

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

175 YEARS ~ 1837 - 2012

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT [B]

March 11th 2012

My dear friends,

At Masses this weekend, we receive a Letter from Archbishops Vincent Nichols and Peter Smith on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It is a statement of our Catholic faith about marriage and issued in the light of the forthcoming consultation by the Government on changing the legal definition of marriage. In the light of this letter, you are asked to consider signing the Coalition for Marriage's online petition which can be found at www.C4M.org.uk You can also sign the petition at the back of Church. It reads:

"I support the legal definition of marriage which is the voluntary union for life of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. I oppose any attempt to redefine it."

The Archbishops also say that after Easter there will be a more detailed leaflet on the Government's consultation itself, for distribution in parishes, to assist Catholics in making their own response to the consultation.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK - Please see Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 11 March	8-9pm	Evangelium	Crypt
Wednesday 14 th	6:45pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
Thursday 15 th	7:30 pm	RCIA	Crypt
Friday 16 th	12:00pm	Stations +	Church
"	7:30pm	Stations +	St James the Great
Saturday 17 th	10-12	FHC Programme	Hall

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, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Pamela Lee, Pat Maloney, Maria Mahy, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Tim Young.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: The UCM would like to invite members and their families to refreshments in the crypt following the Colchester Foundation's Third Anniversary Mass today, Sunday 18th March, at 10.30am. Anyone interested in joining the group is very welcome to come along too.

BAPTISMS TODAY: Orla Sutcliffe and Henry Hawke: God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN: Many thanks to the Colchester Chamber Choir, under their Director Michael Earle, for the beautiful concert of sacred music last weekend which helped us mark the 175th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of our church. The retiring collection raised £400 for our parish. Many thanks also to the Friends of St James & St Helen who organised the event.

ERIC PROUDFOOT RIP: Husband of Mary, who died in 1993, has passed away after a long illness. Requiem details to follow.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Your priests are available on the remaining Saturdays of Lent after the 9:15am Mass until 10:30am approximately. There is also a priest available at 5:30pm and there will be a **Penitential Service on Monday, 2nd April at 7:30pm** when several priests will be on hand to help you celebrate the Sacrament.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT DANCE: Saturday 17th March in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Live Irish music, dancing and singing. Bar and Raffle. Tickets: £7:50 adults; £5 children 5-12 yrs. To book call: Pauline 768418; Armando 854921; Frances 369568; Nora 503410. *If you have reserved tickets for this event and will not now be using them, please notify Frances on 369568 ASAP.*

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: There will be a second collection after all Masses next weekend for our Parish Development Fund. It is hoped to replace the carpet on the Sanctuary at Priory Street.

STUDENT CROSS : On Friday 30th March a group of pilgrims will gather at Priory Street as part of the Student Cross Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The cross they will carry stands before us in Priory Street, and we host our guests for an evening meal on Friday evening and an early breakfast on the Saturday morning. Offers of food, drink and company gratefully received - contact Hywel & Pam Edwards on 867325.

“TRANSITIONS”: **Transitions: the Gift of Growth in Later Years.** Have you passed the half-century? What's the outlook from there? A day of reflection 31st March. Day of Reflection Saturday March 31st from 11am - 3:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. [Coffee at 10:30am]. Please bring a packed lunch, and donations will go to our Parish Development Fund.

KSC – TABLE QUIZ: The Knights of St Columba are holding a table quiz in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, after Mass at 7:30pm on Saturday 31st March. All proceeds to *Columban Missionaries*. Light refreshments provided. Please bring with your own drinks. Tickets £5. Call Ron on 797850 to book or just turn up on the evening.

FILIPINO PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: On Palm Sunday, April 1st. Cost £10 adults; £5 children. For full details, phone 01206 854921, leave a message and Armando will call you back. Closing date: 20th March 2012.

CHRISM MASS: A minibus will be running to the Chrism Mass at Brentwood cathedral on April 4 leaving from Gala Bingo at 5:30pm. **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:** A minibus will be going to Walsingham on Saturday 26th May leaving Priory Street at 9am Contact Theresa Higgins on 01206 523501 / pilgrimages@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: For newborn and children up to age 6: If you wish to present a child for baptism of this age, the next Baptism Course has been arranged for **Friday 20th April and Friday 27th April at 7:30-9pm** in the Crypt. There is no need to make an appointment but **both sessions** must be attended. *Entry to the Crypt is via the Church.*

VACANCY: At St Philomena's Catholic School, Frinton-on-Sea for a qualified KS1 teacher. This is an Independent School catering for pupils of all denominations, aged 3-11, starting September 2012. Further information and an application pack can be obtained from Paul Barnett on 01255 674492 or generalenquiries@stphilomenas.com Closing date Friday 23rd March

MISSIO: The Spring 2012 issue of Missio Today is available at the rear of the church, free. MISSIO red box holders particularly please note. If you wish to become a box holder, please contact Ron Griffin – 01206 571590.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thursday, March 15th - Team 2.

LITURGY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT[B]

March 11TH 2012

Saturday March 10th	6:15 pm	Christine Mooney RIP
Sunday March 11th	8:00 am	Maureen Allen RIP
	10:30 am	Lucy Walker RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Intentions: Hazel Smith [Australia]
	8:30 am	Maura Dorning RIP
	9:15 am	Jean Seesaran RIP
	10:15am	Peggy Wilding RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>		
<i>Mile End</i>		
<i>Monkwick</i>		
Monday 12th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Fr Robin Whitney RIP [Westminster]
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Ernest Jardim RIP
Tuesday 13th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Intentions: Maria Burke
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 pm POLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Wednesday 14	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Helen & Martin Lydon RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Joe McEnaney RIP
Thursday 15th	<i>Feria</i>	
Y6 - STM	<i>Church</i>	9.15 am Intentions: Paul and Lois Hetherington
Friday 16th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am John and Julie O'Connor RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Canon John Bloomfield RIP
Saturday 17th	ST PATRICK, Bp. Apostle of Ireland	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Rose and Patrick McAloon RIP

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT [B]

March 18th 2012

Saturday March 17th	6:15 pm	Beryl & Noel Blanchette RIP
Sunday March 18th	8:00 am	Caroline Long RIP
	10:30am	Intentions: U.C.M.
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Intentions: Ria and Family
	8:30 am	Parishioners
	9:15 am	Kay Stickley RIP
	10:15am	Joseph Hawken RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>		
<i>Mile End</i>		
<i>Monkwick</i>		
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>	Head: Mrs J Santinelli [549222]

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

www.brentwoodvocations.org

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