

# 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

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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] October 28<sup>th</sup> 2012

### Solemnity of All Saints

This Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holyday of Obligation. The Vigil Mass at Mersea is 7:30pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Masses on the day at Priory St are 7:30am, 9:15 am, 12:15 pm and 7:30 pm.

### All Souls Day

As priests are allowed to offer 3 masses for the faithful departed on this day, there will be Mass at Priory St at 7:30am, 9:15 am, 12:15 pm and 7:30 pm. and also 9:00am Mersea, 10:30am Monkwick and 12:00pm Mile End.

### November List

If you wish Mass to be offered for your family and friends on All Souls Day and during November, please put their names in the envelopes provided and return to the Presbytery by 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### Diocesan and Parish Census

We have been asked by the diocese for each parish to take up a census by means of an anonymous questionnaire. The census will be conducted this weekend 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October.

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

<i>EVENTS THIS WEEK</i>			
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6:45pm</b>	<b>Scripture Course</b>	<b>Crypt</b>
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7:15pm</b>	<b>175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</b>	<b>CBH</b>

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Gwen Cole, Ian Cole, Stanley Crane, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emery, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Catherine Spicer, Jacqueline Sykes, Filomena Velasquez, Tony White.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Maria Soutar, Alison Taylor and Nellie Willamson. Alison's funeral will be at 12:45pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Nellie's funeral will be at 12:30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Details of Maria's funeral to follow.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS:** There will be a second collection for the missions at all Masses over the weekend. This collection goes to the APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith) the Pope's main missionary fund. Other second collections: Farewell gift for Bishop Thomas McMahon on the weekend of 10 -11<sup>th</sup> November. The suggestion is 50p per parishioner and it will be presented to the Bishop at the end of November. There will be a collection for the Diocesan Youth Service on the Feast of Christ the King 24-25<sup>th</sup> November and for 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.

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Gabriel, Honey and Sienna.** God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**CONGRATULATIONS: Jamie & Sean Mills and Juli-Anne & Richard Turnbull** who were married at Priory St this week.

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME MASS:** This Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October will be at 12:00pm and not 12:15pm.

**WELCOME:** To Fr Nick Farrell, chaplain to the Colchester Garrison. Fr Nick will be helping us at the weekends when available.

**YEAR OF FAITH RESOURCES:** can be found at the back of church near the Seventh Station of the Cross. The CTS Year of Faith leaflet contains a list of key books to read – all available from [www.cts-online.org.uk](http://www.cts-online.org.uk).

**PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM:** The Parish Team lost 3-0 to Frinton Free Church in a close fought game with some high quality football played by both teams.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET:** Dates for your diary are November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. This week we are requesting bottles, cans, cartons etc. Alcoholic and soft drinks. Please place in the black bins in the church porch which will be emptied daily. Thank you.

**MERSEA NEWS:** Many thanks to Sue Jenner for hosting our last coffee morning which every one enjoyed. Our last event for 2012 will be the Christmas Fayre to be held at St Cedd's on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30. Hope to see you there.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The Parish's First Holy Communion Programme for young people in Years 3 and above will start in Advent. Information packs will be available after Mass. Parents' meetings will be held in the Crypt on **Thursdays, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> November** from 7:30pm and all sessions should be attended. The children gather for the first time on **Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December** at 10:00am in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

**PILGRIMAGE TO OXBURGH HALL AND WALSINGHAM. This Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.** 7:45 Morning Prayer and depart. Mass in the chapel in the grounds of Oxburgh Hall courtesy of Lord and Lady Bedingfeld. After lunch (in the National Trust Café) Rosary Walk from the Slipper chapel into Walsingham. Tea courtesy of the nuns at Swaffham on the return journey. We plan to arrive in Colchester by 7.30pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch. Those prepared to drive please indicate.

**175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** To celebrate 175 years since the founding of our Parish, all parishioners are invited to the Cardinal Bourne Hall following Saturday evening Mass **this coming Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** to partake of light refreshments. Wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be available, but offers of finger buffet food will be most welcome. You may like to bring any photographs you wish to share about events in the parish during your time here. Ring Frances Galvin [369568] or Ron Griffin [571590] for more details.

**PRO LIFE VIGIL: "Your prayers are making us uncomfortable!"** This was the gist of the response of one worker at Whitfield St on Thursday. **The voice of conscience is not silent!** Pray for this lady, open to the truth that abortion kills babies and harms women. Pray for her colleagues. Pray especially for their "clients", girls – some very young. Especial thanks to Niamh Fox for organising this Prayer Vigil. Thank you to those who came to witness and pray! A particular thank-you to those who provided invaluable back-up with your simultaneous prayers here in Priory St. Fr Neil.

**CATHOLICISM:** A 12 week series of adult formation in the Faith. Fr Robert Barron presents a stunning DVD-based Catechism on Friday nights at 7:30pm in the Crypt. The next booked sessions this year are on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**SVP:** The SVP will be holding a Party for Senior Citizens on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2:30pm-5pm. Cost £5. Full details to follow.

**FUN QUIZ: 8th November** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, St John Payne Church, Greenstead. Cost: £5.50, including Fish and Chip Supper. Bring your own drinks, glasses will be available. There will be a raffle. Contact Gene 07939 086034 or David 863067 to book, which is essential as food must be ordered.

**AT THE WELLSPRINGS OF PRAYER:** A series of talks for the Year of Faith. First one is entitled "From Prison To Prayer" by Fr Paul Fox at our Lady of Light, Clacton on Sea on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 7:30 – 9:30pm. For more information and for booking contact Clacton parish on 01255 423 319.

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Team 5**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

**Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 pm Hector Silva RIP [MG]  
*Mile End* 6:00 pm **KERALA MASS**  
**Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Mary & Bridie Maikham RIP

10:30 am Dorris Covington RIP  
 6:30 pm Beryl & Noel Blanchette RIP  
 8:30 am Audrey Davis RIP  
 9:15 am Private Intention  
 10:15 am Parishioners

*West Mersea*  
*Mile End*  
*Monkwick*  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Feria**  
*Church* 7:30 am Mrs T Matiz and Family  
*Church* 9:15 am Joshua Walkers RIP

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 am Masie Radford RIP

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

**NB**

**Feria**  
*Church* 12:00 pm Ints: Sykes Family  
*Church* 12:45 pm **REQUIEM MASS: Alison Taylor RIP**  
 7:30 pm Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

*West Mersea*  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**ALL SAINTS (Holyday of Obligation)**  
*Church* 7:30 am Private Intention  
*Church* 9:15 am D/Rels: Farrell and Fuller Families  
*Church* 12:15 pm Ints: Ron Smith  
*Church* 7:30 pm Ints: Ron & Margaret Wheeler

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**ALL SOULS**  
*Church* 7:30 am Holy Souls  
*Church* 9:15 am Des Byrne RIP [MG]  
*Church* 12:15 pm Ints: Anthony White  
*Church* 7:30 pm Mary & John McGinley RIP  
 9:00 am Ints: Holy Father  
 10:30 am Holy Souls  
 12:00 pm Holy Souls

*West Mersea*  
*Monkwick*  
*Mile End*  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 am Michael & Bridget Brady RIP

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>** 6:15 pm Mary O'Connell RIP  
**Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Mary & William O'Grady RIP  
 10:30 am Sean O'Riordan RIP  
 6:30 pm Parishioners  
*West Mersea* 8:30 am Audrey Davis RIP  
*Mile End* 9:15 am Yadi Khodayardi RIP  
*Monkwick* 10:15 am Alan Smith RIP

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm**

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