

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

**TWENTY-SEVENTH  
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
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**April 27<sup>th</sup> 2014** is the date set for the canonisation of Bl John XXIII and Bl John Paul II. The encyclicals of John Paul II are a huge grace for our times but perhaps they have overshadowed those of Good Pope John. **Pacem in Terris**, the encyclical "Peace on Earth", is 50 years' old this year. It is still relevant to us. Pope John XXIII takes as his starting point the longing for peace, something we feel once again today. For this to happen we need God's order here on earth. *"Peace on Earth — which man throughout the ages has so longed for and sought after — can never be established, never guaranteed, except by the diligent observance of the divinely established order."* (n.1) How counter-cultural is that! Many people believe that only by obliterating any reference to God can we achieve peace. One of the consequences is that respect for the human person is diminished: *Any well-regulated and productive association of men in society demands the acceptance of one fundamental principle: that each individual man is truly a person. His is a nature, that is, endowed with intelligence and free will. As such he has rights and duties, which together flow as a direct consequence from his nature. These rights and duties are universal and inviolable, and therefore altogether inalienable.* (n.9)

We should be able to agree on this with all humanity without the benefit of Revelation, but sin so easily distorts our understanding of human nature. The unique contribution of Christianity to peace is rooted in the work of Christ on the Cross. Only at the foot of the cross do we find forgiveness and reconciliation. Then Blessed John goes on: *When, furthermore, we consider man's personal*

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*dignity from the standpoint of divine revelation, inevitably our estimate of it is incomparably increased. Men have been ransomed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Grace has made them sons and friends of God, and heirs to eternal glory. (n.10)* The Death and Resurrection of Christ reveal to us how precious we are in the sight of God. Let's pray that we can introduce that respect for the person not just into our broken society but also into our families and amongst our friends.

Fr Neil Brett

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes		
SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
EVENING PRAYER:	Fridays at 6pm	Church
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	Crypt
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, Stanley Crane, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Russell (Edward) Crook, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Alphonse Knapp, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Carley Saunders, The Sharfraie Family, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Barry, Patricia Coffey, Tony Coyle & Joan Norman; may they rest in peace. Anne's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 12pm – Priory St.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Thank you for your generosity to the Good Counsel Network (GCN) appeal last weekend: £835 was raised. This weekend there will be a collection for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

**MERSEA NEWS:** Just one more date for your diaries before our Christmas Fayre; Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> hosted by Margaret Brookes at 71, Queen Anne Road, West Mersea. The Christmas Fayre date is November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Church. Looking forward to seeing you at both.

**KSC:** will be saying the Rosary in October. Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> at Priory St, 7.30pm; Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> at St John's, Icen Way, Shrub End, 7.30pm; Friday 25<sup>th</sup> St John Payne, Greenstead. All parishioners invited!

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Table Quiz** at Cardinal Bourne Hall. Starts at 7.45 pm after Mass. Entrance £5 per person. Bring your own Drinks, refreshments provided. Proceeds to the East Anglia Children's Hospice.

**QUIET DAY:** Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>. 74 Howe Close Colchester. CO4 3XD from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Bring your own packed lunch.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH WITH RCIA:** Meetings continue next Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** There will be a procession on Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> at St James the Less and St Helen. Starting at 13:30 we will honour Our Lady of Fatima with hymns and prayers in both Polish and English. All are welcome!

**FILIPINO BUFFET:** on 21<sup>st</sup> December. Full details shortly.

**THE FRIENDS OF PERU:** would like to say a big **thank you** to everyone who attended the **Peruvian Cuisine Evening** recently. The event was very successful and raised just over £900. This amount will be sent to the Sisters of Mercy Mission in Peru. Our next event will be the Beetle Drive on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014. Your support is very much appreciated.

**AUTUMN BOOK FAYRE:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 10am-4pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Refreshments available. Donations of books urgently requested; Please leave at the presbytery. Volunteers also needed to set-up and man the stalls; names to John Sutcliffe T: 851838. Proceeds to parish funds. There will be no bookstall at this year's Christmas Market; so this is your one chance to buy books.

