

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

175 YEARS ~ 1837 - 2012

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

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## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] November 11<sup>th</sup> 2012 – Remembrance Day

We unite our prayers with the whole country this weekend in praying for the dead of the two World Wars and more recent conflicts:

*They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.*

*Age shall not weary them, not the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.*

### Parish History:

We have copies of the Parish History recently published by Fr Stewart Foster to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Parish. Priced at £5, all profits will go towards Parish funds.

### Christmas Market in the Cardinal Bourne Hall:

Begins at 6pm on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a Curry Evening and Stalls, and which will finish at 10pm. Then on the following day, Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November from 10:30am until 4pm, with stalls, Father Christmas and, of course, the Christmas Grand Draw. Tickets are available this weekend. Please sell as many books as you can - the Christmas Draw is a major fundraiser for our Parish.

### The Bishop's Farewell Mass:

This will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. We will be notified as to how many representatives there can be from each Parish. After all Masses this weekend, a second collection will be taken up for a farewell gift for Bishop Thomas.

<b>SUNDAYS:</b>	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
<b>DAILY:</b>	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
<b>PRAYER GROUP:</b>	Mondays at 8pm	Crypt
<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b>	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

<u>EVENTS THIS WEEK</u>			
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Catholicism Course*	Crypt
“ “	8:00 pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:45 pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	FHC Programme – Parents	Crypt
“ “	7:30 pm	RCIA	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Catholicism Course*	Crypt
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Catholicism Course*	Crypt
“ “	7:30 pm	Confirmation Meeting	Hall

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Gwen Cole, Ian Cole, Stanley Crane, Fr. Ian Dickie, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Catherine Spicer, Jacqueline Sykes, Filomena Velasquez, Tony White.

**Bishop McMAHON's FAREWELL MASS:** Will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. We will be notified soon as to how many representatives there can be from each parish.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** There will be a collection for the Diocesan Youth Service on the Feast of Christ the King 24-25<sup>th</sup> November and for BEEF (Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund) on the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> December, specifically this year for the promotion of vocations. There will be a collection for Christmas Flowers (Priory St only) on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Eva Grace Fish and Amelia Elizabeth Jones.** God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The Parish's First Holy Communion Programme for young people in Years 3 and above will start in Advent. Information packs will be available after Mass. Parents' meetings will be held in the Crypt on **Thursdays, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> November** from 7:30pm and all sessions should be attended. The children gather for the first time on **Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December** at 10:00am in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

**POLISH PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD:** Next Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 3:00pm at Colchester Cemetery

**MASSES OF OUR LADY IN ADVENT:** in Polish starting with indoor Procession: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 6:30 pm in St James the Less and St Helen.

**CATHOLICISM\*:** Fr Robert Barron continues to present a stunning DVD-based Catechism in the Crypt on the dates and times as marked\* above. The final session for this year will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Dates for the New Year will be given in due course.

**A RATZINGER READER:** Sundays at 8.00pm. We will be studying *Jesus of Nazareth*. All you will need is the book and the time to read a chapter **ahead** of each

session.

**MERSEA NEWS:** Our last event for 2012 will be the Christmas Fayre to be held at St Cedd's on Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am. Hope to see you there.

**THE COMMISSION FOR EVANGELISATION AND FORMATION:** is holding two Question of Faith events this month. The first is in Basildon on Wednesday 28 November - Our Lady & All Saints at The Most Holy Trinity Church Hall, Wickhay, SS15 5AD. (01268 281732) The second is in Chingford on Thursday 29 November - Our Lady of Grace and St Teresa of Avila in the Avila Room, Station Road, Chingford, London E4 7BJ. (020 8529 1804) Both events are open to all for a stimulating evening of questions and answers about the Catholic faith during this Year of Faith. Question of Faith is an opportunity for the audience to ask questions of a panel of priests and lay Catholics about living the Catholic Faith. Drinks and nibbles make for a lively and enjoyable evening which is free of charge to participants. Both events are from 7:30 until 9:00pm. Booking is *not* required. Contact CEF at [cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or 01277 265289, or the parish directly on the numbers above for any more information.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET:** Dates for your diary are November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. This week we are requesting jewellery, toiletries, unwanted gifts and other saleable items. Please place in the black bins in the church porch which will be emptied daily. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS DRAW:** Tickets are available this weekend to sell to all your friends and colleagues, so that they have a chance of winning the super prizes when the draw is taken at the Christmas Market.

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:** You can make donations large or small to CAFOD as part of their Christmas Gifts campaign. Please take one of their leaflets for more information.

**SVP CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:** will be in the CBH on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30pm to 5.00pm, cost £5. This includes Afternoon Tea, entertainment by Steve Williams and Lucky Ticket number. There will also be a raffle. Please phone Judy on 07970408707 to book or see any SVP Member after Mass. Money to be paid on or before 1st December.

**CATHOLICS AND THE CHALLENGES OF BIO-ETHICS:** On 1<sup>st</sup> December at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT. Speaker: Dr Gavin Jarvis, Medical Research Scientist in dept. of Bio-Chemistry at University of Cambridge. 11am- 3pm. Bring your own lunch. Contact John Sutcliffe on 851383 for full information.

**ADVENT PREPARATION: LECTIO DIVINA:** Each Friday of Advent, at 7.30 in the Crypt, there will be a reflective reading of the following Sunday scriptures. Please see Poster in porch.

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Team 1.**

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]**

**11<sup>th</sup> November 2012 – Remembrance Day**

**Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> 6:15 pm** Agnes McInerney RIP

**Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am** Jean Humphrey RIP

**10:30 am** Michael Hanley RIP

**2:00 pm POLISH MASS**

**5:00 pm HOLY HOUR**

**6:30 pm** Des Byrne RIP

**8:30 am** Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP

**9:15 am** Oreste Mele RIP

**10:15 am** Parishioners

*West Mersea*

*Mile End*

*Monkwick*

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**St Josaphat, Bp, M**

*Church* **7:30 am** Timothy English RIP

*Church* **9:15 am** D/Rels: McKentey Family RIP

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Feria**

*Church* **9:15 am** Sidney and Rose Castell RIP

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Feria**

*Church* **7:30 am** Des Bryne RIP

*Church* **12:15 pm** Intentions: Annette and Chris

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Feria**

*Church* **9:15 am** Agnes Chee RIP

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**St Edmund of Abingdon [Rich], Bp**

*Church* **9:15 am** Ann de Smith RIP

*Church* **1:30 pm** **REQUIEM – MARIA SOUTAR RIP**

*Church* **6:30 pm** Intentions: Stephanie Curran

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Feria**

*Church* **9:15 am** Des Byrne RIP

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> 6:15 pm** Heather and Frank Mills RIP

**Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am** Hector Silva RIP

**10:30 am** Gabriel Bernadel & Mario de Aguiar RIP

**4:00 pm POLISH MASS**

**6:30 pm** Beryl and Noel Blanchette RIP

**8:30 am** Parishioners

**9:15 am** Thomas, Mary & John Rutherford RIP

**10:15 am** Canon John Bloomfield RIP

*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]

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