

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

With

MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

OCTOBER 16TH 2011

GIVING TO GOD, GIVING TO CAESAR

Fundamental to Christianity is the distinction between what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God [cf. Mt 22:21], in other words, the distinction between Church and State, or, as the Second Vatican Council puts it, the autonomy of the temporal sphere. The State may not impose religion, yet it must guarantee religious freedom and harmony between the followers of different religions. For her part, the Church as the social expression of Christian faith, has a proper independence and is structured on the basis of her faith as a community which the state must recognise. The two spheres are distinct, yet always interrelated.

Justice is both the aim and the intrinsic criterion of all politics. Politics is more than a mere mechanism for defining the rules of public life: its origin and its goal are found in justice, which by its very nature has to do with ethics. The State must inevitably face the question of how justice can be achieved here and now. But this presupposes an even more radical question: what is justice? The problem is one of practical reason; but if reason is to be exercised properly, it must undergo constant purification, since it can never be completely free of the danger of a certain ethical blindness caused by the dazzling effect of power and special interests.

Here politics and faith meet. Faith by its specific nature is an encounter with the living God – an encounter opening up new horizons extending beyond the sphere of reason. But it is also a purifying force for reason itself. From God's standpoint, faith liberates reason from its blind spots and therefore helps it to be ever more

fully itself. Faith enables reason to do its work more effectively and to see its proper object more clearly. This is where Catholic social doctrine has its place: it has no intention of giving the Church power over the State. Even less is it an attempt to impose on those who do not share the faith ways of thinking and modes of conduct proper to faith. Its aim is simply to help purify reason and to contribute, here and now, to the acknowledgement and attainment of what is just..... **Pope Benedict XVI**

DAILY Morning Prayer 8.15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8.35am (Wed 11.15am)	
PRAYER GROUP	Mondays at 8pm in the Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt

EVENTS THIS WEEK - Please check Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 16th October 5pm	Polish Invitation [see below]	Hall
" 8pm	Evangelium [no Meeting 23/10]	Crypt

Wednesday 19th	6:45-8:45pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
Thursday 20th	7:30pm	RCIA	Crypt

SICK: Please remember in your prayers June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Casiano Pasumbal, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva.

BAPTISMS TODAY : **Jack Michael Flanagan.** God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

POLISH INVITATION: Today at 5pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, the Polish community invites everyone to a celebration of the life of **John Paul II** on the anniversary of his elevation to the Chair of St Peter. There will be recordings of his own words in victory Square, Warsaw, and readings from his papal and artistic works, including *Familiaris Consortio*, *Memory and Identity* and *The Jeweller's Shop*. Some of these will be translated into English. See the posters in the porch.

CAFOD – Family Fast Day Collection: Thank you for your generosity. The amount raised to date is approximately £1700.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Rouse who has recently died. Her funeral has been arranged for 2pm tomorrow, October 17th, at St Joseph's, Mile End. May she rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: We are progressing well with our planning and in the coming week we will be requesting items for the Tombola and stalls. This week we are asking for **BOTTLES – wine, spirits, beer [cans], soft drinks etc.** Please leave them in the marked collection bins in the Church porch which are emptied daily. Next Meeting: Sunday, October 23rd, after the 10:30 Mass in the

Cardinal Bourne Hall. Thank you for your help and support.

MISSION APPEAL – SURVIVE – MIVA: Next Sunday, Mission Sunday, there will be an appeal across the parish on behalf of Survive Miva, the Charity who funds and provides transport in the developing world.

PARISH GRAND DRAW: The Grand Draw will be held on **Saturday 26th November during the Christmas Market.** *Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend and next, 22/23rd October.* All proceeds to the Parish Development Fund. If you have a quality prize and would like to donate it, please ring Ron 797850 or Bernie on 549524.

CHURCH CLEANERS' MEETING: Takes place on Tuesday, 18th October at 7:30pm in the Room next to the Crypt. New Rotas, groupings and cleaning store will be explained. Contact: Helena on 01206 794636. [Existing Rota for 20th October is Team 1].

ROSARY IN OCTOBER: The Knights of St Columba will be saying the Rosary on October 18th at 7:30pm at St Teresa's, Lexden; and on the 28th at Greenstead – Holy Hour 7:30pm.

MONKWICK NEWS: Monkwick Committee Meeting will take place on Thursday, 27th October at 7pm in the Church.

PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM: Danny Ferdinand writes: "Our poor start to the season continued when we were thrashed 9-1 by St. Johns. We do not have a match until October 29th and extra training has been ordered. With a bit of good fortune the season should improve".

MERSEA NEWS: Many thanks to Sue Jenner for hosting our last coffee morning for 2011. The next event will be our Christmas Fayre to be held on Saturday, 19th November at the Church, hope to see you all there.

APPEAL: Parishioner, Claire Gillen, has written appealing for help to raise the final £300 to meet her target for the Charity, Pancreatic Cancer UK. She and her husband have been invited to speak at the House of Commons & Lords next month. If you wish to donate, please visit justgiving.com and search her name. Thank you.

BLOW AWAY THE WINTER BLUES: The SVP are organizing a 5 day break on the Isle of Wight – *6th to 10th February 2012* - staying at Warners Bembridge Coast Hotel. Half board, entertainment, free bar from 6 pm to 11pm and two free excursions for only £279 pp. Please see poster in porch or ring Anna on 01206 242170.

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

LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

October 16th 2011

Saturday October 15th	6:15 pm	Baby Gabriel Ledwidge RIP [A]
Sunday October 16th	8:00 am	Intentions: Brendan Burke
	10:30 am	May Banks RIP [IJ]
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Margaret and Sam Gibb RIP
<i>Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Herbert Plater
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Derrick Foley RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Alan Smith RIP [DN]

Monday 17th

St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp, M.

<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Special Intention
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Intentions: Rose Robinson

Tuesday 18th

ST LUKE, Evangelist

<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Luke Chelatampu RIP [A]
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Wednesday 19th

Feria

<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Intentions: Stephanie Curran
<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm	Apinio Matiz RIP

Thursday 20th

Feria

<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Sr Helen Walsh [A]
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Friday 21st

[Y5 – STM]

Feria

<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Sr Helen Walsh RIP [A]
<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm	Intentions: Mary O'Toole

Saturday 22nd

<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	In Thanksgiving [JG]
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LITURGY FOR THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

October 23rd 2011 [World Mission Day]

Saturday October 22nd	6:15 pm	Annie Fitzgibbon RIP
Sunday October 23rd	8:00 am	Intentions: Lisa amd Kosta
	10:30am	Intentions: John Jaracz
	6:30 pm	Intentions: Mr & Mrs MacDonald
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Pat, Matt & Eddie Hogan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Leo Foley RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm
Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

At least six months notice is required

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Head: Bridget Harris [865722]

SCHOOLS St Thomas More

Acting: Head: Peter Johnson [549222]

St Benedict's

www.marriagecare.org.uk or 0800 389 3801.

www.brentwoodvocations.org

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