**ROSARY CRUSADE:** Next Saturday the 12th October is the **Rosary Crusade** of Reparation which starts at **Westminster Cathedral** at 2:15 and processes to the Brompton Oratory. On arrival there will be Solemn Benediction. The anticipated finishing time will be 5:00pm. Those wishing to go up together will meet at 11:45 at Colchester Town station.

**ST BENEDICT'S FORMS:** Fr Tony will be available to sign your application forms for St Benedict's College on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm – 6pm. Please make contact through the church office to book your appointment time. **Don't forget to bring a completed form with you** ready for Fr Tony to sign.

**ST THOMAS MORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 2014 - 15 Intake:** Any parent wishing to apply for a place at St Thomas More's School must complete a Supplementary Information Form in addition to the Local Authority application form. Forms are available to download on the school's website [www.stthomasmores.co.uk](http://www.stthomasmores.co.uk) or by contacting the office on 01206 865722.

**RELICS OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA:** On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – St Anthony of Padua's relics will visit Westminster Cathedral. If you would like to go as a group, please put your name on the list in the porch. Travel arrangements will be advised nearer the date.

**AUTUMN SERIES ON VATICAN II: The Legacy.** Continuing this popular series of talks for the Year of Faith. Next talk is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October when Fr Paul Keane will tell the story of 'The Catholic Church and Freedom of Conscience', the Declaration on Religious Liberty, Dignitatis Humanae, and explore its repercussions. There are no admission charges. Booking not required, just come for a 7.30pm start at the Cathedral House Conference Room. For more information, contact CEF at [CEF@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:CEF@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or on 01277 265 289.

**CEF STUDY DAY:** Final Ecumenical Study Day for the Year of Faith. On Saturday 12th October from 10.30 until 3 p.m. at Brentwood Cathedral Hall. 'Vatican II and Beyond'. The day is free of charge and a buffet lunch is provided. Please book your place by email to [cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or by leaving a message at 01277 265 289. Podcasts of earlier study days are available at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**OPEN EVENING AT St. Philomena's:** St. Philomena's School for Boys and Girls 3 to 11 years. A Catholic Independent Day School. 17th October from 6pm-8pm. All welcome. For more information and a prospectus please call 01255 674492. Email: [generalenquiries@stphilomenas.com](mailto:generalenquiries@stphilomenas.com)  
Website: [www.stphilomenas.com](http://www.stphilomenas.com). Hadleigh Road, Frinton-on-Sea, CO13 9HQ

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Team 6.**

**TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

<b>Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Susan Healy RIP
<b>Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	May Banks RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Debbie Rodwell RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Clyde Jardim RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Joseph Hawken RIP
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>
	<b>Church 7:30 am</b>	Helen & Martin Lydon RIP
	<b>Church 9:15 am</b>	Private Intention
	<b>Church 12:00 pm</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS – Anne Barry RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>St Osyth, Rel</b>
	<b>Church 9:15 am</b>	Aidan & Diveshni Bickersteth RIP
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
	<b>Church 7:30 am</b>	Ron Wheeler RIP [A&RC]
	<b>Church 12:15 pm</b>	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
	<b>Church 9:15 am</b>	Ints: Maureen McCarthy
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe &amp; Cuthburga, Rel</b>
	<b>Church 9:15 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
	<b>Church 6:30 pm</b>	Cephas Kihanya RIP [G&C]
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Feria</b>
	<b>Church 9:15 am</b>	Private Intention

**TWENTY - EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

<b>Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Ron Wheeler RIP [PG]
<b>Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Ron Wheeler RIP [TM]
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Patrick Burke RIP
	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Procession - our Lady of Fatima</b>
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Private Intention
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Derrick Foley RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	D/Rels & Friends of the Wrobel Family

**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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