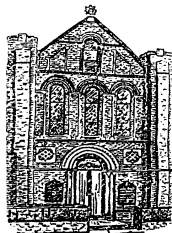


ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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175 YEARS 1837 - 2012

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]

February 5th 2012

My dear friends,

On these Sundays of Ordinary Time recently we have followed St Mark's account of Jesus' early ministry around the Sea of Galilee area. With St Mark's help, we follow Jesus at some speed from one place to another. Today we hear about the many sick people who come to him at Capernaum. Jesus, in his working day as it were, always gave a lot of time to those who needed healing, both physical and spiritual.

The Church today continues Our Lord's healing ministry whether people are sick in mind or body, or who have need of support due to poverty or homelessness. Our Parish Hall was used this week to provide shelter for those living on the streets. We commend all those who care for the sick, both at home and in hospital. May the Church never tire of bringing Christ's healing touch to all those who need it.

This Saturday is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Principal Patroness of our Diocese. It is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. One of the lessons of Lourdes is to give pride of place to the most vulnerable in our community. As St Paul wrote: "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ".

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for changes

Monday 6 th February	7:30pm	Mercy Associates Meeting	See below
Wednesday 8 th	6:45 pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
“ “	7pm	SVP	
		[There is no RCI A until February 16 th]	
Friday 10 th	7:30-9:30pm	UCM	Crypt
Saturday 11 th	11am	"Friends of St James" Meeting	Crypt
		[There is no Evangelium Meeting on 12 th February]	

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

SICK: Please remember in your prayers Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Alan Doleman, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Pat Maloney, Maria Mahy, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Tim Young.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection for the *Parish Development Fund* after all Masses. Please take and read the quarterly finance report which summarises the present position of our parish.

WELCOMERS NEEDED AT PRIORY STREET: New volunteers are urgently needed for this important ministry. If you can help, on a rota basis, please contact Paul on 852728 or 07895 177574.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth [Lucy] Walker, Frederick Wake, Madeline Timms, baby Nela Azymorek, and Ida Ray who have recently died. May they rest in peace. Lucy Walker's funeral has yet to be arranged; Frederick Wake - 2pm on 8th February; Madeline Timms - 12:30pm on 9th February, both at Colchester Crematorium; Ida Ray's funeral takes place on Monday, 6th February, 10am at St Teresa's, Lexden.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: Mercy Associates meet next on Monday, 6 February at 7.30pm at Christ Church Court (tel. 763049)

UCM; The next meeting takes place on Friday, 10th February in the Crypt from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY: Meeting at Colchester Town Rail Station at 6.45am. Please join us to travel up to Soho Square for **Mass** in the newly-restored St Patrick's church at 9.00 and then to Bedford Square in

procession for a **prayer vigil** outside the abortion "clinic" there. Finishing with **Benediction** of the Blessed Sacrament at 12.00.

ST JOSEPH'S, MILE END, FORMATION OF COMMITTEE; A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, 15th February, at *Priory Street* at 7:30pm. for volunteers to form a Committee to help put the running of the Mass Centre on a more formal footing. If you are a Mile End "regular" and would like to be more involved, please give your name to Fr Tony or Ken Chapman, or just turn up. [Entry to the meeting is via Priory Street church].

STREET PASTORS: Street Pastors have been making a difference to people in Colchester town centre for nearly four years. They are out on Friday and Saturday nights and meet lots of people who want to chat, pray or need a bit of help. If you are interested and would like to know more, there is a meeting on *Friday 24th February in St Botolph's Church Hall, 8-10pm.* Contact details: 07855 902827; colchester@streetpastors.org.uk; www.colchesterstreetpastors.org.uk

THE FALCONER COMMISSION ON ASSISTED DYING: Copies of Right to Life's interim response are available at the back of Church. Please write to your MPs – Sir Bob Russell, Bernard Jenkin or whoever, urging them to oppose the Falconer recommendations. RTL's leaflet "The Facts Dignity in Dying will not well you" is also available for you to take to enclose with your letter.

THANK YOU: The Friends of Peru would like to thank everyone who attended or donated to the Beetle Drive. It was a fun and successful evening, raising £221. They would also like to thank all who supported them during 2011. The fundraising events, sales of Peruvian Crafts and recycled cards enabled them to send £1,600 to the Sisters of Mercy Mission in Peru.

FILIPINO PILGRIMAGE: On 1st April [Palm Sunday] to Walsingham. A coach will be leaving North Station, Colchester, at 8am, returning from Walsingham at 5:30pm. Cost: Adults £10; children £5. Bring your own food. To book, contact Armando on 01206 854921 or 07534 605099.

PRACTICAL ENGAGEMENT IN JUSTICE AND PEACE: . A training day to be held on **Saturday 10th March** at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark SE1 from 10am to 4pm. There will be workshops led by members of Cafod, Pax Christi and others. Tea, coffee and soup provided or you can bring your own lunch. To book your place call 020 7928 9742 or email office@southwarkjandp.co.uk

PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM: Danny Ferdinand reporting; "We won our final league match of the season when we beat DNAN 4-1. New recruit David Ganley and our long -standing captain Sean O'Reilly were amongst the scorers. We finished a respectable mid -table. The final league table is in the porch! The cup begins in a couple of weeks".

CHURCH CLEANING: Thursday, 9th February – Team 3D.

For inclusions to the Parish website;- admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]

February 5th 2012 [Education Day]

Saturday February 4th	6:15 pm	John Lenihan RIP
Sunday February 5th	8:00 am	Julia Pinto RIP
	10:30 am	Selwyn Caldeira RIP
	6:30 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Intentions: Teresa Hogan
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Joe Farrelly RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Parishioners
Monday 6th	Ss Paul Miki and Companions, Mm	
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Helen and Martin Lydon RIP
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Seamus Power RIP
<i>Church</i>	11:00 am	REQUIEM – BRIDGET KELLY RIP
Tuesday 7th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Mr Walsh RIP
Wednesday 8th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Dec/Rels: Betts Family RIP
<i>Church</i>	12 :15 pm	Intentions: Christopher Lawlor
Thursday 9th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9.15 am	Intentions: Christine Hornigold
Friday 10th	St Scholastica, V	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Laurence McGovern RIP
<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm	Michael Barrett RIP
Saturday 11th	OUR LADY OF LOURDES, Diocesan Feast	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

LITURGY FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]

February 12th 2012

Saturday February 11th	6:15 pm	Tony Bickersteth RIP
Sunday February 12th	8:00 am	Diarmuid Whelan RIP
	10:30am	Maureen McVann RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Freda Hilton RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Michael & Ellen Kate Conlon RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Patrick McHugh RIP
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	
SCHOOLS	<i>St Thomas More</i>	Head: Bridget Harris [865722]
	<i>St Benedict's</i>	Acting: Head: Peter Johnson [549222]

www.marriagecare.org.uk or 0800 389 3801.

www.brentwoodvocations.org

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