

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] – 15<sup>th</sup> September  
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My Dear Friends

On Friday morning I celebrated Mass for St Thomas More School for the beginning of the new school year. It was extremely heartening to see them all in church and listen to their beautiful singing. As we go to press, I am looking forward to all the events of the Heritage Weekend which today, Sunday, centres on the Abbey Gatehouse, which is open from 10:30am – 4pm.

## Home Mission Sunday

Today is Home Mission Sunday when we are asked to pray for the mission of the church here in our own land. The Bishops Committee for Evangelisation and Catechesis has chosen the theme of "Crossing the Threshold" and calls us to reach out to non-churchgoing Catholics. Today's parable of the prodigal son reminds us of the welcome we should give to those who wish to return to the practice of their faith.

It is estimated that while there are around one million churchgoing Catholics in England, there are at least four million who rarely or never visit their local parish. We may have a relative or friend who may benefit from an invitation from us to come back to church, where a warm welcome awaits. Please take one of the Home Mission leaflets today or visit [www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms13](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms13). Our bidding prayers today will reflect this theme.

God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes			
<b>SUNDAYS:</b>		Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	
3pm			
<b>DAILY:</b>		Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	
8:35am			
<b>EVENING PRAYER:</b>		Fridays	at 6pm
Church			
<b>PRAYER GROUP:</b>		Mondays	at 8pm
Crypt			
<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b>		Tuesdays	at 8pm
Crypt			

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries in bold type):** Please remember in your prayers, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Stanley Crane, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Alphonse Knapp, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, **Carley Saunders**, The Sharfraie Family, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ron Wheeler and Richard Cox. May they rest in peace. Ron's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am with reception into church at 4:30pm the evening before. Richard's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 11am.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend for the Parish Development Fund. We agreed to have about two collections a year to help us fulfill the church's mission in our parish. Please be as generous as you can.

**QUESTIONS ON LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH? :** You are warmly invited to attend an evening to ask questions on living the Catholic faith, being held during the Year of Faith, on Thursday 19 September 2013 at Priory St from 7.30 pm.

**MERSEA NEWS:** Many thanks to Bernadette Ebling for hosting our September coffee morning. Just one more date for your diaries before our Christmas Fayre; Tuesday October 8th hosted by Margaret Brookes at 71, Queen Anne Road, West Mersea. The Christmas Fayre date is November 23rd at the Church. Looking forward to seeing you at both.

**MONKWICK NEWS:** Coffee Morning – Thank you to all those who joined us on Saturday last. Our next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 12 noon at 26 Queensland Drive and our host is Joyce Wrobel. All welcome.

**MERCY ASSOCIATES:** Meet at 7.30pm on Monday 16th September at 2 The Mount, Lexden, CO3 4JR.

**MASS REQUESTS:** When asking for a Mass to be said, please note that there are no more 10:30am Sunday Masses available this year. Also a reminder that the easiest way to request a Mass is to use the brown envelopes provided. Please always state clearly if the Mass is for someone's intentions or RIP.

**100 CLUB AUGUST DRAW:** And the winners were: Tom Smith [1<sup>st</sup>]; Françoise Guild [2<sup>nd</sup>]; Kenneth Chapman [3<sup>rd</sup>]. Congratulations to you all.

**STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** We have been using for many months now a borrowed statue for processions of Our Lady. It's about time we had our own. Fr. Tony has approved the purchase of a petite statue for the litter and now we need to raise the money – just over £200 – to purchase it. Please place any donations in an envelope marked "Donation for the Statue of Our Lady" and hand them into the parish office. May God bless you, and Our Lady intercede for you!

**AUTUMN BOOK FAYRE:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 10am-4pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Refreshments available. Donations of books earnestly requested; Please leave at the presbytery. Volunteers also needed to set-up and man the stalls. Proceeds to parish funds.

**ST BENEDICT'S FORMS:** Fr Tony will be available to sign your application forms for St Benedict's College on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm – 6pm. Please make contact through the church office to book your appointment time. Don't forget to bring a completed form with you ready for Fr Tony to sign.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: Open Mic Evening in the hall** – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. 7pm-10:30pm. We are looking for musicians, comedians and magicians to come a long and entertain us. Entry is £2 per person. £5 family ticket. There will be a raffle and refreshments on sale. We look forward to seeing you there. Proceeds will be split between the UCM and Harry Helping Others.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET: 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November.** Planning meeting **this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September** after evening Mass in the crypt or call Frances on 369568; Nora on 503410 or contact her in the CBH after the 10:30 Sunday Mass. All ages, skills, talents and ideas most welcome – Thank you.

**THE NIGERIAN PARISH COMMUNITY:** will be hosting a reception in the Crypt after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September to commemorate Nigeria's independence anniversary and to remember the country and her citizens. All are welcome.

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER:** to Walsingham, for the Sanctity of Life. Sunday 22 September, led by Bishop John Sherrington with Fr Jeremy Davies and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. For details see the poster or [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org). If you would like to go, there is the possibility of organising a car share or if sufficient interest a minibus / coach. Please contact John Sutcliffe T: 851838

**KSC FAMILY FUN DAY:** Saturday 21st September, Mile End Church Grounds, Family Fun Day and BBQ 10am to 5pm, bring your own chairs. Tickets £5 per family and £1.50 PP.

**FRIENDS OF PERU:** Present a Peruvian Cuisine Evening on Saturday 28th September in the Cardinal Bourne Hall from 7:00pm – 10:30pm; three course meal with veg option – cooked by Peruvian ladies. £12. Music, bar, raffle and Peruvian crafts on sale. Proceeds to Sisters of Mercy in Peru. For tickets

contact Linda  
T:762 994 or Nora T: 503410. Advance tickets only – no tickets on door.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH WITH RCIA:** if you have been thinking of becoming a Catholic or just want to find out more about the Catholic Faith then come along to the Crypt on October 1st at 7.30pm for the start of the next programme.

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Team 3.**

### **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

#### **[Home Mission Day]**

<b>Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Kitty Foley RIP
<b>Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Ints: Fr Paul Dynan
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Ints: Sykes Family
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
<i>Signed Mass</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Lapin Thérèse Mekongo RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Special Intention [MW]
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Gelsomina Fappiano
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Ss Cornelius, P and Cyprian, Bp, Mm</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b>	Ints: Kathleen Matthews
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Sarah Betts RIP
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Kitty Foley RIP [AC]
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b>	Bridget Lloyd RIP
<i>Church</i>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	Hector Silva RIP
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Sybal Kathleen Lyons RIP
<i>Church</i>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS – Ron Wheeler RIP</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Ss Andrew, Kim Tae-gén, Pr</b>
		<b>&amp; Paul Chong Ha-sang &amp; Comps, Mn</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Barbara Putt RIP
<i>Church</i>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS – Richard Cox RIP</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>ST MATTHEW, Ap, Evangelist - Feast</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Eileen Cleary RIP

### **TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013**

#### **[The Harvest]**

<b>Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Baby Sunga & Noli Enriquez RIP
<b>Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Thomas & Gladys Lane RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Sylvia Osemwota RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Jim Murphy RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Joan Cooney RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Geremio Cestari

*Monkwick*

**10:15 am** 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*

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