

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

175 YEARS ~ 1837 - 2012

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YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]

October 14<sup>th</sup> 2012

My dear friends,

As we go to press, there is the Diocesan Mass in the Cathedral to launch the Year of Faith. We are in union with the whole Church in beginning this special year to commemorate the opening of the Second Vatican Council [1962] and the publishing of the Catechism of the Catholic Church [1992]. We are all called to come to a deeper understanding of our faith during these days, and thereby come to a closer encounter with Our Lord. We look forward to hearing our Bishop's Pastoral Letter about this which is to be read at all Masses today, and copies of which are available.

There are several publications you could make use of. Available today is "Doorway to Faith" produced by the same Group, Alive Publishing, who issue the "Walk with Me" books. "Doorway to Faith" is £1 and has a short sentence from the Catechism for each day and a reflection on it. Simple acts of faith are often best, such as a visit to Church or saying the Creed in our private prayers.

May God bless you all

Fr Tony McKentey

*"The 'door of faith' [Acts 14.27] is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry to his Church.*

*It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace."*

Pope Benedict XVI, Porta Fidei

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

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 6:45pm</b>	<b>Scripture Course</b>	<b>Crypt</b>
<b>" 7:00 pm</b>	<b>SVP Meeting</b>	
<b>[The next RCIA meeting takes place on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 7:30pm</b>		<b>Crypt</b>

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Desmond Byrne, who has recently died. His funeral has been arranged for Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October, at 12 pm. May he rest in peace.

**HOSPITAL MASS:** There will not be a Hospital Mass this month.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Marie and Steven Bush** married here yesterday.

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND:** **Lyle Matthew Ballard.** God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

**YEAR OF FAITH RESOURCES:** can be found at the back of church near the Seventh Station of the Cross. The CTS Year of Faith leaflet contains a list of key books to read – all available from [www.cts-online.org.uk](http://www.cts-online.org.uk).

**YEAR OF FAITH LOGO:** The logo is composed of a square, bordered field on which a boat, symbolizing the Church, is represented as sailing on a graphically minimal representation of waves. The main mast of the boat is a cross from which sails are displayed in the form of dynamic signs which compose the trigram of Christ (IHS). The background to the sails is a sun, which associated with the trigram, refers also to the Eucharist.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET MEETING:** The next meeting takes place **today** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall after the 10:30 Mass. All welcome. Thank you. Frances.

**THANK YOU:** From the Knights of St Columba to all those who took part in the very successful Quiz Night for Charity. "We have issued a cheque for £250 to Emmaus".

**MERSEA NEWS:** Many thanks to Sue Jenner for hosting our last coffee morning which every one enjoyed. 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 10:30. Hope to see you there.

**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 **from next weekend – 20/21<sup>st</sup> October.** Parents' meetings will be held in the Crypt on **Thursdays, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> October** 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.

**BINGO NIGHT:** Next Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, after evening Mass in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Free entrance and light refreshments. Everybody welcome. Point of contact: Armando Signorelli – 01206 854921.

**DAY PILGRIMAGE TO OXBURGH HALL AND WALSINGHAM.** 31st October. See Fr. Neil for more details.

**175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** To celebrate 175 years since the founding of our Parish, all parishioners are invited to the Cardinal Bourne Hall following Saturday evening Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> November to partake of refreshments. Wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be provided, but offers of finger buffet food will be most welcome. Ring Frances Galvin [369568] or Ron Griffin [571590] for more details.

#### TEACHING VACANCIES:

**ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE:** are advertising for a head of maths, a teacher of modern foreign languages and a science teacher. Please see their website for further details: [www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk](http://www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk)

**ST TERESA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, BASILDON:** Class Teacher – KS1. Closing date very tight – 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Tel: 01268 553502; [admin@st-teresasrc.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-teresasrc.essex.sch.uk)

**ST LUKE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, HARLOW:** Head Teacher from April 2013. To visit school, contact 01279 423499. For application pack, contact Carolyn Kerr, ECC Schools Workforce Team on 01245 436252.

**CATHOLICISM:** A 12 week series of adult formation in the Faith. Fr Robert Barron presents a stunning DVD-based Catechism on Friday nights [which started last week] at 7:30pm in the Crypt. The next booked sessions this year are on October 19, 26<sup>th</sup>; November 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>.

**SVP:** The SVP will be holding a Party for Senior Citizens on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2:30pm-5pm. Cost £5. Full details to follow.,

**DEANERY MUSIC DAY:** A workshop for singers, instrumentalists and choirs on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Billericay Parish 9:45am-3:30pm. Fee: £5. Bring music stands and packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided. See poster for full details or call 01277 265288.

**VOCATIONS UPDATE:** Fr Nick de Keyser and Fr Matthew Bernand were Ordained Priests of Brentwood Diocese on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Sr Teresa of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham professed her first vows on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Diocesan Vocations Group is open to men and women aged 17-30 and meets about every six weeks in Brentwood. The next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> November and Sr Teresa Lenehan, Prioress of the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre, will be a speaker. For details of the Group or for any information, contact Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, on 01268 281732; [frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org](mailto:frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Volunteers are needed for the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Children's liturgy tries to provide children with an interesting and stimulating insight into the Gospel and the celebration of the Mass. People need to be able to commit to doing a liturgy about every 8-10 weeks, ideally working in pairs, with the possibility of running the liturgy for two consecutive weeks. You do not have to be a teacher, it is very easy to do and the resources are all ready for you. Please contact Siobhan (Shiv) Cordy-Mckenna on 07740 940520 or Angela Millward.

**ALTAR SERVERS/CLEANERS:** New Rotas awaited.

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2012

**Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 pm The Sullivan Family RIP  
**Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP  
10:30 am Gabriel Ledwidge RIP  
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**  
5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**  
6:30 pm Maisie Radford RIP [R&MW]  
8:30 am Parishioners  
9:15 am Derrick Foley RIP  
10:15 am Patrick Burke EIP

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**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** **St Theresa of Jesus [Avila] V, Rel D**  
*Church* 7:30 am Ints: Mrs E. MacLaclan and Family  
*Church* 9:15 am Ken Herbert RIP

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 am Stephen Hilton RIP

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** **St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp, M**  
*Church* 7:30 am May Banks RIP  
*Church* 12:15 pm David Anthony Daniels RIP

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** **ST LUKE, Evangelist**  
*Church* 9:15 am Hector Silva RIP

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 am Margaret Murray RIP  
*Church* 6:30 pm Katie Suffield RIP

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 am In Thanksgiving–Elizabeth Akpoyouare

#### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012

*[World Mission Day]*

**Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 pm Annie Fitzgibbon RIP  
**Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Ints: Bernadette Young  
10:30 am Sr Helen Walsh RIP  
4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**  
6:30 pm Paddy Gilligan RIP  
8:30 am Sid Ashmore RIP  
9:15 am Parishioners  
10:15 am Holy Souls RIP

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**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* Head: Mrs J Santinelli [549222]

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