

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

175 YEARS ~ 1837 - 2012

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] June 17th 2012

My dear friends

In recent weekends, we have journeyed through the great feasts of Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity and Corpus Christi. Today we come to the 11th Sunday of the year, we return to Marks Gospel and Jesus describes the kingdom as the mustard seed that at the time of planting, is the smallest of all the seeds, but then grows into the largest shrub. This reminds us of the small beginnings of our parish community over 175 years ago that has grown into the large parish we see today. Small beginnings can also remind us of our children, who recently received their first Holy Communion. Today they all come together for the "Going Forth" mass as we pray that they will have a fruitful journey through life in company with the Lord.

Next weekend, 24th June – we will celebrate the feast of the Birth of St John the Baptist. He was the principal patron of St John's Abbey, Colchester. The Abbey Gatehouse will be open next Sunday from 2:00pm – 4:00pm if you wish to pay a visit there. We will have evening prayer of the feast of St John at 4pm there.

I will be celebrating mass for St Thomas More School this week for their patronal feast in the school grounds, weather permitting. We wish them all a happy feast.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

DAILY Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am
PRAYER GROUP: Mondays at 8pm Crypt [see below]
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Mrs Elizabeth Akpoyoware, June Bickersteth, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Peter Irven, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Tim Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Maria de Brito, George Michael Fleetwood, Fr John Gallagher, Fr Robert Mortimer-Anderson and Anne Templeton who have recently departed. May they rest in peace. Maria de Brito's funeral will be on Tuesday at 1pm in Priory Street, Michael Fleetwood's Requiem Mass will be Monday 2nd July – 11am at Mersea and Anne Templeton's funeral will be at St Theresa's Lexden, Tuesday 26th June at 2:45pm.

FEAST OF SS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE: Friday 22nd June
Mass is at **10am** and 6:30pm

CONGRATULATIONS: To Sarah Henley and Mark Pamphilon, who were married at Priory Street last Saturday.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Adam Christy-Jeyathas and Mia Girvan
God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Grateful thanks to all those who contributed to the procession and Mass last Sunday. It was a wonderful way of expressing our faith in the Blessed Sacrament and adoring Our Lord, truly present. Congratulations to the First Communicants. Once again it was an expression of solidarity across the communities.

MONKWICK NEWS: St Theodore's invites you to a Bring and Buy coffee morning on Saturday 30th June from 10am - 12 noon. Hostess: Christine Brown, 3 Adelaide Drive, Birch Glen. All welcome.

BINGO NIGHT: Saturday June 23rd at 7:00pm in the hall. Entrance is £5 adults, £2.50 children: playing bingo is not included in entrance fee. Tickets from Frances, Nora or Armando. Sandwiches and drinks available. For more information, please ring 01206 854 921.

KSC: are looking for unwanted bunting, for it is hoped a Strawberry Tea event will be held in the CBH Hall Priory Street, on **Saturday 21st July in the afternoon** for the pensioners, also helpers would be welcome. **KSC CYCLE EVENT:** Owing to lack of response for the cycle event on the 30th June, the KSC have cancelled their involvement.

HEALING MASS - Fr Eamonn Power will be celebrating a Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer on Wednesday 20th June 2012 at 2.30pm. All welcome. For further details visit the events page of www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER REQUIRED: St Clare's Primary School, Clacton. From January 2013 NOR 302 FTE (as at September 2012) Salary range: L7 - L11. Due to the promotion of our current Deputy Head, the Governing Body seeks to appoint an experienced and enthusiastic practising Catholic to support and further develop the school's vision for the future. For more details please contact Mrs Bogusia Holeszowska Tel: 01255 425344 or email kerry@st-clares.essex.sch.uk

BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE: Saturday 7th July 11:00am – 3:30pm. Please see posters in Priory St and the Mass Centres.

INVOCATION FESTIVAL: 6th-8th July, in Birmingham, and is an amazing weekend of speakers, prayer, reflection and celebration for those who want to have time and space to discern God's call in their life. It is open to men and women aged 18 – 35. For more information look at www.invocation.org.uk or contact Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, 01268 281732 or frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org.

PARISH AGM: Sunday, 8th July at 7:30pm in the Hall. **Any items for the agenda, please speak to Fr Tony or Mark Lee.**

PARISH BARBEQUE: Saturday 14th July 3 – 5pm

PASTORAL MUSIC DAY: With Marty Haugen on 30th June 10am - 4pm at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall. This day is open to Catechists, Teachers, Singers and Instrumentalists. Full details on poster.

EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE 2012: A weekend for young Catholic adults. **August 3rd to 5th** at the Oratory School, Reading. A chance to deepen your faith, to mix with other Catholic young adults and to join in prayer, the sacraments and Adoration. This year we welcome as special guest the Apostolic Nuncio to the Court of St James, the Most Reverend Excellency Antonio Mennini. Excellent speakers and opportunities for discussion. For more information and booking details: www.evangelium.co.uk or check out the posters in Priory St and the Mass Centres.

SVP COLLECTION: There will be a collection for the work of the society of St Vincent de Paul next weekend 23rd – 24th June.

SVP PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: on Sunday 1st July £12 per person. Please phone Judy on 07970408707 to book your place on the Coach, **which will leave East Hill at 9am. There are still a few seats left.**

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 21st June – Team 4

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Saturday June 16th 9:15 am Intentions: Mrs Tide and Family

	5:00 pm	THANKSGIVING MASS WEST MERSEA
	6:15 pm	Liz Fathers RIP
Sunday June 17th	8:00 am	Colin Walker RIP
	10:30 am	Sr Paschal RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Thomas Kelly RIP
	8:30 am	KSC Chain of Prayer
	9:15 am	Derrick Foley RIP
	10:15 am	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>		
<i>Mile End</i>		
<i>Monkwick</i>		
Monday 18th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Intentions: Jane Hamilton-Hunting
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Maria Bradshaw RIP
	<i>Church</i>	4:30 pm Reception of Maria de Brito into church
Tuesday 19th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Des Fuller RIP
	<i>Church</i>	1:00 pm Requiem Mass Maria de Brito RIP
Wednesday 20th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Intentions: Michel Remery
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Margaret Murray RIP
Thursday 21st	St Aloysius Gonzaga	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Mr B J Matthews RIP
Friday 22nd	SS JOHN FISHER and THOMAS MORE	
	<i>Church</i>	10:00 am Intentions: Staff & Students at St Thomas More, Westcliff
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Ken Herbert RIP
Saturday 23rd	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Intentions: Ann McCarthy & Mrs Rose Better
		BIRTHDAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST – June 24th 2012
Saturday June 23rd	6:15 pm	Christina Mooney RIP
Sunday June 24th	8:00 am	Clelia Mellone RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions: Philip & Alice White
	6:30 pm	Reginald Hammond RIP
	8:30 am	John Kelley RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	10:15 am	Joan Boyden RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>		
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	Head: Mrs J Santinelli [549222]
		www.marriagecare.org.uk or 0800 389 3801. www.brentwoodvocations.org
		Cardinal Bourne Hall 07980 438195 cb.hall@btinternet.com
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