

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD [C] - (HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)

12 May 2013 – World Communications Day

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Today we celebrate the glorious Ascension of our Lord into heaven. Our Lord has gone before us to prepare a place in our Father's house. On Ascension Day, he gave the Apostles and the Church the commission to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world. On this day, we pray for the work of the Church in the field of communications. We pray that the message of Christ will not be drowned out or subverted by the many means of communication available today.

The Catholic Communications Network (CCN) provides support for the bishops of England and Wales and more widely, the Church, in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. The office is the central point for media enquiries.

It plays a key role in developing the public profile of the Church and, earlier in the year, it ran the Catholic Church in England and Wales' media coordination of the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, the Conclave and the election of Pope Francis.

www.catholicnews.org.uk

World Communications Day Prayer

O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image. Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity. Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes		
Wednesday 15 th	6:45pm Scripture Group	Crypt
	7:00pm SVP	
Thursday 16 th	7:00pm Monkwick AGM	St Theodore's
Saturday 18 th	11:00am St Augustine's Film	Crypt
Sunday 19 th	2:00pm First Holy Communion Mass	Church
	5:30pm St Augustine's Film (re-showing)	Crypt

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
EVENING PRAYER:	Fridays at 6pm	Church
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

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, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Minimol Joseph, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Denis O'Neill, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Patricia Roche, The Sharfraie Family, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Andrew Dorricott who died last week. Funeral Mass will be at our Lady of Ransom Rayleigh on Friday 17th May at 11am. May he rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Eva & Piotr Ryczywol** who were married at Priory St yesterday.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: **Keira Doyle**. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

MONKWICK AGM: At St Theodore's Monkwick next Thursday 16th May. 7:00pm.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday 23rd May at 7:30pm in the crypt.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES: Our Children will celebrate their First Holy Communion at 2pm on Sunday 19th and 26th May.

MERSEA NEWS: The 1st coffee morning this year will be on 14th May at the home of Sue Jenner, 64, St Peter's Road, starting at 10:30. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Don't forget to bring your friends with you.

KERALA MASS: will be on Saturday 18th May at 6pm, we will be reciting rosary before the mass at 5.30pm.

SVP 2nd COLLECTION: The SVP thanks everyone for their generosity in giving to our collection last weekend. The money will be used mostly to give help locally, but also to support our twins in India and for aid in the event of a world wide disaster.

SVP – WALSINGHAM: SVP are arranging for a coach to Walsingham on July 7th. Details to follow.

FOR YOUR DIARY - CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY JUNE 2nd: as usual, there will be a joint English – Polish Mass starting at 2pm and followed by a Eucharistic Procession. At

4pm, there will be **World-Wide SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** for the Year of Faith requested by Archbishop Fisichella. It would be good for us to be united with Rome for that, so watch this space! Details below:

Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, has announced a special event to mark the centrality of the Eucharist in the observance of the Year of Faith: a worldwide Solemn Eucharistic Adoration on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) will take place on Sunday June 2nd at 4pm local time
<http://www.annusfidei.va/content/novaevangelizatio/en/eventi/adorazioneeucaristica.html>

Do you say morning or evening prayer or wonder what saints day it is in the church's calendar? Then you should get a copy of the ordo, included in the diocesan directory along with valuable contact information for catholic organisations across Essex. Reduced price of 50p – bargain!!

MAY FAYRE, ST JOHN PAYNE, GREENSTEAD: Come along next Saturday, 18 May, and support St John Payne's May Fayre. Lots of good stalls, wonderful cakes and fun for the children. The fayre is held in the Parish Hall and is open 10am - 2pm. Bring a big bag, there are many good things to buy, and win!

APPEAL FROM SPUC - HELP SUPPORT REAL MARRIAGE: The government's Marriage (Sam Sex Couples) Bill is approaching its final vote in the House of Commons – expected around Monday 20th May – before it goes to the Lords. At the 2nd reading in Feb, 172 MP's voted against. Please ask your local MP (Sir Bob Russell) to oppose the bill, by letters, emails or phone calls between 13-17th May. Sir Bob Russell MP, House of Commons, LONDON. SW1A 0AA. www.spuc.org.uk/mps. T: 020 7219 3000.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Monday 27th May is the Feast Day of St Augustine of Canterbury, and we will be going to Ramsgate to share in the festivities. If you'd like to join us, please indicate to Fr Neil so that we can decide the transport. We wouldn't need to leave before 8 am, honest.

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY FILM: A DVD on St Augustine of Canterbury will be shown in the Crypt on Saturday 18th May at 11am and a re-showing on Sunday 19th at 5:30pm – in anticipation of his feast day on Monday 27th May.

INTERESTED IN HISTORY? The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) will take place at SS Peter and Paul, High Road, Ilford on 25th May 2013 at 2.30 pm. Dr. James Hagerty will be giving a talk entitled, ' John Carmel Heenan - The Brentwood Days'.

COLCHESTER DEANERY MUSIC DAY: Saturday, 15th June 10.00 am – 4.30 pm St Monica's Church, De Vere Lane, Wivenhoe. Directed by Frances Novillo & Andrew Wright. ALL are welcome, even if you do not play an instrument or cannot read music! Workshop for singers & instrumentalists covering psalms for the seasons, Mass settings and forthcoming songs and hymns for Sundays. Please bring music stand if required (instrumentalists). Event is free - just bring your own lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. It would be helpful if you could book your place for the day for organisational purposes. email: music@dioceseofbrentwood.org or Tel. No. 01277 265288.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 16th May – Team 3

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12th May 2013**

Saturday May 11th 6:15 pm Una Close RIP

Sunday May 12th

8:00 am Nana Faran & Violet Ballan RIP
10:30 am Sr Helen Walsch RIP
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**
6:30 pm Mr & Mrs Milford RIP
8:30 am Private Intention [TH]
9:15 am D/Rels: Larkin Family
10:15 am Parishioners

*West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick*
Monday 13th

Feria

Church **7:30 am** Verna Wilshaw RIP
Church **9:15 am** Pawk & Zlocki Families
ST MATTHIAS, Ap Feast

Tuesday 14th

Church **9:15 am** James Harrington RIP

Wednesday 15th

Feria

Church **7:30 am** Carlotta Hunt RIP
Church **12:15 pm** Bridget Lloyd RIP

Thursday 16th

Feria

Church **9:15 am** Ints: Katie Kuo & Family

Friday 17th

Feria

Church **9:15 am** Brian Cogan RIP
Church **6:30 pm** D/Rels: Herbert & Richards Families

Saturday 18th

Feria

Church **9:15 am** Hector Silva RIP [IS]

**PENTECOST [C] – Solemnity
19th May 2013**

Saturday May 18th

6:15 pm Ints: Maurice Highfield

Mile End

6:00 pm **KERALA MASS**

Sunday May 19th

8:00 am Ints: Esther Kemball

10:30 am Ints: Anna & Ivan Norfolk [PG]

4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Ints: Julie & Family

West Mersea

8:30 am Joy Richardson

Mile End

9:15 am Parishioners

Monkwick

10:15 am Ints: John Pereira & Family

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*

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