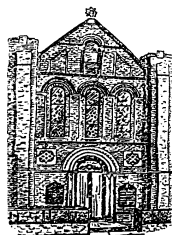


# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

With

MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] January 29<sup>th</sup> 2012

My dear friends

I was glad to arrive home safely from my holiday last Sunday night, considering the terrible fate of those who died in the *Costa Concordia* tragedy. We pray that all those who have died recently will come to the safe harbour of eternal life.

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity concluded on Thursday with the feast of the Conversion of St Paul. It is unique to celebrate the feast of someone's conversion, but Paul's mission to spearhead the Church's missionary expansion was of great importance. He describes that conversion in Acts, Chapter 9 and in Galatians, Chapter 1. The following day is the feast of Ss. Timothy and Titus, Paul's closest collaborators. He writes these encouraging words to Timothy in a pastoral letter to him:-

*"That is why I am reminding you now to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love and self control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy."* 1Tim;1

This Thursday is the feast of Our Lord's Presentation in the Temple when Simeon recognises Jesus as the Light of the World. We assemble with lighted candles on that day, Candlemas, to pray that the Lord will come into this temple, that is, our parish church in this its 175<sup>th</sup> year. Mass is at

9:15am.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

*Please see Mass Schedule for changes*

|   |                                     |                |
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| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb                   | PM 2 <sup>nd</sup> WRAP Session     | CBH            |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>                        | 7:30pm RCIA                         | Crypt          |
| <i>[There is no Scripture Course this week]</i> |                                     |                |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>                          | 7:30-9:30pm Baptism Course [2 of 2] | Crypt          |
| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>                        | 10am-12pm FHC Programme             | Hall and Crypt |
| " "   | 7pm Youth Talent Show [see below]   | CBH            |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>                          | 8pm Evangelium                      | Crypt          |

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

**SICK:** Please remember in your prayers Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Alan Doleman, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Lucy Walker, Tim Young.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Teresa and Giovanni Emoli on their Golden Wedding Anniversary

**BAPTISM TODAY:** **Lauren Gough.** God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Whitney, Bridget Kelly, Maura Dorning and John Scrivens who have recently died. May they rest in peace. The funeral of Maureen Allen has been arranged here on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, at 12:15pm. The funeral for Bridget Kelly [widow of Mick and a parishioner for 57 years], will take place here on 6<sup>th</sup> February at 11am. The funeral of Maura Dorning will be at St Cedd & St Gregory, Mersea, on 15<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30am. The funeral of John Scrivens will take place at Colchester Crematorium on 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3:30pm.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** As already mentioned, there will be a second collection for the *Parish Development Fund* after all Masses next weekend.

**ST JAMES THE LESS & ST HELEN HAS TALENT:** Acts are required for this fundraising activity. Age groups; up to 10 years; 11-15; 15-18; 18plus. This fun event will take place on Saturday, 4th February at 7pm, in the Cardinal Bourne Hall to raise money to send some young parishioners to Lourdes with BCYS. Contact Theresa Higgins 523501 for details. Cost £5 per person. Food will be provided.

**MERCY ASSOCIATES:** Mercy Associates meet next on Monday, 6 February at 7.30pm at Christ Church Court (tel. 763049)

**SATURDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY:** Meeting at Colchester Town Rail Station at 6.45am. Please join us to travel up to Soho Square for **Mass** in the newly-restored St Patrick's church at 9.00 and then to Bedford Square in **procession** for a **prayer vigil** outside the abortion "clinic" there. Finishing with **Benediction** of the Blessed Sacrament at 12.00.

**"SAYING YES AND SAYING NO":** A conference for Catholic health workers – skills for clinicians dealing with ethical dilemmas in medicine. Facilitators: Catholic Medical Association on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, 330a Burnt Oak Lane, Blackfen, Kent, DA14 8LW. For full details, phone 07831 577371 or email [kentcma@gmail.com](mailto:kentcma@gmail.com)

**DIOCESAN ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FORMATION FOR MINISTRY:** Because of limited space here, there are posters in the porch of forthcoming events at the Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood.

