

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

175 YEARS ~ 1837 - 2012

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C] 2nd December 2012

My dear friends,

On this First Sunday of Advent we embark on the new Church Year which will take us to the Feast of Christ the King 2013 when the Year of Faith comes to a conclusion. During Advent we remember Christ's coming in history and enter into the spirit of the Advent prophets who longed for the coming of the Saviour.

Try to follow the Advent Liturgy by coming to Mass in the week, or attending the Lectio Divina on Friday evenings. There are also the Advent booklets, "Walk With Me", available and priced £1. We begin Advent with the call to be ready for the Second Coming of the Lord at the end of time. The Church Year begins as it ends with that call to be ready at all times.

"Stay awake and stand ready" is a good watchword for all the stalwart parishioners who worked so hard at the Christmas Market last Friday evening and during Saturday. Many thanks to all those who supported the Christmas Market which again raised over £4000 for the Parish's financial needs.

May God bless your Advent journey towards Christmas.

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

<u>EVENTS THIS WEEK</u>			
Sunday 2 nd	8:00 pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt
	4-5 pm	Welcomer's Meeting	Crypt
Friday 7 th	7:30 pm	Lectio Divina	Crypt
Saturday 8 th	10-12 pm	FHC Programme	CBH
	2:30 pm - 5:00pm	SVP Christmas Party	CBH
	7:15 pm	QUIZ NIGHT	CBH

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

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS: The most helpful method is to use the envelopes provided at the back of church, stating whether it's for the repose of the soul (RIP) or for the person's intentions, in thanksgiving etc. Provide as much information as possible and always leave a contact number. Thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Derek Harvey, Joan King and Charles Weeley. May they rest in peace. Charles Weeley's Funeral will be at 12:00 noon on Monday 3rd December at Priory St. Derek Harvey's Funeral will be at 12:15pm on Wednesday 5th December at Priory St. Joan King's Funeral will be at 10:30am on Friday 7th December at Priory St.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Agnes & Anthony Low and Abbey Calauan. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

"WELCOMERS". We would like more volunteers for this very pleasant task at the Sunday Masses in St James. If some more did a little then no one would have to do a lot. There will be a meeting for existing welcomers and all those interested this Sunday 2nd December between 4-5pm in the Crypt. Please contact Paul Horwood for further information. His details are on the notice board or contact him at paulhorwood@hotmail.com

SECOND COLLECTIONS: There will be a second collection this weekend for BEEF (Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund), specifically this year for the promotion of vocations. There will be a collection for Christmas Flowers (Priory St only) on the 15th - 16th December.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The children gather for the first time this Saturday

CTS NEW SUNDAY MISSAL - People's Edition for 2013 : Available for the new year from this weekend.

2013 BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY: Available from this weekend at the back of church. Price £2.75

ADVENT PREPARATION: LECTIO DIVINA: Among the suggestions our bishops have made for the Year of Faith is the practice of Lectio Divina: reflective reading of scripture. As in the past, we do this before the Sundays of Advent. Friday evenings 7:30pm. December 7th, 14th and 21st. See poster in porch.

MASSES OF OUR LADY IN ADVENT: in Polish starting with indoor Procession: Tuesday 4th, 11th and 18th of December at 6:30 pm in St James the Less and St Helen.

KSC MASS: There will be a Mass for all Members of the KSC and Deceased at St Teresa's Church Lexden on 4th December @7.30pm. All parishes are invited.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE RETREAT: "Tell the World" Advent Open Retreat for those in school years 7-9 on the weekend of the 14th-16th December at Walsingham House. £50 will cover the cost and includes all meals. For an application form email Jon@walsinghamhouse.org or phone 01268 515970.

FAMILY FUN – QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 8th December at 7:15pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. £2 per person. Raising money to send young people to Lourdes. Tickets and info from Theresa Higgins T: 523501

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BOOKS: There is a range of good-quality children's books for sale in the crypt bookcase. Answer your present needs with a visit below.

GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS: From St John Payne Greenstead - A professional CD recording of 28 Favourite Hymns of Praise. Make a really nice gift for Christmas. price £12 for set of 2 CD's. Tel: Jean Henley 865038/email mjh38@sky.com.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: A big thank you to all who supported and gave donations to this event. Both days were most enjoyable. Total raised to date is £3,220 – bringing the total raised overall this year to £4,270. Your support is very much appreciated.

UCM CHRISTMAS CRAFTS: Sunday 9th December 2 to 4 pm, Cardinal Bourne Hall. Activities include making a nativity scene, reindeer food, Christmas decorations, cards and calendar plus special guest appearance. Refreshments available. £3 per child or £5 per family.

SVP CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS: will be in the CBH on Saturday 8th December from 2.30pm to 5.00pm, cost £5. Please phone Judy on 07970408707 to book or see any SVP Member after Mass. Money to be paid on or before 1st December.

TEACHING VACANCY: St Mary's Primary in Tilbury are seeking a new Headteacher to start in April or September 2013. The closing date is 7th January, please contact the school for an application pack, we welcome informal visits, please contact Mrs Alison Bishop at the school to arrange a visit. Tel: 01375843254 admin@tilburystmarys.thurrock.sch.uk

ADVENT CALENDAR The Christmas Mystery: at St Teresa's Lexden on Friday 7th December at 7:30pm. A programme of words and music by Quire www.quire.org and readers from St Teresa's. Tickets £10, £8 (concessions). Children under 16 are free. Tickets available on the door or from Mann's Music T: 572 783 E: tickets@quire.org

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 6th December – Team 4.

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2nd December 2012

Saturday December 1st 6:15 pm Wilbur & Murial MacDonald RIP
Sunday December 2nd 8:00 am Teresa & Michael Hanley RIP
10:30 am Selwyn Caldeira RIP
6:30 pm Claudia & Frederick Udall RIP
8:30 am Parishioners
9:15 am D/Rels & Friends: Knapp Family
10:15 am D/Rels & Friends: Wright & Wrobel Families

West Mersea

Mile End

Monkwick

Monday 3rd

St Francis Xavier, Pr

Church 7:30 am Ints: Irene Pagan

STM Advent Mass

Church 9:15 am Christopher Udall RIP

Church 12:00 pm **REQUIEM MASS – CHARLES WEELEY**

Tuesday 4th

Feria

Church 9:15 am Des Byrne RIP

Church 6:30 pm **POLISH MASS – Our Lady in Advent**

Wednesday 5th

Feria

Church 7:30 am Helen and Martin Lydon RIP

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Church 12:15 pm **REQUIEM MASS – DEREK HARVEY**

Thursday 6th

Feria

Church 9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Friday 7th

St Ambrose, Bp, D

Church 9:15 am Sisenando & Rosario de Jesus RIP

Church 10:30 am **REQUIEM MASS – JOAN KING**

Church 6:30 pm Holy Souls RIP

Saturday 8th

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Church 9:15 am Daniel Macue RIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C]

9th December 2012

Saturday December 8th 6:15 pm Moira & Dennis Pryke RIP
Sunday December 9th 8:00 am Dermot & Margaret Moriarty RIP
10:30 am Ints: Dominic Uchenna Uzukwu
6:30 pm Victor Jazier RIP
8:30 am Parishioners
9:15 am Ints: Tony Wright
10:15 am D/Rels & Friends: Knapp Family

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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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