

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH

MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A] February 20th 2011

Since God is holy, we are to be holy. We are holy when we imitate the generosity of God by not exacting vengeance, or bearing a grudge against another. In Leviticus, the commandment: "You must love your neighbour as yourself" is restricted to fellow-Israelites. But Jesus broadened it to include everyone, Gentiles as well as Jews, enemies as well as friends. Why? Because this is the way the heavenly Father acts. He shows equal love towards good and bad, not because he is indifferent to morality, but because he loves without limit.

Paul give us a profound reason why we should respect one another: we are the Temple of God. Individually and collectively the Holy Spirit dwells in us. This is also the basis of our unity.

REFLECTION

Turning enemies into friends

When Abraham Lincoln was running for President of the United States there was a man called Stanton, who never lost an opportunity to vilify him. Yet when Lincoln won the election, he gave Stanton a post in his cabinet. Why? Because he considered him the best man for the job. And Lincoln was proved right. Stanton gave him loyal service. Asked why he didn't destroy his enemies, Lincoln replied, "Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 23 rd	6:45 pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
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Thursday 24 th	7:30pm	RCIA	Crypt
Friday 25 th	12 noon	Mass in Colchester General Hospital Chapel which is adjacent to Wivenhoe Ward	

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 @ 9.45am – 10.30am

SICK: Please remember in your prayers: June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Denis Nolan, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Cameron Smith, Olivia Thorpe, Ellen Woodley.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul Terry Cleare and Stephen Conlon, son of Nial and Frances. May they rest in peace. Stephen's funeral takes place here on Friday, 25th February at 11:30am; Terry's funeral has yet to be arranged. Patrick [Paddy] Irvine's Funeral is here on 17th March at 11:45am.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE – Friday 4th March: is being hosted by [1]St James the Less and St Helen at 10.15am. This year focusing on Chile, all welcome, followed by refreshments - with a Chilean flavour - in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. If there are any ladies interested in being involved with the WWDP service at Priory Street, please contact me **ASAP** on 07980 312584 or via email vsledwidge@aol.com and **[2] at St Cedd's, Mersea**, later at 3pm. Here is an opportunity to attend either time, with a warm welcome guaranteed.

ST THOMAS MORE PTA QUIZ NIGHT: to be held in the school hall on Friday 4th March. Doors open 7.30pm. Tickets cost £2.50, available through the *school office or on the door on the night*. Licensed bar. Bring your own nibbles. All proceeds to the school.

TABLE QUIZ: The Knights of St Columba are holding a Table Quiz in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, on Saturday March 5th at 7:30pm. Proceeds will be donated to *St Helena Hospice*. Light refreshments will be provided, please bring your own drinks. Tickets £4:50. Ring Ron on 797850 to book or just turn up on the evening.

BRES SPRING LECTURE: Understanding the Revised Mass Texts on Tuesday 8th March, 7.30pm. To be held at Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Cost £5 per person. To book; arefm@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277 265255. Please see poster.

MONKWICK AGM: Takes place at St Theodore's on Wednesday March 16th.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT: Diary date – *March 19th 7:30 – 10:30pm*. Can you or do you know someone who does Irish Step Set or Ceili dancing; call out the sequence of the dance steps? If so, please ring Frances on 369568 as soon as possible. Tickets: Adults £7.50; children [5/12yrs] £6, available from Frances [as above] or Nora

FAMILIES TOGETHER – SHARING THE MINISTRY. Sunday 20th March 1pm to 4pm at Our Lady and St George's School, (Lower Site) Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, E17 9HU. There is a 12 o'clock Mass at St George's and you will be made very welcome if you wish to attend. *We are providing lunch and crèche facilities so it is especially important to book a place for your children as well as for yourself:* familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call Elisabeth Abbott on 01277 265236 for more information.

LENT 2011: Annual Lenten Spirituality Day- The Road to Jerusalem- '*Jesus resolutely took the road to Jerusalem*'. **Saturday 26th March 10.00am -3.30pm** with **Fr Denis McBride, CSsR.** Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Cost £10 per person. Full details on poster in the porch

'I Call You Friends' Introducing a new, exciting and accessible parish programme for children 5-11 years old to help them grow in faith. **Monday 28th March 7.30pm** with Mgr George Stokes, Sr Vicky Hummell, Mrs Bridie Stringer and Sr Nuala Gannon. Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Admission is free. (A donation is welcome). Again, full details on the poster in the porch.

DIARY DATES FOR PILGRIMAGES:[1]The SVP have booked a coach for a **PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** on 3rd of July. This year is Walsingham's 950th Anniversary. The cost is £10. Time, pick up points and more details to be announced later.

[2] **DIOCESAN ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** Takes place on 24th – 30th July. We will have the option of flying from Stansted or travelling by train. We have a full programme of activities and a choice of hotels. Anyone who wants further information should contact Cathy O'Connor, tel. 01206 501146

DANNY FERDINAND REPORTING: *The Parish football team* lost 5-4 against high - flying Kingsland in a keenly fought match. It was a game of two halves. We were 3-0 down at half -time but produced a storming display in the second half and Andrew Springford even had a 'goal' controversially disallowed! Our heroes were Luis Pradal (one of our sizeable contingent of 'Latin' players) with a hat-trick and once again Andrew produced a wonder goal. He controlled an incisive long range pass from Jose Rodriguez instantly with his right foot before firing into the bottom corner of the net with his left foot from all of 30 yards!!.

DVD OF PAPAL VISIT has been delivered. If you have placed an order, please contact the Parish Office to arrange collection and payment. [£5.99].

CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, March 3rd. Team 4.

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 porch. For inclusions on the parish website: admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

**LITURGY FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]
February 20th 2011[Education Day] – Breviary Week 3**

Saturday February 19th	6:15 pm	In Thanksgiving [O'Keefe]
Sunday February 20th	8:00 am	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Stephen Hilton RIP
	8:30 am	John Kelly RIP
	9:15 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	10:15 am	Mrs K Hurlo RIP [Wright]

Mersea

Mile End

Monkwick

Monday 21st

Feria

Church

Church

9:15 am Dr Halley Matthew RIP

11:00 am **FUNERAL – RAYMOND FLYNN RIP**

Tuesday 22nd

THE CHAIR OF ST PETER

Church **9:15 am** Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Wednesday 23rd

St Polycarp, Bp, M.

Church **7:30 am** Herbert Kilcline RIP

Church **12:15 pm** Intentions of Christine McElroy

Thursday 24th

Feria

Church:

9:15 am Tony Hughes RIP

Friday 25th

Feria

Church

Church

9:15 am Matthew O'Toole RIP

11:30 am **REQUIEM – STEPHEN CONLON RIP**

Gen. Hospital

Chapel

Church

12 noon Intentions of Wendy and May

6:30 pm Intentions of Elizabeth Riley

Saturday 26th

Feria

Church

9:15 am Canon John Bloomfield RIP

**LITURGY FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]
February 27th 2011**

Saturday February 26th

6:15 pm Tommy Close RIP [A]

Sunday February 27th

8:00 am Mr Miriampillai RIP

10:30am Dolores McManus RIP

6:30 pm Robert Thomas Dean RIP

West Mersea

Mile End

8:30 am Irene Lawrence RIP

9:15 am Chris Barrell & Bob McLean RIP

Monkwick

10:15am 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*
SCHOOLS *St Thomas More* Head: Bridget Harris

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St Benedict's Head: John O'Hara

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