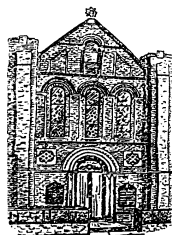


# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

September 11<sup>th</sup> 2011

My dear friends

The Bishops wish to re-establish the practice of Friday penance in the lives of the faithful as a clear and distinctive mark of their own Catholic identity. They recognise that the best habits are those which are acquired as part of a common resolve and common witness. It is important that all the faithful be united in a common celebration of Friday penance.

Respectful of this and, in accordance with the mind of the whole Church, the Bishops' Conference wishes to remind all Catholics in England and Wales of the obligation of Friday Penance. The Bishops have decided to re-establish the practice that this should be fulfilled by abstaining from meat. Those who cannot or choose not to eat meat as part of their normal diet should abstain from some other food of which they regularly partake.

This is to come into effect from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011 when we will mark the anniversary of the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United Kingdom.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

DAILY Morning Prayer 8.15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8.35am (Wed 11.15am)  
PRAYER GROUP Mondays at 8pm in the Crypt  
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

*Please check Mass Schedule for any changes*

Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> September	10-12 Mersea Coffee Morning	See below
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm Finance Meeting	
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	7pm PCC Meeting	See below
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> , and Sat:17 <sup>th</sup>	Priory St Theatre Production	See below

**SICK:** Please remember in your prayers June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Casiano Pasumbal, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva,

**FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS TO YEAR END:** 25<sup>th</sup> September *Parish Development Fund*. [The recent works on the boiler flue total £4.5K; making good in the Choir Loft £1.5K; emergency lighting/exit signs £1K. All plus VAT!]. *CAFOD Fast Day* 9<sup>th</sup> October; *Survive-Miva Appeal* 23<sup>rd</sup> October; *Aid to the Church in Need Appeal* 6th November; *National Youth Day* 20<sup>th</sup> November; *Ecclesiastical Education Fund [BEEF]* 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND:** Oliver Henry French and Oliver Robert Brooks. God bless these children and congratulations to their parents.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** The next quarterly Course has been arranged for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm in the Crypt. There is no need to make an appointment, but BOTH sessions must be attended.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET:** Meeting **today** in Cardinal Bourne Hall after 10.30 Mass, Members of Parish Groups and new members always welcome. Thank you. Frances and friends

**"TREASURES OF HEAVEN" EXHIBITION:** British Museum, Tuesday 20 September. To reserve seat on coach (£20 inclusive) contact Pauline after 6pm on 768418. The coach leaves East Hill at 9:30am. **BOOKING DEADLINE: TODAY.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Hepworth who has recently died and also Simon Chaplin who died suddenly during last week. May they rest in peace. Joan's funeral will be at Colchester Crematorium on the 26<sup>th</sup> September at 11:45am.

**MERSEA NEWS:** Our penultimate coffee morning before our Christmas Fayre, takes place this Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, at the home of Olive Newland, 42 High Street North, 10am – 12pm. All most welcome.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The Parish Council meet on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, in the Crypt at 7pm

**TRIP TO THURSFORD SPECTACULAR CHRISTMAS SHOW:** [arranged by the S.V.P] on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets are £55 each to include Coach travel, Christmas Lunch on the way there and entrance to the Show. Please phone 01206 242170 to book. All monies to be paid by **September 16<sup>th</sup>**

**VACANCY: DIRECTOR - BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.** A unique opportunity for an inspirational and talented individual suitably qualified to lead this hard-working and successful charity. For full details of this role and to request an application pack please contact Sarah Kendall (Office Manager) on 01268 784544 / [skendall@childcareuk.org](mailto:skendall@childcareuk.org). The closing date for completed applications is Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

**PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP:** present GODSPELL the musical. Friday and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street at 7.30 pm. Doors open at 7.00. Tickets: £5.00 or £2.50 for children and concessions. For more information ring Lesley on 01206 512310.

**KSC DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September** at Clare Priory, Nr Cavendish, Suffolk with Mass at 10.00am. Also talks and discussions. Conclusion approx. 5.30pm. Own Transport required. There is a charge of £10 per head. You may like to bring a packed lunch. If you wish to join us and recharge your Spiritual batteries, ring Justin Nathan 01206 241317 or 07845392684

**MONKWICK NEWS:** Our next coffee morning will be on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September between 10 – 12. It will be hosted by Joan Norman at 5 Buxton Road. All welcome.

**SCRIPTURE COURSE:** Recommences on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6:45pm in the Crypt. Text for Study: The Gospel according to John.

**A JOURNEY IN FAITH [RCIA];** Recommences on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, for those thinking about becoming a Catholic or wishing to find out more about the Catholic Faith. Starting at 7:30pm in the Crypt.

**MISSION Autumn 2011:** Newsletters are available at the back of the Church, Please take one. Our Parish raises around £1000 a year for the APF/Mill Hill Fathers via the red boxes. If you would like one, please contact Ron Griffin on 571590.

**THE SVP** would like to thank everyone who has put money in our box in the church porch. This is always very welcome and helps us to carry on giving help to those who need it.

**CLEANING ROTA: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Team 4.**

## LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

September 11<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 pm John Lorrimer RIP  
**Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Intentions: Stephanie Curran  
10:30 am Frank Irvine RIP  
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**  
5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**  
6:30 pm Mr and Mrs Milford RIP  
8:30 am Intentions: Teresa Hogan  
9:15 am Michael Stammers RIP  
10:15 am Vivienne Wright RIP

Mersea  
Mile End  
Monkwick

**Monday 12th** *Feria*  
Church 9:15 am Clare Adams RIP [A]

**Tuesday 13th** *St John Chrysostom, Bp.D.*  
Church 9:15 am Special Intention

**Wednesday 14th** *THE EXALTATION [TRIUMPH] OF THE CROSS*  
Church 12:15 pm **REQUIEM – MAY BANKS RIP**

**Thursday 15th** *Our Lady of Sorrows*  
Church 9:15 pm Jim McKentey RIP

**Friday 16th** *Ss Cornelius, P, and Cyprian, Bp, MM*  
*School Mass* Church 9:15 am Moya Campbell RIP

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** *Feria*  
Church 9:15 am Sarah Betts RIP

## LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

September 18<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 pm Christina Mooney RIP  
**Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Thomas and Gladys Lane RIP  
10:30 am Julian van Sertima RIP  
4.00 pm **POLISH MASS**  
6:30 pm Parishioners  
8:30 am Intentions: Teresa Hogan  
9:15 am Intentions: Jacinta Tang  
10:15am Intentions: Editaa Humphreys

West Mersea  
Mile End  
Monkwick

**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** *St Thomas More* Head: Bridget Harris [865722]  
*St Benedict's* Acting: Head: Peter Johnson [549222]  
[www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or 0800 389 3801. [www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org)

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