

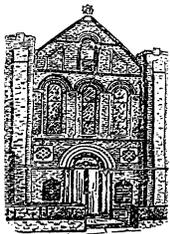
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ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

September 4th 2011

My dear friends.

Today we begin to use the new responses to the Mass from the new translation of the Roman Missal. There are prayer cards available in Priory Street and all the Mass Centres for you to follow. Please leave the prayer cards in the pews for subsequent weeks. We will hear a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop about this today. He concludes his message with these words:

"I therefore invite you to welcome the revised Roman Missal as a gift to the Church and I hope it has become clear that its introduction is not a case of change for change's sake. In fact, this revised Missal is a real and privileged opportunity for us to deepen our love and knowledge of the Eucharist – that most precious gift from the Lord. I encourage all the parishes and religious communities in our Diocese over the months ahead not only to adjust prayerfully to these changes but to examine more deeply the reasons behind them. In short, we are being called to develop our understanding of the Mass and of its profound, underlying meaning. In this way we will be able to participate more fully in the great mystery we celebrate"

May God bless you all

DAILY Morning Prayer 8.15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8.35am (Wed 11.15am)
PRAYER GROUP Mondays at 8pm in the Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt

NO EXPOSITION ON SATURDAY 10th September

MERCY ASSOCIATES: Next Meeting **Monday 5th September 7.30pm** at Christ Church Court

SICK: Please remember in your prayers June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Casiano Pasumbal, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva,

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul and Sumi who were married here yesterday
BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Jack Christopher Haywood and Jacob Michael Bird. May God bless these children and congratulations to their families..

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: Friday 23rd September and Friday 30th September, 7.30pm in the Crypt.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **May Banks, Ellen Woodley and Cynthia Elliott.** The funeral of Cynthia Elliott is on Friday 9th September at 10.30. The funeral of May Banks is on Friday 14th September at 12.15pm. Reception of Ellen Woodley's body in the Church will be on Thursday 22nd with Requiem on Friday 23rd at 11.00 am. May they rest in peace.

HERITAGE OPEN DAY: St. James the Less is one of 34 historic buildings and churches that are open to the public next weekend 10/11th September. Parishioners will be on hand to show people around from 10.30 to 4.00pm on Saturday 10th and from 1.30 to 4.00pm on Sunday 11th. Refreshments will be available in the Crypt. If you would like to help in any way, ring Jenny on Col 768487. Please take one of the free maps outlining which buildings are open.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: To help on Mondays and Friday mornings 10am to 12 noon to distribute food to the homeless in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. If you are able to spare some time, please contact Pam Edwards on 07980 43815 or email cb.hall@btinternet.com

A JOURNEY IN FAITH for those thinking about becoming a Catholic or for those wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith there is a Course on Thursdays 7.30pm, in the Crypt. For more information, please contact Cathy O'Connor on 501146

"TREASURES OF HEAVEN" EXHIBITION: British Museum, Tuesday 20 September. To reserve seat on coach (£20 inclusive) contact Pauline after 6pm 768418. Last date for booking **Sunday 12th Sept.** Coach leaving East Hill 9.30am.

KSC DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION Saturday, 24th September at Clare Priory, Nr Cavendish, Suffolk with Mass at 10.00am also talks and discussions. Conclusion approx. 5.30pm. Own Transport required. There is a charge of £10 per head. You may like to bring a packed lunch. If you wish to join us and recharge your Spiritual batteries, ring Justin Nathan 01206 241317 or 07845392684

GRATEFUL THANKS to those of you who helped with the “Practising the Responses” session last Sunday evening. With particular mention to Hywel Edwards, John Sales, Catherine his daughter and Geoffrey Boyle on the keyboard. To you who came along, remember that it’s up to you to lead those for whom the new translation is still a complete surprise

CHRISTMAS MARKET: Next Meeting on Sunday 11th September in Cardinal Bourne Hall after 10.30 Mass, Members of Parish Groups and new members always welcome. Thank you. Frances and friends

TRIP TO THURSFORD SPECTACULAR CHRISTMAS SHOW: This is being arranged by the S.V.P. on Tuesday 6th December. Tickets are £55 each which includes Coach Travel, Christmas Lunch on the way there and entrance to the Show. Interested? – please phone 01206 242170 to book. All monies to be paid by September 16th

DIOCESAN FORMATION COURSE FOR CATECHISTS Part One Autumn Term commences Thursday 29 September 7.30 – 9.30pm for five weeks to 21st November. Venue Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Catechists interested can collect an application form and further details from the Parish Office.

ST HELEN’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Westcliff on Sea: following the promotion of the previous Deputy Headteacher, the Governors are seeking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher for Group 2 school from January 2012. For further details or to arrange a visit, please contact Anne McDonald on 01702 343823 or by email a.mcdonald@st-helens.southend.sch.uk Closing date for applications – 26 September 2011.

HEALING MASS at Abbotswick on Wednesday, 7th September at 2.30pm, celebrated by Fr. Eamonn Power. For further information or travel directions visit www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Council now meet on Thursday, 15th September, in the Crypt at 7pm

MASS ON THE BEACH: As previously mentioned, Colchester Deanery Youthspace are organising Mass on Dovercourt Beach today, Sunday, 4th September at 2:30pm. All young people of the Colchester Deanery are warmly invited to come together for a Mass, followed by food and social. Any musicians who would like to join in for Mass, please feel free to bring along your instruments.

Location and car parking is at West End Lane.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: Saturday 24th September at Brentwood Cathedral at 3:30pm. The Bishop will be presiding, and Mass will be followed by a reception in the Cathedral Hall. This is perfect opportunity for couples celebrating a special anniversary, as they will be able to renew their commitment during the Mass. However, if any family would like to receive an invitation, please speak with Fr Tony

KSC EVENT: The Knights of St Columba are holding a Table Quiz in St Teresa’s Church Hall, Clairmont Road, Lexden on Saturday, 10th September 7:30pm for 8pm. Proceeds will be donated to East Anglia’s Children’s Hospice. Light refreshments provided. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets £5. Call Ron 797850 to book or just turn up on the evening.

CLEANING TEAM ROTA Thursday September 8th Team 3

LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

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Saturday September 3rd	6:15 pm	Bridie Corcoran RIP
Sunday September 4th	8:00 am	Evelyn Shelly RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions Mrs T. and Family
	6:30 pm	Deceased Priests of the Diocese
	8:30 am	Ints Matt, Pat and Eddie Hogan
	9:15 am	Ints Stella, Jev Ngen Song
	10:15 am	Parishioners

*Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick*

Monday 5th *Feria Church* **9.15 am** Ellen Woodley RIP

Tuesday 6th *Feria Church* **8.00 am** Celia Kissane RIP

Wednesday 7th *Feria Church* **12.15 pm** May Banks RIP

Thursday 8th *Church* **12.15 pm** **Feast of THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY** Holy Souls RIP

Friday 9th *Feria Church* **9:15 am** May Banks RIP
Church **10.30 am** Cynthia Elliott RIP **REQUIEM**

Saturday 10th *Feria Church* **9:15 am** Holy Souls RIP

LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

September 11th 2011

Saturday September 10th	6:15 pm	John Lorrimer RIP
Sunday 11th	8:00 am	Ints. Stephanie Curran
	10.30 am	Frank Ervine RIP

West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick

2.00 pm Polish Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6:30 pm Mr and Mrs Milford RIP
8:30 am Teresa Hogan
9:15 am Michael Stammers RIP
10:15am Vivienne Wright RIP

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 or 0800 389 3801. www.brentwoodvocations.org

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