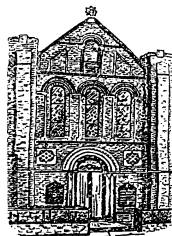


# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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## **THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]** **17<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

### ***Treasures of Heaven: saints, relics and devotion in medieval Europe British Museum until October***

This major exhibition brings together for the first time some of the finest sacred treasures of the medieval age.

The exhibition features over 150 objects from more than 40 institutions including the Vatican, European church treasures, museums from the USA and Europe and the British Museum's own pre-eminent collection.

**Where heaven and earth meet** - It was during the medieval period that the use of relics in devotional practice first developed and became a central part of Christian worship. For many, the relics of Christ and the saints – objects associated with them, such as body parts or possessions – continue to provide a bridge between heaven and earth today.

**Sacred containers** - Relics were usually set into ornate containers of silver and gold known as reliquaries, opulently decorated by the finest craftsmen of the age. They had spiritual and symbolic value that reflected the importance of their sacred contents. **Over a thousand years of history** - The earliest items date from the late Roman period and trace the evolution of the cult of the saints from the 4th century to the peak of relic veneration in late medieval Europe. Relics featured in the exhibition include three thorns thought to be from the Crown of Thorns, fragments of the True Cross, the foot of St Blaise, the breast milk of the Virgin Mary, the hair of St John the Evangelist, and the Mandylion of Edessa (one of the earliest known likenesses of Jesus). **Witness a lost heritage** - Treasures such as these have not been seen in significant numbers in the UK since the Reformation in the 16th century, which saw the wholesale destruction of saints' shrines. The exhibition offers a rare opportunity to glimpse the heritage of beautiful medieval craftsmanship that was lost to this country for centuries.

[http://www.britishmuseum.org/whats\\_on/exhibitions/treasures\\_of\\_heaven.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/whats_on/exhibitions/treasures_of_heaven.aspx)

**Please check Mass Schedule overleaf for any changes**

**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 9:45-10:30am

**SICK:** Please remember in your prayers May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Casiano Pasumbal, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Ellen Woodley.

**BAPTISMS TODAY:** Jennifer, Sharon and Catherine Bello. God bless these children and congratulations to their family.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Quinlivan who has recently died. [Patrick's funeral has yet to be arranged].

**GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK;** Each month The Good Counsel Network calls for a National day of prayer and fasting for the end of Abortion and Euthanasia. This month's day is Saturday 23rd July which is chosen in honour of the feast of St James the Apostle. Please pray and fast on this day. If you are not able to fast completely please consider giving up something that you can, for instance, television, alcohol or cigarettes. For more information please see [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com) or call 0207 723 1740 and speak to Conor or Stuart."

**KSC STRAWBERRY TEA:** On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July at 3:30pm for 4pm the Knights of St Columba are laying on a strawberry tea for the senior citizens of the Parish in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street. It would be helpful to know how many to expect. Please ring Ron on 797850 or 795715 if you are attending.

**ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: "Was Shakespeare a Catholic?"** This will be the subject of a talk by the Shakespeare scholar and Jesuit priest Fr. Peter Milward at the next Essex Recusant Society meeting. This will take place on Saturday 30th July 2011 at 2.15 pm at The Grange, 93, Queens Road, Brentwood and will be preceded by the Society's AGM. All are welcome. For further information please contact Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

**FRIENDS OF ST JAMES THE LESS & ST HELEN:** As introduced at the AGM with Fr. Tony, we are inviting members of our community to become "Friends of St. James the Less and St. Helen" to help raise funds for repair of our historic church building in Priory Street. If you wish to get involved or contribute ideas, please attend our launch meeting July 24th after 10.30 Mass in the bar area at the rear of the Hall. Our first event will be the "**English Heritage Open Days**" on the weekend of September 10-11. Volunteers are needed to host visitors to Priory Street for this event - please contact Jennie Guthrie-Stevens on 07758292394 or

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**MERSEA NEWS:** Could have done with a bit more sun for the July coffee morning but at least it didn't rain. Many thanks to Veronica Smith for hosting our coffee morning, it was very pleasant meeting new and old friends, our next get together will be August 9<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

**- DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER -**

**YOUTH NEWS:** Colchester Deanery Youth are organising Mass on Dovercourt Beach on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, at 2:30pm. Location and car parking is at West End Lane, off Low Road. Also, *Youth Gather 15/16 October for Y9+.* *National Catholic Youth Day at Wembley Arena – 24 March 2012 – see <http://cymfed.org/congress/flame/2012/>* Fuller details to follow.

**ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN DAY:** September 10/11<sup>th</sup>. See above.

**"MADE FOR LOVE":** An event for young adults on the anniversary of the Papal Visit – Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011 – 3pm-8pm at Maria Fidelis School and St Aloysius Church, London, NW1. With excellent speakers, time for prayer and reflection, and a screening of the film "Of Gods and Men", this event is especially intended to give space and insight for any young adult considering their future direction, including – but not only – vocation to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Register at [madedforlove@ukvocation.org](mailto:madedforlove@ukvocation.org) more details at [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) or from Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, at [frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org](mailto:frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org) Please see poster and prayer cards, these latter for personal reflection and which are also themed in relation to the Papal Visit.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** *Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September. 7:30pm in the Crypt.* As usual, reminders will be given via the Newsletter nearer the time.

**SCRIPTURE COURSE:** Resumes on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**THE SOUP RUN** is an important contribution we make to the homeless in Colchester. We need two male helpers and two sandwich makers, commitment only a couple of hours every 6-weeks or so. Please contact Claire Cooper on 01206-765926.

**MOVING?:** If you are moving, please let the parish office know. If you are newly arrived, please complete a registration form, which are in the proch. For inclusions on the parish website: [admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](mailto:admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org)

**CLEANING TEAM ROTA: Thursday, JULY 21<sup>st</sup> Team 4.**  
**LITURGY FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]**  
**17<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

<b>Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Intentions: Patrick Quinlivan
<b>Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Bridgid Lowe RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Nonie Castello RIP
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Intentions: Ryan & O'Connor Families
<i>Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Intentions: Sr Margaret Collier
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Parishioners

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Thomas Brett RIP [PG]
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> John and Julie O'Connor RIP

<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> D/Rels: Wright & Buckle Families RIP

<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Thomas Brett RIP [MM]
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12:15 pm</b> Dorothy Burke RIP

<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Canon T W Clarke & Family RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>4:00 pm</b> <b>WEDDING REHEARSAL</b>

<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Mr K T George RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>3:30 pm</b> <b>WEDDING – CHINWE &amp; GEORGIOS</b>
	<i>Church</i>	Intentions: Jackie Ravenhall & Family

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>ST BRIGID OF SWEDEN, Rel</b>	<b>[Patron of Europe]</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Canon Thomas Clarke RIP

**LITURGY FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]**  
**24<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

<b>Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Joe Mooney RIP [A]
<b>Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Rita Beckmann RIP
	<b>10:30am</b>	Intentions: Margaret Hilton
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Intentions: Cynthia de la Cruz
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Intentions: Mele-Anna
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15am</b>	Malachy Martin RIP [A]

<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b>	<b>Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm</b>
<b>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</b>	<b>Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter</b>
<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b>	<b>At least six months notice is required</b>
<b>SCHOOLS</b> <i>St Thomas More</i>	Head: Bridget Harris [865722]
<i>St Benedict's</i>	Acting: Head: Peter Johnson [549222]

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

[www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org)

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