

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [C] – 5th May 2013

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My dear friends

It was a lovely surprise this week, when parishioner and local artist Francoise Guild, informed me that her painting of St James the Less and St Helen was completed. Thank you very much Francoise. We were able to put it in position in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on our patronal feast day of SS Philip and James on Friday last.

It was suggested during our 175th anniversary year, that there should be an image of our patron saints in the church. The painting shows St James the Less and St Helen in glory looking down on the church dedicated to their honour. In the centre of the painting, is the hill of Calvary. St James, a cousin of our Lord, was the leader of the church in Jerusalem and was martyred there in the year 62AD. He carries the Bible as the letter of St James is attributed to him. St Helen, the Empress of Rome, wears a crown and carries her symbol of the Cross. She traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage to find the cross of the Lord, which she did in 320AD. At the top of the picture, we can see the Holy Spirit shining down and we are reminded of Our Lord's words in the Gospel today: "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you".
John 14

May St James the Less and St Helen, our special friends in heaven, always pray for us.

May God bless you all

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 8th Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes
6:45pm Scripture Group Crypt

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, Richard Cox, Stanley Crane, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Minimol Joseph, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Denis O'Neill, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Patricia Roche, The Sharfraie Family, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Theresa Howard. Theresa's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 10th May 10:45am at Priory St. May she rest in peace. Theresa lived in Cheshunt and her family live in the parish.

MASSES THIS BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY: will be at 8am and 10am.

MONKWICK AGM: At St Theodore's Monkwick on Thursday 16th May. 7:00pm.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday 23rd May at 7:30pm in the crypt.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES: Our Children will celebrate their First Holy Communion at 2pm on Sunday 19th and 26th May.

SVP 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a collection this weekend for the work of the SVP in our community.

SVP ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP: Boys camp: 20th – 27th July or 27th July – 3rd August ages 8 – 13 inclusive. Girls camp: 3rd – 10th August ages 9 – 12 inclusive. £140 for the week. More information at www.svpboscocamp.org.uk
bookings@svpboscocamp.org.uk.

SVP – WALSINGHAM: SVP are arranging for a coach to Walsingham on July 7th. Details to follow.

KSC: Pilgrimage to Aylesford Kent on Sunday 9th June. Cost of Coach is £12 per person. Parking available at Priory Street car park. Bring a packed lunch - teas will be available. To Book - phone Ron: 795715, Gary: 530863 or Justin: 241317

BCCS SPONSORED WALK: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are holding a sponsored walk from St Teresa's Church Lexden **next Saturday** 11th May at 10am. Circular walk - 5 miles only, all welcome. Phone Gary on 530863 or just turn up.

SPRING YOUTH GATHER : **next Saturday** 11th May. Join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service for a day of outdoor activities and team building at Stubbers Adventure Centre, Upminster. Open to anyone in year 7-9 on Saturday 11th May 2013. The cost is £20 and that includes all activities. Please visit www.bcys.net for more information and forms or email amandapotter@dioceseofbrentwood.org

APPEAL FROM SPUC - HELP SUPPORT REAL MARRIAGE: The government's

Marriage (Sam Sex Couples) Bill is approaching its final vote in the House of Commons – expected around Monday 20th May – before it goes to the Lords. At the 2nd reading in Feb, 172 MP's voted against. Please ask your local MP (Sir Bob Russell) to oppose the bill, by letters, emails or phone calls between 13-17th May. Sir Bob Russell MP, House of Commons, LONDON. SW1A 0AA. www.spuc.org.uk/mps. T: 020 7219 3000.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Monday 27th May is the Feast Day of St Augustine of Canterbury, and we will be going to Ramsgate to share in the festivities. If you'd like to join us, please indicate to Fr Neil so that we can decide the transport. We wouldn't need to leave before 8 am, honest.

YEAR OF FAITH TALKS: 'Become what you hear; become what you receive' – by Mgr David Manson, VG. First one on the Eucharist is Monday 13th May 7.30pm - 9.30pm at the Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. The second talk will be on Monday 20th May, 7.30pm - 9.30pm on the Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation. All our welcome. For further information contact the Adult Religious Education office on 01277 265255 or are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org

INTERESTED IN HISTORY? The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) will take place at SS Peter and Paul, High Road, Ilford on 25th May 2013 at 2.30 pm. Dr. James Hagerty, author of a new and scholarly autobiography of the late Cardinal Heenan will be giving a talk entitled, 'John Carmel Heenan - The Brentwood Days'. The book will be launched at the event and signed copies will be available to buy.

COLCHESTER DEANERY MUSIC DAY: Saturday, 15th June 10.00 am – 4.30 pm St Monica's Church, De Vere Lane, Wivenhoe. Directed by Frances Novillo & Andrew Wright. ALL are welcome, even if you do not play an instrument or cannot read music! Workshop for singers & instrumentalists covering psalms for the seasons, Mass settings and forthcoming songs and hymns for Sundays. Please bring music stand if required (instrumentalists). Event is free - just bring your own lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. It would be helpful if you could book your place for the day for organisational purposes email: music@dioceseofbrentwood.org or Tel. No. 01277 265288.

CAFOD FAMILY BIKE RIDE: Sunday 23rd June - through the scenic Lee Valley Park and along the canal to Broxbourne for a picnic before cycling back. Choose from the short 10 mile ride or the longer 18 mile route. £6 entry per person, children under 18 must be accompanied. For more details visit www.cafodbrentwood.wordpress.com/ or E: brentwood@cafod.org.uk or T: 0208 502 9722.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 9th May – Team 2

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]
(Catholic Deaf Awareness Week) - 5th May 2013**

Saturday May 4th 6:15 pm Charles Cuthbert RIP
Sunday May 5th 8:00 am Bridie Reilly RIP
 10:30 am Doris Murphy RIP
 2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
 6:30 pm Ints: Julie & Family
West Mersea 8:30 am Parishioners
Mile End 9:15 am Ints: Joseph Ngeh & Family
Monkwick 10:15 am Private Intention
Monday 6th *Feria*
NB Church 8:00 am Helen & Martin Lydon RIP

NB Church 10:00 am Ints: Mrs T Matiz & Family

Tuesday 7th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Wednesday 8th *Feria*
Church 7:30 am Canon John Bloomfield RIP
Church 12:15 pm Ints: Chris & Karen Brown
Thursday 9th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Ints: Patricia Roche
Friday 10th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Anne Thomas RIP
Church 10:45 am **REQUIEM MASS: Theresa Howard RIP**
Church 6:30 pm D/Rels: Herbert & Richards Families
Saturday 11th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Ints: Thomas & Maureen
Church 1:30 pm **WEDDING: Eva Ostrowska & Piotr Ryczywol**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD [C]- (HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)
12th May 2013**

Saturday May 11th 6:15 pm Una Close RIP
Sunday May 12th 8:00 am Nana Faran & Violet Ballan RIP
 10:30 am Sr Helen Walsch RIP
 2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
 5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**
 6:30 pm Mr & Mrs Milford RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am Private Intention
Mile End 9:15 am D/Rels: Larkin Family
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
 Cardinal Bourne Hall cb.hall@btinternet.com

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