

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

With

MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT [B]

December 4th 2011

My dear friends

Many thanks to all those who made our weekend of the Christmas Market so successful. We all enjoyed the Italian Evening on Friday and the Market on Saturday. Congratulations to all!

It was a great privilege to celebrate Mass in the room within St. John's Abbey Gate House. From there Blessed John Beche, the last Abbot, was led out to be executed on 1st December 1539. You can see a display about the story in the Church this weekend. Many thanks to the "Friends of St. James and St Helen" for arranging this event.

St John's Abbey, Colchester, had as its patron, St. John the Baptist, who is represented in one of our church windows. He is the one who calls us now in Advent to prepare a way for the Lord.. He calls us to remove from our lives all that is not of Christ. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will help us to do this.

May God bless your Advent preparations.

Fr Tony McKentey

DAILY Morning Prayer 8.15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8.35am (Wed

11.15am)
PRAYER GROUP
MEDITATION GROUP:

Mondays @ 8pm in the Crypt
Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt

EVENTS THIS WEEK - Please check Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 27 th November	8pm	Evangelium	Crypt
Thursday December 8 th	7:30pm	RCIA	Crypt
Friday 9 th	7:30pm	UCM	Crypt

SICK: Please remember in your prayers June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Casiano Pasumbal, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Tony White, Tim Young.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund [BEEF] – is the money used to pay for the education of seminarians. There is a second collection for BEEF after all Masses next weekend and the money is needed as we currently have seven students in formation at a cost of well over £100,000 per year. For information about leaving a legacy to BEEF please contact Fr Dominic on 01268 553425.

LECTIO DIVINA IN PREPARATION FOR ADVENT: Reflective reading in preparation for Sundays. In the Crypt from 7:30pm; Fridays December, 9th December [in church], 16th December

THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE HAS NOW BEEN ARRANGED - Friday, 27th January 2012 and Friday, 3rd February. 7-30-9pm in the Crypt. [entry via the Church]. There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up – *but* – both sessions must be attended.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Katarzyna Hlywiak** whose Requiem will be on Monday 5th at Priory St., 11.30am and **Emilia Borkowski** whose Requiem will be on Thursday 8th at 11.30am Priory Street. May they rest in peace.

DECEMBER 8TH – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Joint English/Polish Mass at 6.30pm at Priory Street.

GRAND DRAW: The Grand Draw made £1,837 towards the Church Development Fund. Many thanks to all those who donated the prizes, and last, but not least, all who sold and bought the tickets.

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER: Congratulations to Jane Hargreaves 1st £25; 2nd Dominic Sabini £15 and 3rd Mark Cutler £10

SVP OUTING to Thursford Christmas Show on Tuesday 6th December. Coach will leave East Hill at 8.45 a.m., Comfort Stop at Swaffham at 10.50, Lunch at Fakenham at 11.45 then on to the show. Time of return – 8:30pm approximately. **Due to a cancellation, we have 3 places available for this Spectacular Show.** Interested? - please phone 01206 242170.

**LITURGY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT [B]
DECEMBER 4th 2011 (Bible Sunday)**

.ITALIAN EVENING/CHRISTMAS MARKET: A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped and supported these events. It made for a very successful weekend, both socially and financially for the Parish. We raised £2,100 in total. Thank you once again. Frances and all members of the Social Group.

VACANCY – ST PHILOMENA’S SCHOOL, FRINTON: KS1 teacher at St Philomena's Catholic School in Frinton-on-Sea. This is an Independent School, catering for pupils of all denominations, aged 3-11, starting February 2012. Further information/application pack can be obtained from Paul Barnett, School Administrator: generalenquiries@stphilomenas.com or 01255 674492. [Closing date not advised].

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Thursday 8th December: Joint Polish-English Mass at 6.30pm in Priory Street, including a procession of Our Lady within the Church.

Pope Benedict’s General Prayer Intention for December is: That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect.
His Mission Intention is: “That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

PILGRIMAGE TO SOUTHERN POLAND: Meeting **today** at 5 pm in the Railway Carriage. Remember to bring your cards and personal details.

HEALING MASS at Abbotswick on Wednesday 7th December, celebrated by Father Eamonn Power, Preceded by rosary at 2.30pm. Visit www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959.

ST. BENEDICT’S COLLEGE ADVENT CAROL SERVICE This will be a service of of Christmas Readings and Carols – led by the College Choir. The Service will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th December in the Manning Hall at St. Benedict’s College. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards with a collection for CAFOD and BCCS. **Please do come and support this event which will be a joyful time of spiritual preparation for Christmas and a chance to listen to the choral abilities of the students.**

U.C.M.: Christmas Crafts in CBH Sunday 11th December 2-4pm. £3 per child or £5 per family. Santa will be there too.

MOVING?: Please let the Parish office know. **Newly arrived?** Please complete a registration form [in the porch on the left hand side table]. For inclusions to the Parish website: admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

BRENTWOOD DIRECTORIES: Have arrived and are on sale at £2.50. each

CHURCH CLEANING: Thursday, December 8th : Team 6.

Saturday December 3rd	6:15 pm	Daily Mass Scheme (UCM)
Sunday December 4th	8:00 am	Wilbur and Muriel MacDonald RIP
	10:30 am	May Banks RIP (B. Burke)
	6:30 pm	Ints. Barbara & Robin Hill (Norfolk)
<i>Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Peter Hughes RIP (M. Ashmore)
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	D/Relatives Wrobel Family
Monday 5th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Alwyn & Barbara Staines RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Anne Sears RIP (Family)
	<i>Church</i>	11:30 am Katarzyna Hlywiak RIP REQUIEM
Tuesday 6th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Lisette Graciani RIP (Antonio)
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 pm K.S.C.
Wednesday 7th	St. Ambrose Bp.D	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Helena & Martin Lydon RIP (Curran)
	<i>Church</i>	12 :15 am Aleyamma Abraham RIP
Thursday Dec 8	The Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Sister Emilia
		9.15 am Phyllis, Cora and Deirdre RIP
		11.30 am Emilea Borkowski RIP REQUIEM
		7.30 pm Matthew Ifeanyi Nwadike RIP
Friday 9th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Lisette Graziani RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm D/Rels: Pauk & Zlocki Families RIP
Saturday 10th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am D/Rels: Pauk & Zlocki Families RIP

**LITURGY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT [B]
December 11th 2011**

Saturday DECEMBER 10TH	6:15 pm	Stephen Mooney RIP
Sunday DECEMBER 11th	8:00 am	Arthur and Beryl Ouver RIP
	10:30am	D/Rels O’Grady Family RIP
	6:30 pm	Moira and Dennis Pryke RIPI
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Ken Brookes RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	D/Rels Knapp & Gibbons Family RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	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 or 0800 389 3801. www.brentwoodvocations.org

