

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]
Sunday – 27th January 2013

My Dear friends

It's good to be with you again after my fortnight away. I am grateful to Fr Neil for holding the fort, to Fr Philip and to all our supply priests. Last Sunday we were glad to welcome Fr Taemin, the curate at St James the Great, as part of the Exchange of Pulpits during the Christian Unity Octave. I will be going to St James the Great this morning to speak at their 10am Service.

One of the letters waiting for me on my return was from our MP, Sir Bob Russell, who informed me that he will be voting in favour of the legislation allowing same-sex marriage. Some of you may have received the same stock letter. The Bishops in conjunction with SPUC, have prepared a card that you may like to send to our MP – so that he may know the force of Catholic opinion on this matter. You can take one of the cards 'Speak Out for Marriage' as you leave today and send it as soon as possible. The Diocese has arranged several meetings about this subject during February in various locations and there will be a meeting on Thursday 7th February 8 - 9pm in Priory St, chaired by Fr Paul Keane. Please keep this date in your diary.

May God bless you all

Fr Tony McKentey

Doorway to Faith

A journey of prayer through the Catechism of the Catholic Church for the Year of Faith 2013. Price £1. It is not too late to buy one of these books that have a thought for each day based on the Catechism (CCC). This issue centres around Christian Prayer.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

<i>Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes</i>				
Sunday 27 th	NB	4:00pm	Catholicism Course - Ep 8	Crypt
"		8:00pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt
Monday 28 th		7:00pm	SVP District Meeting	Crypt
Wednesday 30 th		6:45pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
Thursday 31 st		7:30pm	Baptism Course (1 of 2)	Crypt
Friday 1 st		7:30pm	Catholicism Course- Ep 9	Crypt
Saturday 2 nd		10:00am – 12:00pm	FHC Programme	CBH
"	"	7:00pm	St James the Less Has Talent	CBH
Sunday 3 rd		4:00pm	Catholicism Course - Ep 7	Crypt
		5:00pm	Catholicism Course - Ep 9	Crypt
		8:00pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
EVENING PRAYER:	Fridays at 6pm	Church
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	Church
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: 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.

PRAYER GROUP: will meet in the church this Monday 28th and not in the crypt

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME MASS: The 12:15pm Mass this Wednesday 30th, will be replaced by a morning Mass at 10:00am.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Thursday 31st January and Thursday 7th 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]. **The second meeting may need to be held a little earlier on the Thursday because of the meeting about marriage.**

CATHOLICISM: Episode 8 will be shown this Sunday 27th at 4pm. There will be another showing of **Episode 7 at 4:00pm next Sunday, February 3rd**. Episode 9 will follow at 5:00pm. Otherwise the schedule is unchanged. Details are on the notice boards.

2nd COLLECTIONS: The 2nd Collections and CRIB Donations has raised £1,313.67 for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. Thank you. The next second collections will be for the Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund on the weekend of the 9-10th February and the CAFOD Lent Fast Day collection on the weekend of the 23-24th February.

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

RATZINGER READER: there will be two additional sessions on Sunday nights at 8:00pm in the Crypt at St James to complete Volume I of *Jesus of Nazareth*. Please see the notice boards for further details.

100 CLUB RECRUITMENT & RENEWALS: Members will have the opportunity to renew their £12 subscriptions for 2013 at Mile End this Sunday 27th.

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. 23rd - 29th January and 6th - 12th 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. Next Saturday 2nd 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 or email 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

ROME - EASTER WEEK 2013: Following the success of our trip to Poland last year, we are planning to visit Rome from Monday 1st to Saturday 6th 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 26th January at 11.30** in the Crypt (Railway Carriage) at Priory St.

DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD

From: Rt Rev Mgr Gordon Read, Diocesan Chancellor and Judicial Vicar

If you know the whereabouts of the following person, please contact the Tribunal Office on 01277 265283 quoting the reference number given. It is important that I make contact with them, if possible, in order to protect their rights under Canon Law.

Mr Jason Holland 133/12

CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 2nd February - Team 6.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]
(Education Day) - 27th January 2013**

Saturday January 26th	6:15 pm	Margaret Ratcliffe RIP
Sunday January 27th	8:00 am	Des Byrne RIP [FB]
	10:30 am	Frank & Alice Waddell RIP
	6:30 pm	Ints: Margaret McCormick
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Bob McLaren & Chris Barrell RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Celestine Tighe RIP
Monday 28th		St Thomas Aquinas, Pr, D
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Ints: John & May Coffey
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Gregory Jordan RIP
Tuesday 29th		Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am D/Rels: Pauk & Zlocki Families
Wednesday 30th		Feria
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10:00 am Des Fuller RIP
		NB
Thursday 31st		St John Bosco, Pr
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Catherine Diomsio RIP
Friday 1st		Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Ints: Judy
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Phyllis, Cora & Deirdre RIP
Saturday 2nd		THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Ints: Carol Gitonga
		FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] (Day for the Unemployed) - 3rd February 2013
Saturday January 2nd	6:15 pm	Michael & Mary Barrett RIP
Sunday January 3rd	8:00 am	Madge Scappaticci RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Ria & Family
	6:30 pm	Tony Southon RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Chris Debieux
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	In Thanksgiving - Mr & Mrs Mathew
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	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 [865722]
St Benedict's Head: Mrs J Santinelli [549222]

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