

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]
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APPEAL FOR CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ AND GAZA: This Sunday the 7th September there will be a second collection, through Aid to the Church In Need, for the persecuted Christians in Iraq and Gaza. We are shocked at their plight with so many homeless, suffering and in dire need. We feel helpless in the face of so much evil and, although we have been praying for them, Aid to the Church in Need are on the ground in Iraq and Gaza supporting our fellow Christians in their need. Anything we can give financially will help them in their work. Please give generously to those who have lost everything. Keep your-self up date by visiting www.acnuk.org

**HERITAGE WEEKEND EVENTS HERE AT ST JAMES THE LESS & ST HELEN
and the ABBEY GATEHOUSE**

Thursday 11th September

12 Scenes of Colchester: **8pm** in the Crypt. A showing and talk by Francoise on her new paintings and their significance, followed by a small social get together, all welcome. The paintings will be on display again all day Saturday.

Friday 12th September

A talk in the church at **2.00pm** by Jennie Guthrie-Stevens on the importance and meaning of Church art and sculpture. Aimed mainly at the younger audience but all are welcome.

Saturday 13th September [Refreshments available from 10:30am-2:30pm]

10:30 – 4:30pm the church will be open for visitors. Tour guides available if required. The theme this year is a remembrance of those from the various regiments based in Colchester and their links with our church from the 19th century to the present day. Please do see our Pietà dedicated to those lost in the first world war which is a truly stunning piece of sculpture.

10:30am A talk by Helena Gibson on stained glass styles throughout history.
2:30pm A walking tour starting from Priory Street down to the Abbey Gateway. Do join us on an interesting and informative walk through old Colchester and see the new finds at the Abbey site. **4:30pm** Finish.

St Johns Abbey Gatehouse

Saturday 13th September

The Gatehouse opens at **10:30am**. New archaeological findings will be on display for the weekend and also an explanation of the flush work on the front of the building and its history and significance. **3:15pm**. A brief talk on the Flush work and its meaning by Jennie Guthrie-Stevens.

Sunday 14th September.

The Gatehouse opens at **10:30am**. At **11.30 am** - A talk by Jennie Guthrie-Stevens on the importance of Geoffrey of Monmouth's account of the life of St Helena the patron saint of Colchester and whether this had a deeper hidden political meaning. **2:30pm**. Poetry at the Gatehouse - Readings of the mystics and poets from the 8th- the 16th Century, please bring a chair. **4:30pm** Close.

Full details/maps of all events in Colchester are detailed in the Heritage Open Days pamphlet available at the back of Church.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type): Please remember in your prayers; Władysław Antończak, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Joan Donnelly, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Marie Lyons, Pat Maloney, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, **David Merryman**, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday September 26th and Friday October 3rd 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 from the repose of the souls of Leonora (Joan) Martin and George Taylor. Joan's Funeral will be on Thursday 11th September at 11am Colchester Crematorium. George's Funeral will be on Monday 15th September at 11am Priory St. May they rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: Parish Development Fund – September 20 / 21st. CAFOD Harvest Collection – 4 / 5th October. Survive-Miva (Mission Sunday) – 26th / 27th October. Diocesan Youth Service – 22nd / 23rd November. Christmas Flowers and Decorations – 13th / 14th December.

MORNING MASS NEXT SATURDAY 13TH: No exposition after Mass but confession will take place as usual.

CHOIR: New singers and musicians welcome. Meets alternate Thursdays for practice at Priory Street 7.30 pm. For more information contact Lesley 01206 512310.

BRENTWOOD NEWS: Available from the back of church with pictures of Bishop

Alan's ordination and much more. Free.

DAY OF REFLECTION: Saturday 27th September in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. 10am – 3pm. The day is entitled "Harvest of Gifts" - led by Valerie Quinlivan.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL: Beginning of school year Mass – Friday 12th September at 9:15am.

MONKWICK NEWS: Our last coffee morning this summer will be on Saturday 27th September at Joyce Wrobel's from 10am till noon at 26 Queensland Drive. Everyone welcome.

