

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]**

**11<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

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My dear friends

Though I cannot see all of you this weekend, be assured that your Parish Priest has returned from his recent wanderings in Italy. Last weekend, we were in Assisi, that is myself and two priest companions. There will be great celebrations there this weekend, as the 11<sup>th</sup> August is the feast of St Clare. She followed the example of her friend St Francis and embraced a life of poverty, founding the second order of St Francis. The order are familiarly known as the "Poor Clares". Their foundress St Clare died on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 1253 and was canonised two years later on the feast of the Assumption.

The first community of sisters lived at San Damiano just outside the city of Assisi. This was the church that had been rebuilt by Francis and his companions, as he obeyed the voice of Christ saying: "Francis, Go and rebuild my church".

Descendants of that first community now live at the Basilica of St Clare in Assisi and one of their treasured possessions is the Crucifix of San Damiano – from which St Francis heard Christ's call to renew the church by his example of gospel living.

Everyone in Assisi is looking forward to the visit of Pope Francis on St Francis' feast day on October 4<sup>th</sup>, when he will walk from the Basilica of St Francis at one end of the town towards St Clare's Basilica at the other. He will no doubt speak of his love for St Francis and why he has chosen to bear his name as Pope. May St Francis and St Clare pray for us.

God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes			
<b>SUNDAYS:</b> 3pm		Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	
<b>DAILY:</b> 8:35am		Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	
<b>EVENING PRAYER:</b> Church		Fridays	at 6pm
<b>PRAYER GROUP:</b> Crypt		Mondays	at 8pm
<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b> Crypt		Tuesdays	at 8pm

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 10am  
Crypt

Monday Matinée

**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, Fr Paul Dynan, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Minimol Joseph, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Alphonse Knapp, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, The Sharfraie Family, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND:** Isabelle Herbert and Freya Martin. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED?** The next Baptism course will be Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September 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 for the repose of the soul of Ethel Rodwell. May she rest in peace.

**ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY:** The Feast of the Assumption of our Lady falls on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August. There will be a Vigil Mass at Mersea on Wednesday at 7:30pm. On the day, Masses are at 7:30am, 9:15am and 12:15pm. In the evening we will have Devotions at 7:00pm followed by an English-Polish Mass at 7:30pm as before. On the Sunday afterwards, the 18<sup>th</sup> August, there will be a Procession before the 4pm Polish Mass. All are warmly invited.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** Thank you for your recent generosity for the second collections. The following amounts have been raised: CAFOD - £1,096.67; Apostleship of the Sea – £304.18; Day for Life - £599.48; Xaverian Missionaries - £1,705.82.

**MERSEA NEWS:** The next Coffee Morning on August 13<sup>th</sup>: Rewsalls Farm, East Mersea, to be hosted by Anne Marie Jacobs.

**MONKWICK NEWS:** Thanks to all those who supported our last Coffee Morning. The next date for your diary is August 31<sup>st</sup>, between 10am and 12pm, and will be hosted by Grace McCartney, 20a, Buxton Road.

**PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM:** will be holding a social night in the Cardinal Bourne Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August from 7:30pm till 11:00pm. There will be a sports quiz, raffle, buffet and snacks; please bring your own drink. Please contact Gavin on 07954 168 159 to reserve a place as numbers are limited. Payment will be taken on the night: £3 per adult, children – free.

**PARISH FAMILY BARBEQUE:** Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>. Adults: £6, Children 6-12: £4.

**DO YOU HAVE A FREE SEAT IN YOUR CAR?** A volunteer is required who could give a parishioner a lift to Sunday 10:30 Mass at Priory Street during August. The parishioner lives at Charles Smith House, Ladbrook Drive, Colchester. Anyone who could offer this service should contact the church office: T:01206 866317

**THE MONDAY MATINÉE:** Karol: a man who became Pope. This DVD from Universal Pictures will be shown on this Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August starting at 10:00 in the crypt. It is suitable for 12 year-olds and over, and it spans 50 remarkable years of Pope John Paul II's life in 3 hours of viewing time. The story of the man who would become pope.

**DOWNTON ABBEY FANS:** The SVP trip to Highclere Castle next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August will pick up on East Hill at 9am.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Run for a Child:** BCCS are looking for individuals to represent their parish (under 16's will need to be accompanied by an adult) and take part in 'Run for a Child'. This is a 5k run taking place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm, Westley Heights Country Park, Basildon, with the support of Pitsea Running Club. To register your interest please contact Julie on 01268 784544 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk - Do something amazing and help us to continue our work supporting those children and families who turn to us for help - register today!

**SIGNED MASS:** The Diocesan Deaf Service is celebrating a Signed Mass at Priory St on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. Fr David Clemens will lead the celebration and people who are deaf will sign the readings. All are welcome, hearing, hard of hearing and deaf. For more information contact Sister Margaret Duffy, Brentwood Diocesan Pastoral Deaf Service 803 Chigwell Road, Woodford Bridge, Essex IG8 8AU. T: 020 8504 0406 M: 07989129091 E: bpds@dioceseofbrentwood.org

**HERITAGE WEEKEND 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September:** If you would like to get involved with the English Heritage weekend in September either here in Priory Street or at the Gatehouse you would be very welcome. There is quite an extensive and interesting programme planned. For more details please contact Jennie on 01206 679060 or leave your details with the Parish office.

**JOB! CONCERT:** The Knights of St Columba Council 428 (Castle Point and Canvey Island) will be presenting a Twenty-fifth Anniversary Concert based on the Old Testament book of Job at Brentwood Cathedral in aid of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. Ticket prices are £10 per adult, £7 per senior / student / concession, £1 per child (upto

16 years). Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by sending a cheque made payable to: Job! Concert, Knights of St Columba Council 428, 24 St Johns Road, Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 2PZ. Please contact the Knights of St Columba Council 428 on 07908 886 513 for further details.

**NOW AVAILABLE – Handbook of Prayers:** Updated version of this very beautiful prayer book (now includes the new English translation of the Mass) It contains the complete Latin and English texts of nearly six hundred prayers, including basic prayers, prayers for different times of day, devotions to Our Lord and Our Lady, prayers for the dead, and blessings; but still easy to carry! Delightfully illustrated with traditional line drawings. Priced £7.95

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Team 4.**

### **NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] - 11<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

<b>Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Lionel Wright RIP
<b>Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	John Carson RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Ints: Anne Gilligan
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Ints: Samantha Hume
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Herbert Plater RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Ints: Joan Norman

<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Canon John Bloomfield RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Terry Sheeran RIP
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Barry Fitzgerald RIP

<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Maximilian Kolbe, Pr, M</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> John Wheeler RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12:15 pm</b> Kitty Foley RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>Vigil of the Assumption</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 pm</b> Fr Michael Pinot de Moira RIP

<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	
	<b>Solemnity – Holyday of Obligation</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Anne Gardiner RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Margaret McCormick RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12:15 pm</b> Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 pm</b> Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP

<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b> D/Rels: Herbert & Richards Families

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**      **Feria**  
*Church*    **9:15 am** Ethel Rodwell RIP

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] - 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

**Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>**      **6:15 pm** Xavier Swampillai RIP &  
Marie Bastiampillai RIP

**Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>**      **8:00 am** Ints: Mrs T Matiz & Family RIP

**10:30 am** John Roche RIP

**4:00 pm** **POLISH MASS**

**6:30 pm** Hector Silva RIP

*West Mersea*      **8:30 am** Frances Walker RIP

*Mile End*      **9:15 am** John Lyons RIP

*Monkwick*      **10:15 am** Parishioners

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**    *Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm*

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