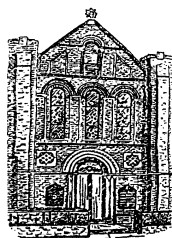


# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH

## MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [A] *May 15<sup>th</sup> 2011*

My dear friends,

Only Jesus knows what 'definite service' he has in mind for you. Be open to his voice resounding in the depths of your heart: even now his heart is speaking to your heart.

Christ has need of families to remind the world of the dignity of human love and the beauty of family life.

He needs men and women who devote their lives to the noble task of education, tending the young and forming them in the ways of the Gospel.

He needs those who will consecrate their lives to the pursuit of perfect charity, following him in chastity, poverty and obedience, and serving him in the least of our brothers and sisters.

He needs the powerful love of contemplative religious, who sustain the Church's witness and activity through their constant prayer

And he needs priests, good and holy priests, men who are willing to lay down their lives for their sheep. Ask our Lord what he has in mind for you! Ask him for the generosity to say "yes". Do not be afraid to give yourself totally to Jesus. He will give you the grace you need to fulfil your vocation.

May God bless you all

#### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	6.45pm Scripture Group	Crypt
“	7.00pm SVP Meeting	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm Monkwick Committee Meeting	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm Parish Council Meeting	Crypt

DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am. [Wed. 11:15am]	
PRAYER GROUP	Mondays @ 8pm in the Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt
EXPOSITION:	Saturdays at 9:45am-10:30 am

**SICK:** Please remember in your prayers Sr. Mary Therese Bamford, May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Wendy Higgins, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Denis Nolan, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Andrew Southern, Ellen Woodley, Patrick Quinlivan, Paula Nash

**BAPTISMS TODAY:** Charlie Goodwin, Thomas Turnbull, and Harry Blanke. May God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**BAPTISM COURSE FOR CHILDREN UP TO 6 YRS:** If you would like to present a child for Baptism, the next Course has been arranged for Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May and Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9pm, Appointments are not necessary, but *both* sessions must be attended.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Evelyn Sweeney** who died recently. Her Requiem will be here on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am, followed by burial at Brightlingsea May she rest in peace. Our condolences to her family in their bereavement.

**FR NEIL WRITES:** As May is the month of Our Lady, why not consider a pilgrimage to one of her shrines? We are not that far from the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham which has some claim to be the most important shrine in England. You can take all your needs and those of your friends and leave them there with an intercessor who can persuade her Son as only a mother can.

**TODAY IS VOCATIONS SUNDAY:** We pray for the seven students in formation for Priesthood for the Diocese of Brentwood, and for those discerning vocation to the Priesthood. If you are considering Priesthood, do look at [www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org) for lots of helpful information and contacts. If you are aged 16-35 and considering vocation to the Religious Life, or to Priesthood, or simply considering what your vocation in life may be, then the Invocation Festival is for you: have a look at [www.invocation.org.uk](http://www.invocation.org.uk)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOC. ANNUAL COLLECTION – 22<sup>nd</sup> May.** The SVP help individuals and families in need in our Parish, visit the housebound and lonely, give to the homeless and, if needed, help to pay towards children going to SVP Summer Camp. Money is given to Third World Projects and to Worldwide

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**PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD:** The annual KSC . Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory takes place on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> of June. Cost is £12 per head; children half price. A coach leaves Colchester, East Hill at 9am. Please bring a packed lunch, although there is a Restaurant on site. If possible, please bring a folding chair as benches are quickly taken. There will be Mass, Confessions and the Rosary Walk around the garden. To book and arrange pick up point contact:- Justin on 01206 241317 or 07845 392684.

**MISSION RED BOXES:** On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00pm, Bishop Thomas is celebrating Mass at Brentwood Cathedral to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Red Mission Boxes. All Mission Box holders are invited to attend. Please contact Ron Griffin (01206 571590) if you wish to go, to give an idea of numbers wishing to attend.

**PRIORY ST. ORGAN** is currently under repair, and will be out of action for at least another week, but the good news is that its performance will be improved when maintenance is completed.

**MERSEA NEWS:** Many thanks to Judy Cooper for hosting our first Coffee Morning – what a lovely sunny day to start them off, everyone enjoyed being able to sit in her lovely garden. Next date for your diaries is 14<sup>th</sup> June at the home of Pauline Aspinall, 5 Prince Albert Road, West Mersea.

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING** at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood will take place this month on Sunday 22 May, 7.30-9.00pm. Everyone welcome.

**EASTER MYSTERY IN PAINTING AND POETRY:** Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 7.30-9.00pm, Cathedral Conference Centre. Sr. Magdalen Lawlor, SND, Author and Retreat Director will present this session. The riches of Easter, with a view to deepening our prayer and attachment to the Risen One will be explored. Cost – a suggested donation of £5 per person.

**THE GOSPEL AND DEMENTIA – A MESSAGE OF HOPE –** Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 7.30-9.00pm, Cathedral Conference Centre. Sr. Siobhan O’Keeffe is a Sister of The Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, author of “Perils of Prayer”. The session will offer insights of how the Gospel Message gives hope to all supporting people living with dementia. Cost: A suggested donation of £5 per person

**VACANCY:** Deputy Head required for September for St Peter’s Catholic Primary School, Billericay. For further information and an application pack please contact the Bursar, Mrs Lammin on 01277 653770. Visits are encouraged by appointment with the Headteacher, Mr, Peoples.

**CLEANING TEAM:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Team 2

**MOVING?:** If you are moving, please let the Parish Office know. If you are newly arrived, please complete a Registration Form [in the porch]. For inclusions to the parish website: [admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](mailto:admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org)

**LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [A] May 15<sup>th</sup> 2011**

<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Mr & Mrs Milford RIP
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Dennis Cotterau RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Private Intention
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<i>Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Annie McKillion RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Jeff Cox RIP

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Robin McNair RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Special Intention
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Winifred, Joseph & Leo Critonley RIP(A)

<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Special Intention
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12:15 pm</b> Kearney/Hamilton Families’ Intentions

<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.15 am</b> Canon John Bloomfield RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>10.30 am</b> <b>REQUIEM – Evelyn Sweeney RIP</b>

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Bridget and Michael Brady RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Michael Smith RIP

<b>Saturday 21<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Intentions Mary Wynn

**LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [A] May 22<sup>ND</sup> 2011**

<b>Saturday 21<sup>ST</sup> May</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Mary White RIP
<b>Sunday 22<sup>ND</sup> May</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Annie and Michael O’Reilly RIP

*West Mersea*  
*Mile End*  
*Monkwick*

**10:30am** Baby Doris Murray RIP  
**6:30 pm** Peter Clarke  
**8:30 am** Jeffrey Cox RIP  
**9:15 am** Special Intention  
**10:15am** Parishioners

**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

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*St Benedict's* Acting Head: Peter

Johnson [549222]

[www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or 0800 389 3801.

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