**BRES Annual Spirituality Morning** -28<sup>th</sup> March 2012, 9.30-12.00 at Cathedral House, Brentwood. Fr Chris O'Donnell, O.Carm theologian and author will speak about the *Year of Faith* entitled: "**Living Faith living Prayer**". Cost :£5 Contact: Tel. 01277 265285 email: [marycronin@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:marycronin@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**THE FALCONER COMMISSION ON ASSISTED DYING:** Copies of Right to Life's interim response are available at the back of Church. Please write to your MPs – Sir Bob Russell, Bernard Jenkin, or whoever, urging them to oppose the Falconer recommendations. RTL's leaflet "The facts Dignity in Dying will not tell you" is also available for you to take to enclose with your letter.

**CAFOD FUNDRAISER: Join Team CAFOD and help us celebrate 50 years of helping others.** We are aiming for 50 people from across the diocese to take part in the **120ft abseil** down Harlow Water Tower on *Sunday 6th May* and also for 50 riders to take part in the **Lee Valley Bike Ride** (10 mile family ride or longer 19 mile ride) on *Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May*. (Abseilers must be over 16 years, no upper age limit!) For more details email [brentwood@cafod.org.uk](mailto:brentwood@cafod.org.uk) or telephone 020 8502 9722

**PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM:** Danny Ferdinand reporting; "Our recent good run came to end as we were beaten 4-0 by Kingsland".

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Team 2

**MOVING OUT OF THE PARISH/WITHIN THE PARISH?:** Please let the Parish office know. **Newly arrived?** Please complete a registration form [to

be found in the porch on the left hand side table].

For inclusions to the Parish website;- [admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](mailto:admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org)

### LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]

January 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 [Homelessness Sunday]

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|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>6:15 pm</b>  | Margaret Ratcliffe RIP |
| <b>Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>8:00 am</b>  | Selwyn Caldeira RIP    |
|   | <b>10:30 am</b> | Tony Golding RIP       |
|   | <b>6:30 pm</b>  | Margaret Heaney RIP    |
| <i>West Mersea</i>                      | <b>8:30 am</b>  | Intentions: Mary Borg  |
| <i>Mile End</i>                         | <b>9:15 am</b>  | Parishioners           |
| <i>Monkwick</i>                         | <b>10:15am</b>  | Edward Fitzgerald RIP  |

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| <b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Feria</b>             |                         |
| <i>Church</i>                  | <b>7:30 am</b>           | Intentions: Mary Borg   |
| <i>Church</i>                  | <b>9:15 am</b>           | Des Fuller RIP [A]      |
| <b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>St John Bosco, Pr</b> |                         |
| <i>Church</i>                  | <b>9:15 am</b>           | Anne Gardiner RIP [SVP] |

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| <b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> February</b> | <b>Feria</b>    |  |
| <i>Church</i>                      | <b>7:30 am</b>  | Thomas Brett RIP                       |
| <i>Church</i>                      | <b>12:15 pm</b> | D/Rels:Herbert & Richards Families RIP |

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| <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b> |                                   |
| <i>Church</i>                  | <b>9.15 am</b>                      | Edward & Catherine McElroy RIP    |
| <i>Church</i>                  | <b>12:15 pm</b>                     | <b>REQUIEM; MAUREEN ALLEN RIP</b> |

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| <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>St Anne Line, M</b> |                                    |
| <b>Y4 - STM</b>              | <i>Church</i>          | <b>9:15 am</b> May Banks RIP [SVP] |
|                              | <i>Church</i>          | <b>6:30 pm</b> Patrick McHugh RIP  |

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| <b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Feria</b>  |                                      |
|                                | <i>Church</i> | <b>9:15 am</b> Intentions: Mary Borg |

### LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]

5<sup>TH</sup> February 2012 [Education Day]

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| <b>Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>6:15 pm</b> | John Lenihan RIP                      |
| <b>Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>8:00 am</b> | Julia Pinto RIP                       |
|   | <b>10:30am</b> | Selwyn Caldeira RIP                   |
|   | <b>6:30 pm</b> | Frederick, Elizabeth, Angelo LucasRIP |
| <i>West Mersea</i>                      | <b>8:30 am</b> | Intentions: Teresa Hogan              |
| <i>Mile End</i>                         | <b>9:15 am</b> | Joe Farrelly RIP                      |
| <i>Monkwick</i>                         | <b>10:15am</b> | 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* Acting: Head: Peter Johnson [549222]

[www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or 0800 389 3801. [www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org)

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