
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>St Charles Borromeo, Bp</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i> RIP
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Ron Wheeler RIP [CB]
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<i>Church</i>	<b>7:45 pm</b>	<b>KSC MASS</b>
		For Deceased and New Members
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b>	Timothy English RIP
<i>Church</i>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	D/Rels: Sykes & Allard Families
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Michael O'Dwyer RIP [T&M]
	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS – Yolanda Tilling RIP</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	<i>D/Rels: Betts Family</i>
<i>Church</i>	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS – Stanley Crane RIP</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Dudley Bradshaw RIP
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - Feast</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Eileen & Eddie Cleary RIP
<i>Church</i>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>KERALA MASS</b>

*Mile End*

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2013  
(Remembrance Day)**

<b>Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Agnes McInerney RIP
<b>Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Seamus Riddy RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Dr Santa Mathew RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>

*West Mersea*                    **6:30 pm**   Ints: Fr T Coffey  
*Mile End*                      **8:30 am**   Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan [RIP]  
*Monkwick*                    **9:15 am**   Mr Greste Mele RIP  
**10:15 am**   Joan Norman RIP [TW]

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**   *Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm*

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