

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

175 YEARS ~ 1837 - 2012

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] November 4th 2012

My dear friends

This weekend on the 3rd November, we recall the actual day in 1837 when our parish church was solemnly opened. We are now officially 175 years old. It is appropriate that we have just recently celebrated the Feast of All Saints and All Souls and prayed for all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. We ask God's blessing on our parish community as we continue on our journey, resolved to be Christ's witnesses in the world.

This weekend we launch the new parish history that has been updated by Fr Stuart Foster, Diocesan Archivist – who wrote the original history of the parish for the 150th celebration. The price of the book is £5 and includes the homily given by Bishop McMahon when he presided at our Mass of Thanksgiving on the 3rd May.

As we draw to the end of this 175th anniversary year, we join in this prayer from the Mass for the Dedication of a Church:

"We thank you Lord for this house of prayer. May it be for your family a house of salvation and a place for the celebration of your heavenly Sacraments. Here may the Gospel of peace resound and the sacred mysteries be celebrated, so that your faithful, formed by the word of life and by divine grace on their pilgrim way through the early city, may merit to reach the eternal Jerusalem."

May God Bless you All

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

<i>EVENTS THIS WEEK</i>			
Sunday 4th	8:00 pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt
Thursday 8th	7:30 pm	RCIA	Crypt
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Friday 9th	7:30 pm	Catholicism Course	Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Gwen Cole, Ian Cole, Stanley Crane, Fr. Ian Dickie, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Catherine Spicer, Jacqueline Sykes, Filomena Velasquez, Tony White.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Maria Soutar, and Nellie Willamson. Nellie's funeral will be at 12:30pm on Thursday 8th November at Priory St. Maria's funeral will be at 1:30pm on Friday 16th November at Priory St.

Bishop McMAHON's FAREWELL MASS: Will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Friday November 30th at 7:30pm. We will be notified soon as to how many representatives there can be from each parish.

2nd COLLECTIONS: A collection will be taken for a farewell gift for Bishop Thomas McMahon on the weekend of 10-11th November. The suggestion is 50p per parishioner and it will be presented to the Bishop at the end of November. There will be a collection for the Diocesan Youth Service on the Feast of Christ the King 24-25th November and for BEEF (Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund) on the weekend of the 1st – 2nd December, specifically this year for the promotion of vocations. There will be a collection for Christmas Flowers (Priory St only) on the 15th – 16th December.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Bailey Calver, Bradley Foley and Fraser Walkinshaw. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The Parish's First Holy Communion Programme for young people in Years 3 and above will start in Advent. Information packs will be available after Mass. Parents' meetings will be held in the Crypt on **Thursdays, 15th, 22nd, 29th November** from 7:30pm and all sessions should be attended. The children gather for the first time on **Saturday, 1st December** at 10:00am in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

SCRIPTURE COURSE: There will be **no meeting** this week, Wednesday 7th November. Next meeting will be Wednesday 14th November.

RCIA COURSE: Continues this week on Thursday 8th November.

CATHOLICISM: A 12 week series of adult formation in the Faith. Fr Robert Barron presents a stunning DVD-based Catechism on Friday nights at 7:30pm in the Crypt. The next booked sessions this year are on November 9th and 16th.

A RATZINGER READER: Sundays at 8.00pm, starting on the 4th of November in the

crypt. We will be studying *Jesus of Nazareth*. All you will need is the book and the time to read a chapter **ahead** of each session. A gentle start this Sunday and the chance to buy a copy.

MERSEA NEWS: Our last event for 2012 will be the Christmas Fayre to be held at St Cedd's on Saturday November 24th from 10:30am. Hope to see you there.

MERSEA GOLDEN JUBILEE: St Cedd and St Gregory was opened 50 years ago on the 11th November 1962. Happy Golden Jubilee.

100 CLUB – OCTOBER DRAW: And the winners are: Mariamma Thalanany [1st]; Ron Smith [2nd], Lenore Sykes [3rd]. Congratulations to you all! Not a new member yet? Join before Sunday 25th November to be included in the special Christmas prize draw for December. Cost: £2 per share. Contact 01206 795623 for details.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: Dates for your diary are November 23rd and 24th. This week we are requesting jewellery, toiletries, unwanted gifts and other saleable items. Please place in the black bins in the church porch which will be emptied daily. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DRAW: Tickets are available this weekend to sell to all your friends and colleagues, so that they have a chance of winning the super prizes when the draw is taken at the Christmas Market.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: You can make donations large or small to CAFOD as part of their Christmas Gifts campaign. Please take one of their leaflets for more information.

SVP CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS: will be in the CBH on Saturday 8th December from 2.30pm to 5.00pm, cost £5. This includes Afternoon Tea, entertainment by Steve Williams and Lucky Ticket number. There will also be a raffle. Please phone Judy on 07970408707 to book or see any SVP Member after Mass. Money to be paid on or before 1st December.

FUN QUIZ: 8th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, St John Payne Church, Greenstead. Cost: £5.50, including Fish and Chip Supper. Bring your own drinks, glasses will be available. There will be a raffle. Contact Gene 07939 086034 or David 863067 to book, which is essential as food must be ordered.

O SACRUM CONVIVIUM: An evening of French Catholic Music by Colchester Chamber Choir. Saturday 10th November 7:30pm at St Teresa's Church, Clairmont Road, CO3 9BE. Tickets £12 (students £6). Available from Mann's Music or www.colchesterchamberchoir.org T: 572883 or 820813

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: will be meeting on Saturday 17th November at 2.30 p.m. at The Grange, 93, Queens Road, Brentwood. Dr. Melissa Wilkinson will be speaking on the subject of "Sermons preached in response to the Restoration of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in England and Wales". Everyone is welcome. For further information, please contact Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

RIDE & STRIDE: A big thank you to everyone who took part in September: £104 has been raised for Parish Funds.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 10th November – Team 6

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] – 4th November 2012

Saturday November 3rd 6:15 pm Mary O'Connell RIP
Sunday November 4th 8:00 am Mary & William O'Grady RIP
10:30 am Sean O'Riordan RIP

West Mersea 6:30 pm Parishioners
Mile End 8:30 am Audrey Davis RIP
Monkwick 9:15 am Yadi Khodayerdi RIP
Monday 5th 10:15 am Alan Smith RIP
Feria
Church 7:30 am D/Rels: Betts Family
Church 9:15 am Ints: Tony White
Tuesday 6th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Des Fuller RIP
Wednesday 7th **Feria**
Church 12:15 pm In Thanksgiving
Thursday 8th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am In Thanksgiving – 80th Birthday [ND]
Church 12:30 pm **REQUIEM MASS: Nellie Williamson RIP**
Friday 9th **THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**
Church 9:15 am STM Yr 6 Mena Jimenez RIP
Church 6:30 pm Des Byrne RIP [AW]
Saturday 10th **St Leo the Great, P, D**
Church 9:15 am Dudley Bradshaw RIP

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] – 11th November 2012 (Remembrance Day)

Saturday November 10th 6:15 pm Agnes McInerney RIP
Sunday November 11th 8:00 am Jean Humphrey RIP
10:30 am Michael Hanley RIP
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**
6:30 pm Des Byrne RIP [SVP]
West Mersea 8:30 am Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP
Mile End 9:15 am Oreste Mele RIP
Monkwick 10:15 am Parishioners

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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