

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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2013

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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]

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In Brazil for World Youth Day, Pope Francis took time to visit the great Marian Shrine of Aparecida and he said Mass there. It shouldn't be a surprise that he too would "come to knock on the door of the house of Mary", since he has already demonstrated his great love and trust in Our Blessed Lady. Many of us had not heard of this holy place on the Paraiba River, yet in 2011 10 million pilgrims visited it! In 1717, three fishermen were in despair because they had failed to catch the fish that were desperately needed in the town. Praying to Our Lady, they put down their nets again and brought up a statue and then the head which had been detached from it. They wrapped it in clothes they had with them. They then found that their nets filled with the fish they needed. Pope Francis told the bishops of Brazil that he had prayed for them at the foot of this statue. He said "In Aparecida God gave Brazil his own Mother. But in Aparecida God also offered a lesson about himself, about his way of being and acting." After recounting the story, he went on: "Then, when God wills it, he mysteriously enters the scene. The waters are deep and yet they always conceal the possibility of a revelation of God. He appeared out of the blue, who knows for how long, when he was no longer expected. The patience of those who await him is always tested. And God arrived in a novel fashion, since God is wonder: as a fragile clay statue, darkened by the waters of the river and aged by the passage of time. God always enters clothed in poverty, littleness." He tells them: "Here there is a message which God wants to teach us. His own beauty, reflected in his Mother conceived without original sin, emerges from the darkness of the river. In Aparecida, from the beginning, God's message was one of restoring what was broken, reuniting what had been divided. ... The Church cannot neglect this lesson: she is called to be a means of reconciliation."

And then: "The fishermen do not dismiss the mystery encountered in the river, even if it is a mystery which seems incomplete. They do not throw away the pieces of the mystery. They await its completion. ... Then the fishermen bring the mystery home. Ordinary people always have room to take in the mystery. Perhaps we have reduced our way of speaking about mystery to rational explanations; but for ordinary people the mystery enters through the heart." As we approach the great feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady, may we play our part in restoring what has been broken and in opening our hearts to the mystery of God.

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes			
<b>SUNDAYS:</b>		<b>Divine Mercy followed by Rosary</b>	
3pm			
<b>DAILY:</b>		<b>Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy</b>	
8:35am			
<b>EVENING PRAYER:</b>		<b>Fridays at 6pm</b>	
<b>Church PRAYER GROUP:</b>		<b>Mondays at 8pm</b>	
<b>Crypt MEDITATION GROUP:</b>		<b>Tuesdays at 8pm</b>	

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Richard Cox, Stanley Crane, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Minimol Joseph, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Alphonse Knapp, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, The Sharfraie Family, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED?** The next Baptism course will be Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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].

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kitty Foley. Kitty's Requiem Mass was on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. May she rest in peace.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** This weekend, there will be a second collection for the Xaverian Missionary Fathers; see below.

**XAVERIAN MISSIONARY APPEAL:** This Sunday 4th August we welcome Fr Patrick Duffy to the parish who will celebrate the Sunday Masses at Priory St and will make an appeal on behalf of the Xaverian Missionary Fathers. The Society was formed on the feast of St. Francis Xavier (3rd December) 1895 by Blessed Guido Maria Conforti. From its initial beginnings in Parma, Italy just over a hundred years ago, today the Xaverians priests, brothers, sisters and lay people number in excess of 1000 members from diverse cultures, nations and churches. There are several copies of the missionary magazine at the back of church. More information is also available at [www.xavs.org](http://www.xavs.org)

**ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY:** On Thursday 15th August we will have **Devotions at 7:00pm** followed by an **English-Polish Mass at 7:30** as usual. On the Sunday afterwards, the 18th August, there will be a **Procession before the 4pm** Polish Mass. All are warmly invited.

**PARISH FAMILY BARBEQUE:** Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets available from this weekend. Adults: £6, Children 6-12: £4.

