ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH. COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

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My dear friends

It was an emotional occasion for Year 6 at their Leavers' Mass in St Thomas More school this week. We wish them well as they prepare to go to their new schools in September. Happy holidays to all at St Thomas More School, St Benedict's College and all our schools and colleges as they begin the summer break.

Fr Pat O'Gorman is with us from the diocese of Cashel, Tipperary. He was ordained in 1972 there and was sent on loan to Brentwood Diocese for five years and served in our parish of Colchester. We are glad to welcome him back for the month of July for a busman's holiday. His presence enables your priests to have time off from the parish. Fr Neil has had a short break and I will be setting off on Sunday for a few weeks. Fr Pat can now watch whatever sport he wants on TV rather than me trying to explain what cricket is all about!

The Hospital Chapel at Colchester General has now been moved further along the first floor corridor that connects the main block to the Gainsborough Wing. The next Hospital Mass will be on Friday 29th August at 12 noon.

May God bless you all

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes						
SUNDAYS: Divin	e 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 7:45pm	Crypt				
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt				

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Władysław Antończak, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Val Crane, Brian and Pauline Critchley, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Irma Knowles, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Marie Lyons, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, June Mayhew, Colleen Merces, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Angela Udall, Arthur Urguhart, Filomena Velasquez, Kathleen Walsh, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young,

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday September 29th and Friday October 3rd 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]

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray from the repose of the soul of Monika Hickmott who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family. Funeral arrangements have yet to be finalised. May she rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION: Thank you to all those who gave generously to the parish development fund: £943 has been raised so far for the ongoing maintenance of our parish buildings. On Sunday 20th July - there will be a collection for the work of CAFOD. On Sunday 27th July – there will be the annual Day for Life collection.

MERSEA NEWS: Many thanks to Margaret Ashmore for hosting our July coffee morning; also her son Barry whose home was the venue. The August coffee morning will be hosted by Bernadette Ebling on Tuedays August 12th at 3 Firs Road. Come along and enjoy it with friends.

MONKWICK NEWS: Next coffee morning is Saturday 26th July at Grace McCartney's.

PICTURES & VIDEOS OF THE ORDINATION OF BISHOP ALAN: Audio and video is available on the diocesan website www.dioceseofbrentwood.net. Pictures from the day can also be seen at www.cathedral-brentwood.org/blog-2/ordination-photos/

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Priory St - This Sunday 13th July starting at approximately 3pm following the 2pm Polish Mass.

SEA SUNDAY: We have sent a donation from the parish to the Apostleship of the

Sea, which gives practical and spiritual support to seafarers. We will have a second collection at a later date.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP: The St John Bosco Centre provides an opportunity for children to have an exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in a countryside setting. The site is set in over forty acres of Essex countryside and is owned and maintained by SVP volunteers. Activities include football, cricket, netball, swimming (supervised in a pool), climbing, archery (instructor led), mountain biking, fishing, art and crafts, table tennis, basketball etc and many other games. A cooked breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snacks are provided, and all activities are also included in the cost. Boys (8 – 14 yrs) and Girls (9 – 12 yrs). Week one of camp for the boys begins on Saturday 26th July followed by week two for the boys and then week three for the girls. Cost is £140. Contact Irene 841 236 www.svpboscocamp.org.uk bookings@svpboscocamp.org.uk

PARISH FAMILY BBQ: Saturday August 16th 3 – 5pm in the church garden. Adults \pounds 6, Children (5 to 12 yrs) \pounds 3. Play area for children available. Good food. Live entertainment, Raffle. Please contact Nora: 503410 or Frances: 369568.

SOUP RUN: Two volunteers are needed to cover from 20^{th} August – 20^{th} September. Must be car owner – all equipment provided. Please contact Armando T: 854 921

100 CLUB – JUNE DRAW: And the winners are: Isabel Silva [1st]; David Livesley [2nd], Marie Kelly [3rd]. Congratulations to you all. **NOT A MEMBER YET?:** Why not join, with the chance of winning monthly cash prizes? For details, please call John Sales on 01206 795623 or 07854 430957. E mail john.sales1@ntlworld.com

HARWICH 150TH ANNIVERSARY: The Catholic Parish of Harwich was established on the 16th July 1864. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for 150 Years on Wednesday 16th July at 7.30 p.m in the Church of Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Fronks Road, Dovercourt. Refreshments afterwards. All our very welcome.

ITEMS FOR THE PARISH WEBSITE: Any news, additions or amendments - please forward through the parish office or use the contact form on the website - thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 17th July - Teams 2 / 4

Receiving the word

The Word of God is to the human heart what a seed is to the earth. However, just as a seed needs soil, So the word needs a receptive heart. The earth responds to the rain and sun so that even the desert blooms. But the arid human heart has the power to resist so that it remains barren. Lord, soften our hearts with your grace, open them with your gentle love, so that the precious seed of your Word may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit in our lives.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

13 th July								
Saturday July 12 ^t	h	6:15 pm	Margaret Barker RIP [R&AK]					
Sunday July 13 th		8:00 am	Bridgid Lowe RIP					
		10:30 am	Anna Norfolk RIP [IJ]					
		2:00 pm	POLISH MASS					
		5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR					
		6:30 pm	Roger Thurlow RIP [GM]					
West Mersea		8:30 am	John Kelly RIP					
Mile End		9:15 am	Parishioners					
Monkwick		10:15 am	Private Intention					
Monday 14 th	Feria							
Monuay 14	Church	7:30 am	Ints: Mr & Mrs P & B McAloon					
	Church		John McGinley RIP					
Tuesday 15 th	St Bona	St Bonaventure, Bp, D						
-	Church	9:15 am	Margaret Keauffling RIP					
Wednesday 16 th	Feria							
		7:30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP					
Thursday 17 th		12:15 pm	Howard Ashcroft RIP [TD]					
Thursday Tr	Feria Church	9:15 am	Michael & Ellen Kate Conlon RIP					
Eridov 10 th		9.15 am						
Friday 18 th	Feria Church	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP					
	Church		Marie O'Donoghue RIP					
Saturday 19 th	Feria	0.00 pm						
	Church	9:15 am	Vivienne Andrews RIP [J&DH]					

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A] - 20th July

Saturday July 19 [™]	6:15 pm	Joe Mooney RIP
Sunday July 20 th	8:00 am	Canon Thomas Clarke RIP
	10:30 am	Anthony Southon RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Dorothy Burke RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Howard Ashcroft RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Private Intention

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONSaturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pmSACRAMENT OF BAPTISMBaptismal Courses arranged as per NewsletterSACRAMENT OF MARRIAGEAt least six months notice is required

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