

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

Fr Anthony McKentey

Fr Neil Brett

Fr Philip Willenbrock

51 Priory Street, Colchester, Essex, CO1 2QB

Tel: 01206 866317

E-Mail [colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]**  
**Sunday – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

Words of Blessed John Paul II: "Jesus himself, at the hour of his Passion, prayed "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). This unity, which the Lord has bestowed on his Church and in which he wishes to embrace all people, is not something added on, but stands at the very heart of Christ's mission. Nor is it some secondary attribute of the community of his disciples. Rather, it belongs to the very essence of this community. God wills the Church, because he wills unity, and unity is an expression of the whole depth of his agape. In effect, this unity bestowed by the Holy Spirit does not merely consist in the gathering of people as a collection of individuals. It is a unity constituted by the bonds of the profession of faith, the sacraments and hierarchical communion. The faithful are one because, in the Spirit, they are in communion with the Son and, in him, share in his communion with the Father..." (Ut Unum Sint, #9,10 May 1995) Towards the end of this vigorous encyclical, Blessed John Paul II asks how the Church is to obtain the grace necessary for unity: "In the first place, through prayer. Prayer should always concern itself with the longing for unity, and as such is one of the basic forms of our love for Christ and for the Father who is rich in mercy." (#102) It is very fitting, therefore, that this is a week of prayer for Christian unity. Whatever the setbacks, we can pray for unity with confidence that it is the will of Our Blessed Lord Himself and an expression, a form, of our love for Him. May I

commend to you the following prayer for unity of Cardinal Wiseman:

O BLESSED Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy dowry and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother. Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home. Amen

Fr Neil Brett

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

<i>Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes</i>			
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	NB 5:00pm	Catholicism Course - Ep 7	Crypt
"	8:00pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30pm	Mercy Associates	see inside for details
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:45pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
	7:00pm	SVP	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Catholicism Course - Ep 8	Crypt
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	FHC Programme	CBH
"	7:30pm	Filipino Family Event	CBH
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	Catholicism Course - Ep 8	Crypt

<b>SUNDAYS:</b>	<b>Divine Mercy followed by Rosary</b>	<b>3pm</b>
<b>DAILY:</b>	<b>Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy</b>	<b>8:35am</b>
<b>PRAYER GROUP:</b>	<b>Mondays at 8pm</b>	<b>Crypt</b>
<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b>	<b>Tuesdays at 8pm</b>	<b>Crypt</b>

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type):** Please remember in your prayers, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Richard Cox, Stanley Crane, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Pat Keene, **Patrick King**, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Dennis O'Neill, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Patricia Roche, Catherine Spicer, **Arthur Urquhart**, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Anzelone – may she rest in Peace.

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Bianca Argana.** God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED?** The next Baptism course will be Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. [This course is for new-borns up to age 6].

**OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY:** This Sunday there will be a Unity Service at Castle Street Methodist Church at 6:30pm. All our welcome. Exchange of Pulpits: Fr Taemin Oh from St James the Great will speak at the 10:30am Mass at Priory St and Fr Tony will go to St James the Great on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January for the 10am Service there.

**CATHOLICISM:** Episode 7 will be shown this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS:** The White Flower Appeal last weekend raised £510 for the work of SPUC – thank you.

**CALLING DOWNTON ABBEY FANS:** The SVP have secured an option on tickets for a visit to Highclere Castle on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August. Price £41 which includes coach travel with tour of House and Gardens. £10 deposit by 4<sup>th</sup> February please. To book phone Judy on 07970408707 or see an SVP member.

**THE RATZINGER READER:** Continues this Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm. Get a copy of *Jesus of Nazareth* and come along!

**FILIPINO FAMILY EVENT:** Next Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. 7:30pm – 10:30pm. Come and enjoy Filipino food. Adults £6, Children 5-12 £4, under 5's – free. Bring your own drinks. Tea and Coffee also available. Tickets available from Amy and Armando T:854 921. Everybody is welcome.

**MERCY ASSOCIATES:** Meet at 7.30pm on Monday 21 January at 2 The Mount, Lexden. CO3 4JR

**PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM:** Danny Ferdinand reporting: 'Once again we played some good football but still managed to lose against our Suffolk rivals Hope Church. Result: 3-2'

**100 CLUB RECRUITMENT & RENEWALS:** Members will have the opportunity to renew their £12 subscriptions for 2013 at Monkwick this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> and Mile End next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>.

**ST THOMAS MORE FORM SIGNING:** The school will be sending out the Priest reference forms this month. Fr Tony will be available to sign the forms on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January from 4pm – 6pm. Please make contact through the church office to book your appointment time. **Please bring completed forms with you - ready to sign**

**WINTER RESERVE ACCOMODATION PROJECT:** Volunteers are needed to help run our shelter at the Cardinal Bourne Hall for homeless people that the Night shelter doesn't have room for. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January and 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please ring Pernille on 01206 549 885 for more information. Thank you and God Bless.

**ST JAMES THE LESS HAS TALENT:** a fundraising evening to send young people to Lourdes. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2013 at 7pm - Cardinal Bourne Hall. £5.00 a ticket. More details from Theresa Higgins or Katie Porter.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES:** is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website [www.catholicssingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicssingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicssingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicssingles.org.uk)

**VACANCIES – NEW HALL SCHOOL CHELMSFORD:** School Nurse/Welfare Assistant & Mini-Bus Driver required. For more details and application forms contact the HR Department T:01245 467 588 E:[hr@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:hr@newhallschool.co.uk)

**ROME – EASTER WEEK 2013:** Following the success of our trip to Poland last year, we are planning to visit Rome from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Accommodation

will be in a Polish centre. Includes daily Holy Mass and the veneration of a relic of the True Cross, climbing the Scala Santa and a tour of the English College. Interested? Meet on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30** in the crypt of St James.

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Team 5.**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]  
(Peace Day) - 20<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup> 6:15 pm** Mr & Mrs Milford RIP

**Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am** Derek Harvey RIP [FB]

**10:30 am** Catherine Edwards RIP

**4:00 pm POLISH MASS**

**6:30 pm** Norma De Nobrega RIP

**8:30 am** Parishioners

**9:15 am** Rosa Foley RIP

**10:15 am** Celestine Tighe RIP

*West Mersea*

*Mile End*

*Monkwick*

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**St Agnes, V, M**

*Church* **7:30 am** Gregory Jordan RIP

*Church* **9:15 am** Canon John Bloomfield RIP

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Feria**

*Church* **9:15 am** D/Rels: Pauk & Zlocki Families

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Feria**

*Church* **7:30 am** Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

*Church* **12:15 pm** Ints: Fr Thomas Coffey

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**St Francis de Sales, Bp, D**

*Church* **9:15 am** Patricia Duckworth King RIP

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Ap**

*Church* **9:15 am** Stephen Hilton RIP

**12:00 pm HOSPITAL MASS**

**6:30 pm** In Thanksgiving

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**SS Timothy and Titus, Bpp**

*Church* **9:15 am** Freda Hilton RIP

**THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]**

**(Education Day) - 27<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup> 6:15 pm** Margaret Ratcliffe RIP

**Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am** Des Byrne RIP [FB]

**10:30 am** Frank & Alice Waddell RIP

**6:30 pm** Ints: Margaret McCormick

**8:30 am** Parishioners

**9:15 am** Bob McLaren & Chris Barrell RIP

**10:15 am** Celestine Tighe RIP

*West Mersea*

*Mile End*

*Monkwick*

**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* Head: Mrs J Santinelli [549222]

*Cardinal Bourne Hall* [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com)