**NOW AVAILABLE – Handbook of Prayers:** Updated version of this very beautiful prayer book (now includes the new English translation of the Mass) It contains the complete Latin and English texts of nearly six hundred prayers, including basic prayers, prayers for different times of day, devotions to Our Lord and Our Lady, prayers for the dead, and blessings; but still easy to carry! Delightfully illustrated with traditional line drawings. Priced £7.95

**DO YOU HAVE A FREE SEAT IN YOUR CAR?** A volunteer is required who could give a parishioner a lift to Sunday 10:30 Mass at Priory Street during August. The parishioner lives at Charles Smith House, Ladbroke Drive, Colchester. Anyone who could offer this service should contact the church office: T:01206 866317

**DOWNTON ABBEY FANS:** The SVP trip to Highclere Castle on Sunday 18th August will pick up on East Hill at 9am. There are 5 remaining spaces, cost £42, if anyone is interested. To book please phone 07970 408 707. Would those already booked please pay the balance of £32 by 29th July.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Run for a Child:** BCCS are looking for individuals to represent their parish (under 16's will need to be accompanied by an adult) and take part in 'Run for a Child'. This is a 5k run taking place on Wednesday 4th September at 7.00pm, Westley Heights Country Park, Basildon, with the support of Pitsea Running Club. To register your interest please contact Julie on 01268 784544 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk - Do something amazing and help us to continue our work supporting those children and families who turn to us for help - register today!

**SIGNED MASS:** The Diocesan Deaf Service is celebrating a Signed Mass at Priory St on September 15th at 6.30pm. Fr David Clemens will lead the celebration and people who are deaf will sign the readings. All are welcome, hearing, hard of hearing and deaf. For more information contact Sister Margaret Duffy, Brentwood Diocesan Pastoral Deaf Service 803 Chigwell Road, Woodford Bridge, Essex IG8 8AU.

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**HERITAGE WEEKEND 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September:** If you would like to get involved with the English Heritage weekend in September either here in Priory Street or at the Gatehouse you would be very welcome. There is quite an extensive and interesting programme planned. For more details please contact Jennie on 01206 679060 or leave your details with the Parish office.

**JOB! CONCERT:** The Knights of St Columba Council 428 (Castle Point and Canvey Island) will be presenting a Twenty-fifth Anniversary Concert based on the Old Testament book of Job at Brentwood Cathedral in aid of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society on Saturday, 28th September at 7.30pm. Ticket prices are £10 per adult, £7 per senior / student / concession, £1 per child (upto 16 years). Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by sending a cheque made payable to: Job! Concert, Knights of St Columba Council 428, 24 St Johns Road, Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 2PZ. Please contact the Knights of St

Columba Council 428 on 07908 886 513 for further details.

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August – Team 3.**

### **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]**

**4<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

**Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>** 6:15 pm Ludmilla Clarke RIP  
**Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Colin Walker RIP  
10:30 am Angela Murphy & Gilligan Beothers RIP  
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**  
6:30 pm Max and Lancelot Milford RIP  
8:30 am Finbarr Spillane RIP  
9:15 am John O'Driscoll RIP  
10:15 am Parishioners

*West Mersea*  
*Mile End*  
*Monkwick*  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Feria**

*Church* 7:30 am *Holy Souls RIP*

*Church* 9:15 am Eileen & Frederick Fordham RIP

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - Feast**

*Church* 9:15 am Margaretta Wright RIP

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Feria**

*Church* 7:30 am Padriag McAloon RIP

*Church* 12:15 pm Andrea L'Esperance RIP

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**St Dominic, Pr**

*Church* 9:15 am Ints: Fr Jim McCormack

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, V, M**  
**European Feast**

*Church* 9:15 am Mary McGinley RIP

*Church* 6:30 pm D/Rels: Herbert & Richards Families

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**ST LAWRENCE, Deacon, M - Feast**

*Church* 9:15 am Anna Mele RIP

### **NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]**

**11<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

**Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 pm Lionel Wright RIP  
**Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am John Carson RIP  
10:30 am Ints: Anne Gilligan  
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**  
6:30 pm Ints: Samantha Hume  
8:30 am Herbert Plater RIP  
9:15 am Parishioners  
10:15 am Ints: Joan Norman

*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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