

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [C] – 28th April 2013

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My Dear friends

We continue to journey through these joyful days of the Easter season. On Wednesday this week, we begin the month of May, dedicated to the Mother of God. In a special way, Mary the Mother of the Church, will be united with us as we journey through the days of our Lord's Ascension, the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost and the celebration of the Blessed Trinity.

On two Sunday's in May (19th and 26th) we will have our First Holy Communion celebrations. Let us pray for our children as they make their final preparations for this day and commend them also to the prayers of Our Lady.

On Friday 3rd May, we will celebrate the feast of our parish patron, St James the Less – who shares his day with St Philip, as both apostles are buried together in the church of the Twelve Apostles in Rome. Masses are at 9:15am and 6:30pm and our minds go back to the Mass of Thanksgiving that we had on that day last year to mark our 175th anniversary. St James the Less as he is called, to differentiate him from St James the Great, the son of Zebedee – was a cousin of the Lord. The first leader of the church in Jerusalem, where he was martyred in the year 62AD. He, like all the apostles, fulfilled the Lord's command in today's Gospel to love as he has loved us, in laying down his life for the faith.

During Easter, we sing the Regina Caeli in honour of Mary, the mother of the Risen Lord

May God bless you all

Fr Tony McKentey

*Regina Caeli, lætare, alleluia:
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia,
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia*

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as He promised, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

*V. Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.
R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia*

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

O God, who through the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world, grant, we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joy of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

Wednesday 1 st	6:45pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
	7:00pm	SVP	
Friday 3 rd	7:30pm	Baptism Course	Crypt
Saturday 4 th	11:30am	Talk by Fr Robert Farrell	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	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Iyla Story. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carlotta Hunt. Carlotta's funeral will be on Tuesday 30th April 3:30pm at Colchester Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

MASS WITH FILIPINO CHOIR: Fr Norlan Julia will celebrate a Mass in English this Sunday 28th April at 6:30pm with a Filipino Choir. All our welcome.

SVP 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a collection next weekend 5th May for the work of the SVP in our community.

SVP ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP: Boys camp: 20th – 27th July or 27th July – 3rd August ages 8 – 13 inclusive. Girls camp: 3rd – 10th August ages 9 – 12 inclusive. £140 for the week. More information at www.svpboscocamp.org.uk bookings@svpboscocamp.org.uk.

SVP – WALSINGHAM: SVP are arranging for a coach to Walsingham on July 7th. Details to follow.

KSC: Pilgrimage to Aylesford Kent on Sunday 9th June. Cost of Coach is £12 per person. Parking available at Priory Street car park. Bring a packed lunch - teas will be available. To Book - phone Ron: 795715, Gary: 530863 or Justin: 241317

BCCS SPONSORED WALK: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are holding a sponsored walk from St Teresa's Church Lexden - 11th May at 10am. Circular walk - 5 miles only, all welcome. Phone Gary on 530863 or just turn up.

SPRING YOUTH GATHER : Saturday 11th May. Join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service for a day of outdoor activities and team building at Stubbers Adventure Centre, Upminster. Open to anyone in year 7-9 on Saturday 11th May 2013. The cost is £20 and that includes all activities. Please visit www.bcys.net for more information and forms or email amandapotter@dioceseofbrentwood.org

100 CLUB – MARCH DRAW: And the winners are: Joan Herbert [1st]; Rita O'Neill [2nd]; Sheila Wilson[3rd] and the Easter special prize went to Sr Therese. Congratulations to you all.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Monday 27th May is the Feast Day of St Augustine of Canterbury, and we will be going to Ramsgate to share in the festivities. If you'd like to join us, please indicate to Fr Neil so that we can decide the transport. We wouldn't need to leave before 8 am, honest.

“TO LOVE OR NOT TO LOVE: the effect of contraception and other factors in the undermining of marriage and society.” Rev Dr Robert Farrell, Pharmacist and Priest will speak on this topic at St James the Less next Saturday May 4th. There will be refreshments and the talk will commence at 11.30. There will be an opportunity for questions. All are welcome. **Fr Robert Farrell:** After Glasgow University he was a Flying Officer in the RAF. He then spent twenty years as a lecturer in microbiology at London University. He was ordained a priest in 1978. He has recently spoken on this topic at Glasgow University and Wolfson College, Oxford.

YEAR OF FAITH TALKS: 'Become what you hear; become what you receive' – by Mgr David Manson, VG. First one on the Eucharist is Monday 13th May 7.30pm - 9.30pm at the Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. The second talk will be on Monday 20th May, 7.30pm - 9.30pm on the Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation. All our welcome. For further information contact the Adult Religious Education office on 01277 265255 or are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org

SOUP RUN: More helpers are needed for this important work – particularly to make sandwiches and to do deliveries. Please contact Armando T: 854921

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: Congratulations to the Canonesses who held a Thanksgiving Mass at Westminster Cathedral this Saturday 27th April. This is the highlight of their 370th anniversary celebrations. Fr Philip attended on behalf of the clergy.

PICTURES OF POPE FRANCIS: are available from Pauline Books & Media. T: 0207 937 9591. E: London@pauline-uk.org

CAFOD FAMILY BIKE RIDE: Sunday 23rd June - through the scenic Lee Valley Park and along the canal to Broxbourne for a picnic before cycling back. Choose from the short 10 mile ride or the longer 18 mile route. £6 entry per person, children under 18 must be accompanied. For more details visit www.cafodbrentwood.wordpress.com/ or E: brentwood@cafod.org.uk or T: 0208 502 9722.

PAUL SAUNDERS: Some of you will remember the Holy Mass we offered for the safe return of Paul who went missing a year ago in Italy. His mother Maria tells me that he has been found safe and well near Milan. Thanks be to God! National TV in Italy has been involved in the search as well as the police and, at the time of writing, his mother is hoping to be reunited with him soon. We will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving once he has returned.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE: During the Spring / Summer months, there will be a Holy Communion service at 9:30am St Cedd & St Gregory Mersea.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 2nd May – Team 1

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]

28th April 2013

Saturday April 27th

6:15 pm Rita Milford RIP

Sunday April 28th

8:00 am George Thompson RIP

10:30 am Irene Hammond RIP

2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Catherine Libby RIP

8:30 am Private Intention

9:15 am Margaret Wilson RIP

10:15 am Parishioners

West Mersea

Mile End

Monkwick

Monday 29th

St Catherine of Siena, V, D - Feast

Church **7:30 am** Anna Koch RIP

Church **9:15 am** Patrick Harrison RIP

Tuesday 30th

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Church **9:15 am** Private Intention [JVV]

Wednesday 1st

St Joseph the Worker

Church **7:30 am** Private Intention [MME]

Church **12:15 pm** May Banks RIP

Thursday 2nd

St Athanasius, Bp, D

Church **9:15 am** Sr Rose RIP

Friday 3rd

SS PHILIP AND JAMES, App - Feast

Church **9:15 am** Ints: Maureen McElroy

Church **6:30 pm** Ints: Deirdre Fordham

Saturday 4th

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS – National Feast

Church **9:15 am** Helen, Julian & Joseph Hoareau RIP

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]

(Catholic Deaf Awareness Week)

5th May 2013

Saturday May 4th

6:15 pm Charles Cuthbert RIP

Sunday May 5th

8:00 am Bridie Reilly RIP

10:30 am Doris Murphy RIP

2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Ints: Julie & Family

8:30 am Parishioners

9:15 am Ints: Joseph Ngeh & Family

10:15 am Private Intention

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

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