

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

175 YEARS ~ 1837 - 2012

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]
September 2nd 2012

Mr Dear Friends

We come together at the beginning of September, a month we associate with going back to school and the beginning of the academic year. We wish all those returning to school and college every success for the new term. This time is also a new beginning for the parish, as we begin to think about our sacramental programmes that begin soon.

We are all looking forward to the Heritage Weekend next Saturday and Sunday the 8th and 9th September. All historic buildings and churches are open to the public. Our church will be open to visitors on Saturday and Sunday and we will also be assisting people who wish to visit the Abbey Gatehouse. There are maps available that show all the places to visit.

Another important event in September is the Pastoral Visitation of our Bishop Thomas, which takes place on Wednesday September 26th. He will visit St Thomas More School and preside at the Confirmation Mass at 7:30 in the evening, to which everyone is invited. Please put this date in your diary.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

Wednesday 5th	7:00pm	SVP Meeting	Crypt
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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Mrs Elizabeth Akpoyoware, June Bickersteth, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Gwen Cole, Ian Cole, Stanley Crane, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Jeff Guild, Maurice Highfield, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Fr Conrad Smith, Maria Soutar, Catherine Spicer, Filomena Velasquez, Tony White.

PRAYERS ARE ASKED: for Jane Okonkwo and baby.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pauline Thompson. May she rest in peace. Pauline's funeral will be on Thursday 6th September 1:15pm at Colchester Crematorium.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: George Ratford and Elizabeth & Joseph Austin-Smith. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: Will be Friday 14th and 21st September 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].

CONGRATULATIONS: To **John & Joanna Shefford and Laura and Gary Newton**, who were married at Priory St this Saturday.

SVP: The next meeting of the SVP will be this Wednesday 5th at 7pm in the Crypt.

KSC MASS: There will be a KSC Mass in memory of Simon Chaplin our youngest member who died last year and for all deceased members of the council since 1934 this Tuesday 4th September at 7:30pm Priory St. All are welcome.

SCRIPTURE COURSE: Begins again Wednesday 12th September between 6:45pm – 8:45pm in the Crypt. New Testament text for study will be the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. All our welcome.

MISSIO TODAY: Autumn 2012 newsletters are available at the back of church for free. Red box holders and other parishioners are invited to take one.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Special report on Syria now available at the back of church. Please take one.

RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK: Has now taken place. Money will be collected this month. If you still wish to pledge / sponsor, please fill in the sponsor forms at the back of church.

CHEESE & WINE EVENING: will be hosted by Ron & Margaret Wheeler on Friday 7th September from 6pm onwards at 27 Cottage Drive Colchester. Cost is £6 which includes 1st glass of wine. Proceeds to parish funds. It is helpful to know how many would be coming. Please contact Ron & Margaret on 797850 or Bernie on 549524 to book.

WINDOWS OF THE SOUL: An illustrated talk on the historic and spiritual background of our 18 stained glass windows at Priory St. Saturday 29th September at 11am in the church.

RIDE AND STRIDE: Saturday 8th September. There's still time to be sponsored for this event – cycling or walking between as many local churches or chapels as you can, raising money for our church funds (half to us and half to "Friends of Essex Churches Trust"). Sponsor form and a list of participating churches & chapels from John Dolamore, 765417.

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP: presents 'West End Hits'. Come and enjoy the music from Les Miserables, Jesus Christ Superstar, Wicked and Cats in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street. Friday 21st September and Saturday 22nd September. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Tickets £5.00 and £2.50 for children and concessions. For more information please contact Lesley 01206 512310.

NEWMAN'S LIFE & WORK: Thursday 6th of September at 7.30pm. An introduction to Newman's life and work in Oxford in the crypt.

NEWMAN'S OXFORD: Thursday September 13th Depart from St James at 7.30am prompt. Mass in St Gregory and St Augustine. Bus to the centre of Oxford for a talk by Fr Pinsent. Veneration at the shrine of Bl John Henry Newman in the Oratory church of St Aloysius. A tour of some of the sites associated with Newman's life and lunch. Travel to Littlemore to the church he built as an Anglican and the College he established before his conversion. Return to Colchester by 8.00pm. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Priory Street church.

HERITAGE WEEKEND: 8th and 9th September. Volunteers needed at the church and St Johns Abbey Gatehouse to greet, talk and tour with the visitors. Assistance to serve refreshments in the crypt at church (Saturday only) also required. Leave details at the church office or tel: 01206 679 060

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS: Will be holding a processional prayer vigil led by Bp Thomas at the Marie Stopes abortion facility, Buckhurst Hill on Saturday 22nd September. Event will start at 9am with Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury, Woodford Green with procession to the abortion centre proceeding from there. www.hgpi.co.uk info@hgpi.co.uk or 0208 252 3109.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 6th September – Team 3A.

ALTAR SERVERS: This Sunday 10:30am Mass – Team A.

Saturday September 1st	6:15 pm	Anthony McPartland RIP
Sunday September 2nd	8:00 am	Ints: Marco Mussi
	10:30 am	Estrella Soriano RIP
	6:30 pm	Frank Martin RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Margaret Sutcliffe RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	B Bugeja RIP
Monday 3rd		ST GREGORY THE GREAT, P, D
	Church 7:30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	Church 9:15 am	Ints: Crawshay Family
Tuesday 4th		Feria
	Church 9:15 am	Joan Boyden RIP [R&MG]
	Church 7:30 pm	KSC MASS – Simon Chaplin RIP
Wednesday 5th		Feria
	Church 7:30 am	Holy Souls
	Church 12:15 pm	Ints: Thomas Nicholls
Thursday 6th		Feria
	Church 9:15 am	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
Friday 7th		Feria
	Church 9:15 am	Filomena Velasquez RIP
	Church 6:30 pm	Private Intention
Saturday 8th		THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY
	Church 9:15 am	Private Intention
		TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] – 9th September 2012
Saturday September 8th	6:15 pm	D/Rels: Byrne Family RIP
Sunday September 9th	8:00 am	Thomas & Gladys Lane RIP
	10:30 am	Eileen Hollis RIP
	6:30 pm	Mr & Mrs Milford RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Ints: Catherine Spicer

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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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] – 2nd September 2012