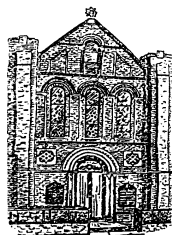


ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

175 YEARS ~ 1837 - 2012

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



Fr Anthony McKentey

Fr Neil Brett

Fr Philip Willenbrock

51 Priory Street, Colchester, Essex, CO1 2QB

Tel: 01206 866317; Fax 01206 791213

E-Mail colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org

www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] February 19th 2012

My dear friends,

This weekend we approach a new beginning in our journey through the Church's year. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent when the Church starts her spiritual journey towards Easter. It seems to me that this weekend brings an opportunity to plan ahead and decide how we will make the best use of the opportunities the Lenten season presents to us.

It is good to begin Lent well by coming to Mass on Ash Wednesday, and receiving the ashes as a mark of our repentance. The only extra service is on Friday evenings at 7:30pm when we pray the Stations of the Cross. This coming Friday will be at St James the Less and then we alternate with our neighbours at St James the Great. Perhaps we can attend Mass during the week or come to Mass and Holy Hour on a Saturday morning, when priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

You can buy the Lenten booklet, *Walk With Me*, as a prayer companion for the Lenten journey.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK - Please see Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 19 th February	8-9pm	Evangelium	See below
Wednesday 22 nd	6:30pm	SVP Meeting	Crypt
<i>[There is no Scripture Course this week]</i>			
Thursday 23 rd	7:30pm	RCIA	Crypt
Friday 24 th	12 noon	Hospital Mass	Hospital Chapel
“ “	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Priory St
Saturday 25 th	5pm	Kerala Mass	Mile End
Sunday 26 th	7:30-9:30pm	Confirmation Group	CBH

DAILY	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am		
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	Crypt	
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt	

SICK: Please remember in your prayers Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Alan Doleman, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Pat Maloney, Maria Mahy, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Tim Young.

EVANGELIUM on the 12th February. We were intending to have a well-earned break this weekend until the weather intervened. For those of you who were unable to attend last Sunday, we will re-run the unit on the Eucharist this Sunday at the usual time of 8.00pm.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: A reminder that there will be a Diocesan collection after all Masses today for the Fund which financially assists those who help with the sick on the Lourdes Pilgrimage.

THANK YOU: John Sales writes: "I wish to express my thanks for all the Masses, prayers and condolences expressed to myself and my family on the recent death of my sister, Patricia Whitney. They have been of great comfort to us."

THANK YOU: The family of the late **Bridie Kelly** would like to thank everyone who attended her funeral. A special thank you to Fr. Kevin Hale who celebrated the Mass, Fr McKentey and the soloist.

WELCOMERS NEEDED AT PRIORY STREET: New volunteers are urgently needed for this important ministry. If you can help, on a rota basis, please contact Paul on 852728 or 07895 177574.

READERS AT PRIORY STREET: Volunteers are needed to join the rota for readers at all Masses at Priory St. If you feel you could join the list please contact Elspeth on 01206 861360 or by email andrew@andrwjhn.plus.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY – DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE: Please see

Schedule overleaf for Mass times.

RITE OF ELECTION: Takes place next Sunday at Brentwood Cathedral for all those to be received into the Church next Easter, including those from our own Parish, and we pray for them on their spiritual journey.

WALK WITH ME: Lenten Booklets on sale - price £1.

“TRANSITIONS”: Day of Reflection Saturday March 31st. Full details to follow.

HELPERS OF GOD’S PRECIOUS INFANTS: It is always encouraging when the fruits of prayer are instantaneous! On Saturday those of us who travelled up to London for the Vigil outside the Bedford Square abortion “clinic” witnessed a “turnaround”: a girl who decided not to go through with an abortion. Please pray for her and her baby. The next Vigil is, sadly, in this diocese, **10th March** starting with Mass at St Francis of Assisi Stratford at 8.45am. More details in the porch and nearer the time.

WALSINGHAM RETREAT: Monday 26th – Thursday 29th March for those active in organisations following Catholic social teaching, e.g. J&P, SVP, KSC, Soup Run etc., For further details, costs, transport etc., ring John on 851538 as soon as possible.

AN EXCITING NEW MOVEMENT: Come and find out more about Marthe Robin, whose self-offering in the midst of great suffering helped so many new initiatives in the Church to get started, and the Foyers de Charité, the movement she founded in 1936 which is now present in 42 countries of the world. Because of growing interest in the Foyers in Great Britain, we are holding an information day with talks, testimonies and time for discussion on Saturday March 17 at St. Mary of the Angels Church, Moorhouse Road, London W2 5DJ from 11am to 4pm (Mass at 10.30am). Refreshments provided, bring a packed lunch. Contact Mgr. Keith Barltrop, 020 7229 0487; keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk

BCCS CHARITY SKYDIVE: Saturday 30th June 2012 Headcorn, Kent. Imagine the adrenaline rush as you leave the plane at 12,000ft, heading towards the earth at 120mph for 7,000ft of free fall, then the tranquillity as the parachute deploys and you gently descend back to terra firma. BCCS are looking for people to make a sponsored 10,000ft freefall parachute jump, so why not take on the challenge of a lifetime and take a real ‘Leap’ this year by doing a sponsored skydive For further information contact Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / jabbott@childcareuk.org

CHURCH CLEANING: Thursday, 23rd February – Team 5.

MOVING OUT OF THE PARISH OR WITHIN THE PARISH?: Please let the Parish office know. **Newly arrived?** Please complete a registration form to be found in the porch [in Priory Street on the left hand side table] and pop form back through the Presbytery letter box.

For inclusions to the Parish website;- admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

LITURGY FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]

February 19th 2012

Saturday February 18th 6:15 pm Intentions: Deborah Ejeve
Sunday February 19th 8:00 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
10:30 am Sean Burke RIP
4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm Intentions: Ann Game
8:30 am Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP
9:15 am Parishioners
10:15am Harold and Denise Smith RIP

West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick

Monday 20th

Feria

Church

7:30 am Gertrude Nevard RIP

Church

9:15 am Special Intention [Andy?]

Tuesday 21st

Feria

Church

9:15 am Dr Halley Matthew RIP

Wednesday 22nd

ASH WEDNESDAY – Day of Fasting & Abstinence

Church

7:30 am Vincent Nevard RIP

Church

9:15 am Lucy Walker RIP

Church

12:15 pm Holy Souls RIP

Church

7:30 pm Parishioners

Thursday 23rd

Feria

Church

9.15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Friday 24th

Church

9:15 am Matthew O’Toole RIP

Hospital

Chapel

12:00 Dec/Rels: McKentey Family RIP #

Church

1:00 pm **FUNERAL SERVICE: MARY MARTIN RIP**

Church

6:30 pm Eamonn Martin RIP

Church

7:30pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Saturday 25th

Feria

Church

9:15 am Mrs Bridie Foley RIP

LITURGY FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [B]

February 26th 2012

Saturday February 25th

6:15 pm Tommy Close RIP

Sunday February 26th

8:00 am Maureen Allen RIP

10:30am Lucy Walker RIP [VL]

6:30 pm Sean Joyce RIP

West Mersea

8:30 am Henry Johnson RIP

Mile End

9:15 am Holy Souls RIP

Mile End

5:00 pm **KERALA MASS**

Monkwick

10:15am Desmond & Sheila Boyden

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

Acting: Head: Peter Johnson [549222]

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

www.brentwoodvocations.org

The Brentwood Diocesan Trust – Registered Charity No. 234092