MONKWICK GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS: St Theodore's, Prince Philip Road on Friday 19th September 7:30pm. All our invited.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: Will re-start on Wednesdays from September 10th 6:45 – 8:45pm in the crypt. Meets most weeks (please keep an eye on the newsletter for breaks). It will begin with the study of the first five books of the Bible - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, which introduces us to the foundation of our own Christian Faith. Why not take this opportunity to enrich your faith?

MERCY ASSOCIATES: meet next Monday 8th September 7:30pm at Mary Jay's.

SVP: Next meeting will be Wednesday 17th September at 7pm. **REGIONAL MEETING:** Will be on Monday 22nd September with Mass at 7pm followed by a meeting afterwards.

ST BENEDICT'S FORM SIGNING: Fr Tony will be available to sign your application forms for St Benedict's College on Wednesday 8th October and Friday 10th October from 4pm – 6pm. Please make contact through the church office to book your appointment time. Don't forget to bring a **completed form** with you ready for Fr Tony to sign.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Will next meet Thursday September 25th at 7:30pm in the Crypt.

PROPHET PRIEST KING: Fr. Robert Barron has produced a new series on DVD of 6 episodes exploring this theme of the Old Testament. We will run this three times a week starting in late October on a similar pattern to the Catholicism series which received very positive feedback here when we showed it last year. There's a trailer for the series at: www.priestprophetking.com. If you have a preferred time of the week, and can find others to join you at that time, let me know as soon as possible and I will try to accommodate you. Fr. Neil

FREE FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL: Saturday 13th September from 11:00am – 4pm in the Lower Castle Park. Organised by the churches in Colchester. Free entry, live music, bouncy castles, sports, BBQ and much more. See posters in porch and www.familyfunfestival.org.uk

COUPLES FOR CHRIST COLCHESTER: is inviting you to a Christian life program for couples and singles on October 4th, 11th and 19th from 1 – 5pm at Priory St in the crypt.

RIDE AND STRIDE: Saturday 13th September. Cycling or walking between as many local churches or chapels as you can, raising money for our church funds (half to us and half to "Friends of Essex Churches Trust"). Sponsor forms and a list of participating churches & chapels are at the back of church. For more details visit www.foect.org.uk/rideandstride/ or contact Helena Gibson 794636.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 11th September – Team 1

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Saturday September 6th 6:15 pm Roger Thurlow RIP [MW]

Sunday September 7th 8:00 am Ints: Hill family

10:30 am Ints: John Weston

2:00 pm POLISH MASS

6:30 pm Sheila Allen RIP

West Mersea **8:30 am** Deceased Parishioners

Mile End **9:15 am** Ints: Joshua Ngeh

Monkwick **10:15 am** Parishioners

Monday 8th THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY - Feast

Church **7:30 am** Private Intention

Church **9:15 am** Ints: Ria & Family

Tuesday 9th

Feria

Church **9:15 am** Ron Wheeler RIP

Wednesday 10th

Feria

Church **7:30 am** Private Intention

Church **12:15 pm** Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Thursday 11th

Feria

Church **9:15 am** Ints: Aimee Stammers

Friday 12th

Feria

Church **9:15 am** **STM MASS:** Ints: of the staff and pupils of St Thomas More

Church **6:30 pm** Ints: Maura & Frank Maguire

Saturday 13th

St John Chrysostom, Bp, D

Church **9:15 am** Ints: Maura & Frank Maguire

**THE EXALTATION (TRIUMPH) OF THE HOLY CROSS – Feast
14th September**

Saturday September 13th 6:15 pm Mr & Mrs F Milford RIP

Sunday September 14th 8:00 am Bill Malcolm RIP

10:30 am Howard Ashcroft RIP

2:00 pm POLISH MASS

5:00 pm HOLY HOUR

6:30 pm D/Rels: Herbet / Richards Families

West Mersea **8:30 am** Parishioners

Mile End **9:15 am** Eileen Pooran RIP

Monkwick **10:15 am** D/Rels: Farrell Family

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