

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

With

MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A
November 13th 2011

My dear friends

As we approach the end of the Church's liturgical year, the gospels call us to be ready for the coming of the Lord, to be watching in prayer and doing his work. This weekend we join our prayers with the whole nation in praying for the dead of the two World Wars and other conflicts. As a garrison town, we have a special bond with the armed forces and their families who live among us. "Songs of Praise" for this Remembrance Sunday is coming from St Botolph's, Colchester this evening.

Today we will say the familiar prayer of Remembrance Day.

*They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
we will remember them.*

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

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

11.15am)
PRAYER GROUP
MEDITATION GROUP:

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK - Please check Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 13 th November	8pm	Evangelium	Crypt
Wednesday 16 th	6:45-8:45pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
Thursday 17 th	7:30-9:30pm	FHC - Parents Meeting	See below
Saturday 19 th	10:30am...	Mersea Christmas Fayre	

[RCIA recommences December 1st]

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, Hector Silva, Tony White.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: National Youth Sunday is November 20th. As previously mentioned, there will be a second collection after all Masses for the Diocesan Youth Service who will aim to provide speakers throughout the Parish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The Parish's preparation programme, *Understanding*, will start during Advent for young people in Year 3 and above. **An Information Pack will be available after all Masses this weekend.** For further information please collect a pack and attend the *two Parent's Sessions in the Crypt at 7:30pm on Thursdays 17th and 24th November.*

ADMISSION TO ST THOMAS MORE'S SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2012: Parents wishing to apply for a place at St Thomas More's School for September 2012 will need to complete a Supplementary Information form in addition to the Local Authority Form. Forms can be obtained from the **School office** by telephoning 01206 865722 9am-3:30pm. Appointments can also be made to visit the school.

VACANCY: PRINCIPAL - ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE: The Governors of this popular and successful Catholic College are looking to appoint a dynamic and visionary Principal to lead this potentially outstanding school as it faces the challenges ahead. For informal enquiries, to obtain an application pack or to arrange a visit to the college, please contact: Mrs Mary Moriarty on 01206 514910 / moriarty.benedicts@gmail.com. The closing date for completed applications is Tuesday 22nd November 2011.

CHRISTMAS MARKET Saturday November 26th 10am-4:30pm: Thank you for your continued support. This week we are requesting cakes and biscuits, either home made or shop bought. Please continue with the donation of books, bottles – both alcoholic and non-alcoholic and any other saleable items you may have. Tickets for the Italian Evening [on Friday 25th 7:30-10:30pm] will be on sale after Mass this week. For more details, your contacts are Frances 369568; Nora

503410; Pauline 768418.

Thank you.

“GRAND DRAW” SOLD RAFFLE TICKETS: Please return money and counterfoils to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

MARRIAGE CARE (Colchester and Ipswich Centre) is recruiting volunteers to the roles of Publicity Officer and Treasurer. Timings are flexible and range from 2-4 hours per week. If you'd like to join a dynamic team to help improve our service to the community, contact Nileema Vaswani (Head of Centre) by emailing nileema@marriagecare.org.uk or telephone 07791044566.

YOUTH NEWS: Two new opportunities for Young People - Walsingham House. Are you in school year 7 to 9 and would like a chance to visit/revisit Walsingham House, the Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre on Canvey Island? Then we have the weekend for you! Beginning at 8pm on Friday 25th November and finishing at 3pm on Sunday 27th November. The cost for the weekend is £55 and for application forms or queries you should email jon@walsinghamhouse.org or call 01268 515970. If you are in school years 10 to 13, the Walsingham House team are organising a 24 hour retreat including an All Night Vigil. The retreat starts at 10am on Saturday 10th December and will end at 10am on Sunday 11th. The cost of the retreat is £27 and having stayed awake all night, the retreat will end with a fry-up! Again, forms are available from jon@walsinghamhouse.org or by calling 01268 515970.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is appealing for Christmas Gifts for older children. A social worker writes “We deal with issues such as bereavement, domestic violence, abuse, self harm, drug and alcohol misuse, mental health issues. Many of the children receive no presents, and dread Christmas”. Please contact the KSC – 01206 795715 if you can help.

UCM: Christmas Crafts in Cardinal Bourne Hall from 2-4pm Sunday 11th December. Lots of seasonal activities including making festive table arrangements, Christmas decorations, nativity scenes and reindeer food! Special guest appearance from Santa. £3 per child or £5 for a family.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: If you would like to make the gift of a Christmas present through CAFOD, please take one of the leaflets available at the back of the church.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: If you have requested a baptismal certificate for a child baptised in the last three months, there are still several awaiting collection. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thursday, 17th November, Team 3B.

MOVING?: If you are moving please let the Parish Office know and equally important, if you are moving *within the Parish*. If you are newly arrived, please complete a Registration Form [in the porch]. This all helps to keep an accurate Parish database. Thank you.

For inclusions to the parish website: admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

**LITURGY FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]
NOVEMBER 13th 2011 – Remembrance Sunday**

Saturday November 12th	6:15 pm	Matthew O'Toole RIP
Sunday November 13th	8:00 am	Ann de Smith RIP [A]
	10:30 am	Ted Jaracz RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Kirsty Irwin RIP
<i>Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Yadi Khodaverdi RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Mary Prior RIP
Monday 14th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Intentions: Mrs Tide & Family
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am November Dead List
Tuesday 15th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Agnes Chee RIP
Wednesday 16th	<i>St Edmund Rich, Bp</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am November Dead List
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Thursday 17th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Timothy English RIP
Friday 18th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Margaretta Wright RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Dudley Bradshaw RIP
Saturday 19th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Aubrey Lyons RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	5:00 pm Kerala Mass

**LITURGY FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING [A]
November 20th 2011- National Youth Sunday**

Saturday November 19th	6:15 pm	Ints: Mr & Mrs MacDonald- G/W/A
Sunday November 20th	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30am	Mannix MacManus RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Ints: Mr & Mrs Leslie MacDonald
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Pat, Matt & Eddie Hogan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Ints: Stella & Henry Toh
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Heather & Frank Mills RIP

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

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