

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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## THE TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS [A] 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014 - Parish Mass Book Page 181

My Dear friends

The Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross, September 14<sup>th</sup>, being an important feast replaces the Sunday when it occurs on that day. The feast originates from Jerusalem, when on this day in 335, the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre was consecrated. This was the work of the emperor Constantine, the son of our patroness St Helen. This church is built over the hill of Calvary and the place of Christ's burial. Also on this spot, was found the true cross.

We look forward to this Friday when we celebrate the Golden Jubilee of St Theodore's Monkwick at 7:30pm. Mgr John Armitage, Vicar General of the diocese will preside and preach and other priests of the parish past and present will concelebrate. Everyone is welcome to join in this special Mass.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

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### HERITAGE WEEKEND - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

The Gatehouse opens at **10:30am**. At **11.30 am** - A talk by Jennie Guthrie-Stevens on the importance of Geoffrey of Monmouth's account of the life of St Helena the patron saint of Colchester and whether this had a deeper hidden political meaning. **2:30pm**. Poetry at the Gatehouse - Readings of the mystics and poets from the 8<sup>th</sup>-the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, please bring a chair. **4:30pm** Close.

Full details/maps of all events in Colchester are detailed in the Heritage Open Days

pamphlet available at the back of Church.

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type):** Please remember in your prayers; Władysław Antończak, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Olive Crawford, **Patricia Crowley**, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Joan Donnelly, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, **Peter Ledgley**, Mirella Leonardi, Marie Lyons, Pat Maloney, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** This weekend we welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Joshua Goodluck, Michael Goodluck and Myah Newton. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED?** The next Baptism course will be Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 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]

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Congratulations to Sophie and Thomas Everett who married at Priory St last weekend and to Mary & Tom Smith who were married here 40 years ago. Happy Ruby Anniversary.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray from the repose of the souls of Jim Kennedy and George Taylor. George's Funeral will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 11am Priory St. Jim's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 1pm Priory St. May they rest in peace.

**SECOND COLLECTION: Parish Development Fund - Essential Maintenance Work.** There will be a collection for the fund next weekend 20 / 21<sup>st</sup> September. The funds helps to support the continued maintenance work that is needed on the six

buildings we have to look after. Over the next month - £7,000 will be spent on work here at Priory St.

**IRAQ AND GAZA APPEAL - THANK YOU:** Heartfelt thanks to all who contributed so generously to last week's Appeal for Gaza & Iraq. A total of £1,595 has been raised so far and this will be forwarded to Aid to the Church in Need. Please continue to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September** – no Mass at 7:30am, but a Mass at 6pm instead. **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September** – no Mass at 7:30am. **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September** –no Mass at 6:30pm; there will be Mass at St Theodore's Monkwick instead.

**MONKWICK NEWS:** Our last coffee morning this summer will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at Joyce Wrobel's from 10am till noon at 26 Queensland Drive. Everyone welcome.

**CHOIR:** New singers and musicians welcome. Meets this Thursday for practice at Priory Street 7.30 pm. For more information contact Lesley 01206 512310.

**PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP:** present "We wrote a show" a selection of song from the films on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th September 2014 in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street at 7.30 pm. Doors open 7.00 pm. Tickets £5 and £2.50 for children and concessions. For more information contact Lesley on 01206 512310.

**DAY OF REFLECTION:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. 10am – 3pm. The day is entitled "Harvest of Gifts" - led by Valerie Quinlivan.

**SVP:** Next meeting will be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. **REGIONAL MEETING:** Will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September with Mass at 7pm followed by a meeting afterwards.

**ST BENEDICT'S FORM SIGNING:** Fr Tony will be available to sign your application forms for St Benedict's College on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 10th 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.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Will next meet Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Crypt.

**PARISH INCOME:** We need to raise £1,560 each week from the collection bags. During the month of August, the money received on average was £1,483 – leaving us short of £77 each week. We are grateful for all that you give, please continue to do so generously as costs are rising, not going down. Thank you.

**100 CLUB: – AUGUST DRAW:** And the winners are: Fr Nick Farrell [1st]; William Wynne [2nd], Lawrence Hornsby [3rd]. Congratulations to you all.

**KSC BCCS WALK:** The Knights of St Columba with help from their supporters raised £2,222.00 for the BCCS. We wish to thank all Sponsors for their valued support. Now looking forward to 2015 for the next walk and perhaps more partakers in this event. **KSC RETREAT DAY:** The Knights of St. Columba, Colchester are organising a day of Recollection with Prayer and Meditation at Clare Priory, Suffolk on Saturday 4th October 2014 and invite ALL parishioners to join them. The cost will be £12. Please bring a packed lunch. Transport will be by private car. The day begins at 10am with Mass and ends at 4pm with Benediction. To book, please contact Stewart Taylor on 01206 271606 or 075 4582 9333

**SCRIPTURE GROUP:** Continues this Wednesday 17th 6:45 – 8:45pm in the crypt. Meets most weeks (please keep an eye on the newsletter for breaks). Beginning with the study of the first five books of the Bible.

**PROPHET PRIEST KING:** Fr. Robert Barron has produced a new series on DVD of 6 episodes exploring this theme of the Old Testament. We will run this three times a week starting in late October on a similar pattern to the Catholicism series which received very positive feedback here when we showed it last year. There's a trailer for the series at: [www.priestprophetking.com](http://www.priestprophetking.com). If you have a preferred time of the week, and can find others to join you at that time, let me know as soon as possible and I will try to accommodate you. Fr. Neil

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST COLCHESTER:** is inviting you to a Christian life program for couples and singles on October , 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 5pm at Priory St in the crypt.

**MISSIO RED BOXES:** A box was recently left at the presbytery for counting but without name or address of the box holder on the label. It has been emptied and counted and is ready for collection in the church porch at Priory St. When handing in a box, could you please ensure your name and address is on the label. With thanks. Ron Griffin – Missio Promoter T: 571590.

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Teams 2 / 4**

### **THE TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS – Feast 14<sup>th</sup> September**

<b>Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Mr & Mrs F Milford RIP
<b>Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Bill Malcolm RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Howard Ashcroft RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>HOLY HOUR</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	D/Rels: Herbet / Richards Families
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Eileen Pooran RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	D/Rels: Farrell family
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
<i>Church</i>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>FUNERAL: GEORGE TAYLOR RIP</b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Private Intention
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ss Cornelius, P, and Cyprian, Bp, Mm</b>	
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Robert Bellarmine</b>	
<i>Church</i>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	Ints: Gary & Family
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Hector Silva RIP
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Sybal Kathleen Lyons RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>50<sup>th</sup> Ann. of St Theodore's Monkwick</b> Ints: Parishioners Past & Present

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

**St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Pr, & Paul**

**Chong Ha-sang & Comps, Mm**

Church 9:15 am Private Intention - 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Anniversary.

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]**

**21<sup>st</sup> September**

Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>

6:15 pm Christina Mooney RIP

Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00 am Thomas & Gladys Lane RIP

10:30 am Ints: Sykes family

4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Mario Bertoni

*West Mersea*

8:30 am Private Intention

*Mile End*

9:15 am Parishioners

*Monkwick*

10:15 am Private Intention

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