

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH

MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER [A]

May 8th 2011

My dear friends,

The two disciples feel frustrated, having hoped that Jesus would redeem Israel.

We often experience frustration caused by people we love, believe in, and hope for, who turn out to be ungrateful, selfish and uncaring.

The beautiful story on the road to Emmaus offers us hope. One mistake of a person, even a loved one, should not make us lose hope.

Yes, Jesus died. But the risen Lord recalls for the disciples the other wonderful things he has done.

And their hope is restored.

May God bless you all,

Fr Emile

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 9 th May	7:30pm	Mercy Associates	See below
Tuesday 10 th	10:30am	Mersea Coffee Morning	See below
Wednesday 11 th	6:45-8:45pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
Friday 13 th	7:30-9:30pm	UCM AGM	See below
Saturday 14 th	10-12pm	FHC Group	Church/Hall
“	2-4pm	J&P Meeting	Crypt
Sunday 15 th	7:30-9pm	Confirmation Group	Crypt

DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am. [Wed. 11:15am]
PRAYER GROUP Mondays @ 8pm in the Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt
EXPOSITION: Saturdays at 9:45am-10:30 am

SICK: Please remember in your prayers: Sr Mary Thérèse Bamford, May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Wendy Higgins, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Denis Nolan, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Andrew Southern, Ellen Woodley.

FR NEIL WRITES: As May is the month of Our Lady, why not consider a pilgrimage to one of her shrines? We are not that far from the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham which has some claim to be the most important shrine in England. You can take all your needs and those of your friends and leave them there with an intercessor who can persuade her Son as only a mother can.

BAPTISM TODAY: Charlie Edward Jessett. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

BAPTISM COURSE FOR CHILDREN UP TO 6 YRS: If you would like to present a child for Baptism, the next Course has been arranged for Friday, 27th May and Friday, 3rd June in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9pm, Appointments are not necessary, but *both* sessions must be attended.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children [SPUC] will be holding an appeal in the parish *this weekend*. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this very worthy cause.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: Meet tomorrow, Monday, at Christ Church Court [tel 763049] at 7:30pm.

MERSEA NEWS: Mersea Coffee Mornings begin again on Tuesday, May 10th at 62 East Road from 10:30am. All are very welcome.

HEALING MASS at Abbotswick on Wednesday 11th May at 2.30pm celebrated by Fr

Eamonn Power. For further information or travel directions visit www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959.

BRES Spirituality Evening: Thursday 12th May 7.30pm entitled "Art and Spirituality: Lost in wondering contemplation" will be given by Fr Paul Keane, Author, Parish Priest and Chaplain to Essex university. This event will be held at Cathedral House Conference Centre. Cost £5. Tel 01277 265285

AGM – UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: Takes place on Friday, 13th May at 7:30pm in the Crypt. Please note that future meetings of the UCM will take place on the second FRIDAY in the month in the Crypt from 7:30-9:30pm.

MAY FAIR – GREENSTEAD PARISH: Saturday 14th May 10am-2pm. Admission 20p. Lucky programme prize; Grand Draw, etc, etc.,

MONKWICK NEWS: [1]The next **Coffee Morning** will be held on Saturday 14th May and will be hosted by Tony Wright at 52 Fingringhoe Road, from 10:30am to 12:30pm. All welcome. [2] **Committee Meeting** – Thursday 19th May at 7pm.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY: Next Sunday is Vocations Sunday. We pray for the seven students in formation for Priesthood for the Diocese of Brentwood, and for those discerning vocation to the Priesthood. If you are considering Priesthood, do look at www.brentwoodvocations.org for lots of helpful information and contacts. If you are aged 16-35 and considering vocation to the Religious Life, or to Priesthood, or simply considering what your vocation in life may be, then the Invocation Festival is for you: have a look at www.invocation.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD: The KSC are holding their annual day of Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory on Sunday, 12th of June. Cost will be £12 per head; children half price. A coach will be leaving Colchester, East Hill at 9am. Please bring a packed lunch, although there is a Restaurant on site. Also if you have a folding chair, which you will need, as benches are quickly taken. There will be Mass, Confessions and the Rosary Walk around the garden. To book and arrange pick up point contact:- Justin on 01206 241317.

VACANCY: Deputy Head required for September for St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay. For further information and an application pack please contact the bursar, Mrs Lammin on 01277 653770. Visits are encouraged by appointment with the Headteacher, Mr Peoples.

CLEANING TEAM: Thursday 14th April – Team 2.

MOVING?: If you are moving, please let the Parish Office know. If you are newly arrived, please complete a Registration Form [in the porch]. For inclusions to the parish website: admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

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Sunday 15th May**

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Mile End
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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
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www.marriagecare.org.uk or 0800 389 3801.

6:15 pm Una Close RIP [A]
8:00 am Francis Carter RIP
10:30 am Leodegaria Tocmo RIP
5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**
6:30 pm Mgr Peter Dooling RIP [Nottingham]
8:30 am Parishioners
9:15 am D/Rels: Healy & Barr Families RIP
10:15 am Holy Souls RIP

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6:15 pm Mr & Mrs Milford RIP
8:00 am Dennis Cotterau RIP
10:30am Private Intention
4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
8:30 am Annie McKillion RIP
9:15 am Parishioners
10:15am Jeff Cox RIP

Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm
Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter
At least six months notice is required
St Thomas More Head: Bridget Harris

St Benedict's

Head: John O'Hara

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