

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

175 YEARS ~ 1837 - 2012

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.stjamesthelessandstheleen.org](http://www.stjamesthelessandstheleen.org)

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING [B] November 25<sup>th</sup> 2012

My dear friends

We come together on the feast of Christ the King and bring to a close our journey through this liturgical year. All our prayers and works as a parish community is to build up the kingdom of Christ amongst us. In the Gospel of today from St John, Jesus speaks of his kingdom before Pilate: "Yes, I am a King, I have come into the world to witness to my truth, and all who are on the side of truth, listen to my voice".

During this Year of Faith, we are seeking to understand the truth that is Christ more clearly. The **Catholicism** Course has been well received, with the DVD presentation being shown not only on Friday evening, but also on Sunday afternoon in the Crypt. This will resume on Friday January 4<sup>th</sup> (Sunday 6th.)

Also, we are beginning **Lectio Divina** on the four Fridays of Advent, beginning this Friday November 30th from 7:30pm – 8:30pm in the Crypt. This consists of a reflective reading of the scripture passages for the following Sunday of Advent. Everyone is welcome to come to the Crypt for this and ensure that Advent is a time of prayerful expectation.

May God bless you all and especially our young people on this National Youth Sunday.

Fr Tony McKentey

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

<u>EVENTS THIS WEEK</u>			
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt
	11:30 am	UCM Cake Stall	Hall
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	SVP Mass followed by district meeting in Crypt	Crypt
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:45 pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
	7:00 pm	SVP Meeting	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	FHC Programme – Parents	Crypt
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Lectio Divina	Crypt
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am	FHC Programme	Hall
	12:00 pm	Abbey Gatehouse Mass	

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

**PRAYER GROUP:** will meet in church **and not** in the crypt this Monday 26<sup>th</sup>.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Derek Harvey, Joan King, Brian Mead, Charles Weeley and John Wheeler. May they rest in peace. Brian Mead's Funeral will be at 10:30am on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at Priory St. Charles Weeley's Funeral will be at 12:00 noon on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Priory St. Derek Harvey's Funeral will be at 12:15pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at Priory St. Joan King's Funeral will be at 10:30am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Priory St. John Wheeler's Funeral will be 10am on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at the Sacred Heart, 9 Edge Hill, Wimbledon SW19.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Mass on Wednesday is at 9:15am **and not** 12:15pm because of the Clergy Deanery Meeting. On Friday, there will be **no Hospital Mass** because of the funeral taking place and **no 6:30pm Mass** because of the Bishop's Farewell Mass at Brentwood. Admission to the Bishop's Mass is by ticket only and Fr Tony has given the four allotted places to Tony & Nancy Dixon, Frances Galvin and Ronny Hammond. The parish farewell gift to Bp Thomas McMahon was £450.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Skye & Ellis Humphreys and Henry Kandemir.** God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**KSC MASS:** There will be a Mass for all Members of the KSC and Deceased at St Teresa's Church Lexden on 4th December @7.30pm. All parishes are invited.

**FEAST DAY OF BLESSED JOHN BECHE:** This occurs next Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Mass in Church at 9:15am with usual Saturday devotions and Mass at 12 noon at St John's Abbey Gatehouse, Fr Neil presiding. Please sign the list if you intend to go to the Gatehouse, as numbers are limited to 20.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Last meeting is **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November** from 7:30pm. The children gather for the first time on **Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December** at 10:00am in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** There will be a second collection today at all masses for the Diocesan Youth Service. BEEF (Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund) on the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> December, specifically this year for the promotion of vocations. There will be a collection for Christmas Flowers (Priory St only) on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE RETREAT:** “Tell the World” Advent Open Retreat for those in school years 7-9 on the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> December at Walsingham House. £50 will cover the cost and includes all meals. For an application form email [Jon@walsinghamhouse.org](mailto:Jon@walsinghamhouse.org) or phone 01268 515970.

**ADVENT PREPARATION: LECTIO DIVINA:** Among the suggestions our bishops have made for the Year of Faith is the practice of Lectio Divina: reflective reading of scripture. As in the past, we do this before the Sundays of Advent. Friday evenings 7:30pm. November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. See poster in porch.

**MASSES OF OUR LADY IN ADVENT:** in Polish starting with indoor Procession: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 6:30 pm in St James the Less and St Helen.

**UCM CHRISTMAS CRAFTS:** Sunday 9th December 2 to 4 pm, Cardinal Bourne Hall. Activities include making a nativity scene, reindeer food, Christmas decorations, cards and calendar plus special guest appearance. Refreshments available. £3 per child or £5 per family.

**SVP CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:** will be in the CBH on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30pm to 5.00pm, cost £5. Please phone Judy on 07970408707 to book or see any SVP Member after Mass. Money to be paid on or before 1st December.

**TEACHING VACANCY:** At St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay, a Y2 classroom teacher is required from January 2013 on a fixed term contract. A practising Catholic is preferred, but not essential. For further details, contact the School Office on 01277 653770. Closing date: 28.11.12 at noon.

**“WELCOMERS”.** We would like more volunteers for this very pleasant task at the Sunday Masses in St James. If some more did a little then no one would have to do a lot. There will be a meeting for existing welcomers and all those interested on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December between 4-5pm in the Crypt. Please contact Paul Horwood for further information. His details are on the notice board or contact him at [paulhorwood@hotmail.com](mailto:paulhorwood@hotmail.com)

**ADVENT CALENDAR The Christmas Mystery:** at St Teresa's Lexden on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm. A programme of words and music by Quire [www.quire.org](http://www.quire.org) and readers from St Teresa's. Tickets £10, £8 (concessions). Children under 16 are free. Tickets available on the door or from Manns Music T: 572 783 E: [tickets@quire.org](mailto:tickets@quire.org)

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Team 1.**

## **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING [B]**

**(National Youth Sunday)**

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

<b>Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Mr & Mrs Milford & Mr Wright RIP
<b>Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	D/Rels: O'Reilly Family
	<b>10:30 am</b>	John Murphy RIP
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	D/Rels: Herbert / Richards Families
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Greta and Frederick Knight RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> D/Rels: Lavery & O'Dwyer Families
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Ints: Fr Neil
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:00 pm</b> <b>SVP MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Yadi RIP
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 pm</b> Ints: Annette & Chris
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> In Thanksgiving
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ST ANDREW, Ap, Patron of Scotland</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Selwyn Caldeira RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>10:30 am</b> <b>FUNERAL – BRIAN MEAD RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Bridget Lloyd RIP
<i>Abbey Gatehouse</i>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Special Intention

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C]**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012**

<b>Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Wilbur & Murial McDonald RIP
<b>Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Teresa & Michael Hanley RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Selwyn Caldeira RIP
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Claudia & Frederick Udall RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	D/Rels & Friends: Wright & Wrobel Families
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	D/Rels & Friends: Knapp Family

**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)

