

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

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YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]
September 23rd 2012**

Visitation & Confirmation

This Wednesday 26th – we welcome our Bishop Thomas McMahon, who will visit our parish, St Thomas More School and celebrate the Mass of Confirmation at 7:30pm in the evening, to which everyone is invited. There will be an opportunity for refreshments.

Year of Faith

You will see that we now have the Year of Faith logo on our newsletter. It runs from October 11th this year until 24th November 2013 – the feast of Christ the King. It will recall the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. There will be a Diocesan Mass in Brentwood Cathedral, 7:30pm on Thursday 11th October, to which you are all invited. Our first special event of the Year is a course called Catholicism that begins on Friday evening 12th October at 7:30pm. The course is based on the DVD presentation prepared by Fr Robert Barron. More information to follow.

PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

<u>EVENTS THIS WEEK</u>			
Monday 24th	7:30pm	Mercy Associates	
Saturday 29th	11:00am	Windows of the Soul	Church
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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, June Bickersteth, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Gwen Cole, Ian Cole, Stanley Crane, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emery, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Jeff Guild, Maurice Highfield, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Maria Soutar, Catherine Spicer, Filomena Velasquez, Tony White.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kathleen Johnson, Mary (Maisie) Radford, Hector Silva and Fr Conrad Smith. Kathleen Johnson's Funeral will be Friday 5th October at 2:30pm Priory St, followed by a service at Colchester Crematorium at 3:30pm. Maisie's Funeral will be on Friday 5th October at 12:30pm Priory St, followed by a 2pm burial at Colchester Cemetery. Hector Silva's Funeral will be on Thursday 4th October at 9:15am followed by a service at Colchester Crematorium. Fr Conrad Smith's Funeral will be this Tuesday 25th September at St John Payne Greenstead 11:30am; reception into church 4pm Monday 24th.

WINDOWS OF THE SOUL: An illustrated talk on the historic and spiritual background of our 18 stained glass windows at Priory St. Saturday 29th September at 11am in the church. The talk will be lead by Valerie Quinlivan.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into God's family **Amelia & Harrison Suffield-Smith**

CONGRATULATIONS: To Sarah and Daniel O'Sullivan who were married at Priory St this Saturday 22nd.

2nd COLLECTIONS: There will be a second collection for the Parish Development Fund this weekend. These collections are an extremely helpful form of extra revenue to help us meet all our financial commitments. CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is 5th October; envelopes will be available from next weekend.

MASS FOR NIGERIA: The 10:30am Mass next Sunday 30th will be for the intentions of the people of Nigeria on the anniversary of Nigeria's independence and for good leadership, peace and reconciliation. A reception will be held afterwards in the Crypt. All our welcome.

SCRIPTURE COURSE: There will be no Scripture course this Wednesday 26th September. The course will resume next Wednesday October 6th.

ST BENEDICT'S FORMS: Fr Tony will be available to sign your application forms for St Benedict's College on Thursday 4th October and Friday 5th October from 3:30pm – 6:30pm. Please make contact through the church office to book your appointment time.

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am

PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM: The new football season started last Saturday at Shrub End Playing Fields. The Parish team lost 6-1 to last season's champions St. Johns. It was 1-1 at half time (we equalized with a spectacular 30 yard strike from Mike Cura) but our lack of match fitness was quite evident in the second half. Next match September 29th.

MERSEA NEWS: Many thanks to Pauline Aspinall for hosting our September coffee morning, her many guests enjoyed a sunny morning with friends. The last coffee morning before our Christmas Fayre will be hosted by Sue Jenner on 9th October, details to follow.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: meet at 7.30pm on Monday 24th September at 2 The Mount, Lexden, Colchester, CO3 4JR.

HELP REQUIRED: to cover volunteer holidays for the Homeless Initiative on Monday and Friday mornings in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Please make contact through the church office.

TEAM DOLEMAN: Kieran, Daniel and Ruth are cycling from London to Brighton this Sunday 16th September to raise money for Leukemia research. They are doing this as a tribute to their late father Alan. If you would like to know more visit www.justgiving.com/Alan-Doleman.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: September is Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) Awareness Month. We visit the housebound and lonely, help to find furniture for the needy, help in a small way with financial difficulties and in any other way we can, as well as supporting our 'twins' in India and giving to disasters worldwide. If we can help you or if you would like to join with us to help in our work contact Judy on 07970 408 707.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA (KSC): Are holding a table quiz in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory St - after Mass on Saturday 29th September 7:30pm. All proceeds will be donated to the Emmaus Charity for the Homeless. Light refreshments provided, please bring your own drinks. Tickets £5. Call Ron on 797850 to book or just turn up on the evening.

BINGO NIGHT: Saturday 20th October in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. 7:00pm for 7:30 start. Tea and Coffee will be free.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: From September 26th to November 4th, you're invited to join other Christians for *40 Days for Life* – prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and pray peacefully during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Marie Stopes abortion clinic, 108, Whitfield Street, London, W1T 5EA. For more information and if you'd like to volunteer, visit www.40daysforlife.com/london-whitfield, email gcnvigil@yahoo.co.uk, or phone Eddie on 07932105696.

PLEASE TAKE ONE: in the porch at Priory Street there are a selection of short articles on topical issues for your interest. Not all are official church teaching, but they will help provide a briefing on important matters. You will find a newspaper article by Cardinal O'Brien on same-sex marriage, a Nigerian bio-chemist tackling Melinda Gates on how not to spend her vast fortune and James Parker on the Olympics. Do take one!

AUTUMM FAIR: Saturday 6th October from 10am – 2pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Entrance Free. Various quality stalls with some vintage items. Raffle, refreshments on sale. Proceeds to church funds and Friends of Peru charity. Donations appreciated of vintage clothing e.g. evening dresses, 60's, 70's or nearly new. Crockery, linen and hats. Contact Francis 369568 or Nora 503410

CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 29th September – Team 6.

ALTAR SERVERS: This Sunday 10:30am Mass – Team B.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] – 23rd September 2012

Saturday September 22nd	6:15 pm	Bridie Kelly RIP
<i>Mile end</i>	6:00 pm	KERALA MASS
Sunday September 23rd	8:00 am	Hector Silva RIP
	10:30 am	Simon Chaplin RIP
	6:30 pm	Chris Barrell RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Matt, Eddie and Pat Hogan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	In Thanksgiving [T&N]
Monday 24th		Our Lady of Walsingham
	Church 7:30 am	Clarke Family RIP
	Church 9:15 am	Special Intention [JH]
Tuesday 25th		Feria
	Church 7:30 am	Private Intention
	Church 9:15 am	Patrick Quinlivan RIP
Wednesday 26th		Feria
	Church 7:30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	<u>NB</u> Church 9:15 pm	Ints: Paul Saunders
	Church 7:30 pm	CONFIRMATION MASS
Thursday 27th		St Vincent de Paul, Pr
	Church 7:30 am	Private Intention
	Church 9:15 am	Hector Silva RIP
Friday 28th		Feria
	Church 9:15 am	Maisie Radford RIP
	12:00 pm	HOSPITAL MASS
	Church 6:30 pm	Beryl and Noel Blanchette RIP
Saturday 29th		SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS
	Church 9:15 am	Fr Conrad Smith RIP

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] – 30th September 2012

Saturday September 29th	6:15 pm	Ints: Valerie Thurston & Family
Sunday September 30th	8:00 am	Peter McAteer RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: People of Nigeria
	6:30 pm	Sam Wood RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken RIP

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]
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