

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Holyday of Obligation) Sunday – 6th January 2013

My dear friends

A Happy new Year to everyone as we come together on the 1st Sunday of 2013 to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Traditionally on this day, the feasts of the year are solemnly proclaimed:

Know, dear brethren that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the 13th of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten Season.

On the 31st of March, you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 12th May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 2nd June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 1st December, the first Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

One could add that the feast of Christ the King on November 24th will be the conclusion of the Year of Faith

May God bless you all throughout the coming year.

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK			
<i>Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes</i>			
Sunday 6 th	8:00pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt
Wednesday 9 th	7:00pm	SVP	Crypt
Friday 11 th	7:30pm	Catholicism Course	Crypt
Sunday 13 th	5:00pm	Catholicism Course	Crypt

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

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

WELCOME BACK: Fr Norlan Julia who will be saying Mass at Mile End and at 10:30am Priory St on Sunday. He will also celebrate a Filipino Mass at Priory St at 5pm.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Thursday 31st January and Thursday 7th February 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].

DOORWAY TO FAITH: The 2nd part of this series of booklets with quotations each day from the Catechism for reflection. The theme of this issue is prayer. Priced £1.

CATHOLICISM: Next episode, number 6, will be shown **Friday 11th and Sunday 13th**.

THE RATZINGER READER: Recommences this Sunday the 6th January at 8pm with the petitions of the Lord's Prayer. Get a copy of *Jesus of Nazareth* and come along!

MEDITATION GROUP: The next meeting will be this Tuesday 8th January at 8pm.

PRAYER GROUP: The next meeting will be this Monday 7th January at 8pm

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25th JANUARY: On Sunday 20th January there will be a Unity Service at Castle Street Methodist Church at 6:30pm. All our welcome. Exchange of Pulpits: Fr Taemin Oh from St James the Great will speak at the 10:30am Mass here on the 20th January and Fr Tony will go to St James the Great on Sunday 27th January for the 10am Service there.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: Scripture Study Group starts again on Wednesday 16 January

at 6:45pm. Anyone is welcome to join us in the study of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

SVP: The next meeting will be this Wednesday 9th January at 7:00pm

2nd COLLECTIONS: There will be a second collection this weekend for the Children's Society. These funds support a vital service to children and their families in difficulty in our Diocese. They work in all parishes, not least our own. Next Sunday 13th January, there will be a collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) Annual White Flower Appeal in support of their work; please give generously. **CHRISTMAS CRIB:** Donations made at our Christmas Crib will also go to the Children's Society. Donations should be placed in the wall safe in the Lady Chapel.

FILIPINO FAMILY EVENT: Saturday 26th January in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. More details to follow shortly. Everybody is welcome.

100 CLUB – DECEMBER DRAW: And the winners are: Mary Smith [1st]; Maureen McElroy [2nd], Trudi Ciarleglio [3rd]. **100 CLUB – CHRISTMAS DRAW:** And the winners are: Wolfgang Fauser [1st] (£100); Alphonse Knapp [2nd] (£50), Pauline Gilmore [3rd] (free sub). **100 CLUB RECRUITMENT & RENEWALS:** Members will have the opportunity to renew their £12 subscriptions for 2013 at Priory St after all Masses on 13th and 20th January. We hope to pay visits to West Mersea on the 13th - then Monkwick on the 20th and Mile End on the 27th.

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP: present their annual pantomime Sleeping Beauty in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street on Friday and Saturday the 18th and 19th January 2013. Friday night doors open 7.00 pm starts 7.30 pm and Saturday Doors open at 2.30 for Matinee at 3.00 and 7.00 pm for 7.30 start. Tickets £5.00 or £2.50 for concessions. For more information please contact Lesley on 01206 512310.

A SPECIAL KIND OF RETREAT FOR THE NEW YEAR: A Foyer de Charité retreat will be held at the Sion Community, Brentwood from Sunday 10th March (6pm) – Saturday 16th March (2pm). Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day. For more information or to book a place, contact Mgr Barltrop: 07879 953 953; St Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London. W2 5DJ. keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk

WINTER RESERVE ACCOMODATION PROJECT: Volunteers are needed to help run our shelter at the Cardinal Bourne Hall for homeless people that the Night shelter doesn't have room for. 23rd – 29th January and 6th – 12th February. Please ring Pernille on 01206 549 885 for more information. Thank you and God Bless.

CATHOLIC SINGLES: is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

ST THOMAS MORE FORM SIGNING: The school will be sending out the Priest reference forms in January. Fr Tony will be available to sign the forms on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th January from 4pm – 6pm. Please make contact through the church office to book your appointment time. **Please bring completed forms with you - ready to sign**

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 10th January – Team 3.

Saturday January 5th

6:15 pm Michael McInerney RIP

Sunday January 6th

8:00 am Brigid Philomena Alderston RIP

10:30 am Abraham & Aleyamma RIP

5:00 pm **FILIPINO MASS**

6:30 pm Ints: Ron Wheeler

8:30 am Ints: Teresa Hogan

9:15 am Rita Daly RIP

10:15 am Parishioners

West Mersea

Mile End

Monkwick

Monday 7th

Feria of Christmastide

Church **7:30 am** Helen & Martin Lydon RIP

Church **9:15 am** Mary Sebastian RIP

Tuesday 8th

Feria of Christmastide

Church **9:15 am** D/Rels: Pauk & Zlocki Families

Wednesday 9th

Feria of Christmastide

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

Church **12:15 pm** Ints: Daniel Herlihy

Thursday 10th

Feria of Christmastide

Church **9:15 am** Cath Edwards RIP & Ints: Edwards Family

Friday 11th

Feria of Christmastide

Church **9:15 am** Veronica Esther Neal RIP

6:30 pm Ints: Julie & Family

Saturday 12th

Feria of Christmastide

Church **9:15 am** Des Byrne RIP

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

13th January 2013

Saturday January 12th

6:15 pm Frederick Fordham RIP

Sunday January 13th

8:00 am Ints: Richard Cox

10:30 am Resolution of conflict in the Middle East

2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**

6:30 pm James Mary O'Reilly RIP

8:30 am Parishioners

9:15 am Ernest Jardim RIP

10:15 am Major E A & Jane Wright RIP

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*

SCHOOLS *St Thomas More* Head: Bridget Harris [865722]

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