

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH ²⁰¹²/₂₀₁₃

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] – 17th November 2013
(Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants)

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My dear friends

While we were observing Remembrance Day last weekend, news came through of the devastation caused in the Philippines by Typhoon Haiyan. This mega storm has left more than 673,000 people displaced and many thousands are feared dead. It was one of the most powerful storms on record. Our heart goes out to the people of the Philippines and to those who live and work among us. We will have a collection today that will go via CAFOD to their associates in the disaster area. If you are not prepared today, then you can leave the donation through the letter box marked "For the Philippines".

I recently agreed to a monthly Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month at 4pm for the Filipino community. A member of the Filipino Chaplaincy in London will celebrate Mass next Sunday 24th November at 4pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Next weekend we reach the end of the Church's year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It is also National Youth Sunday and on this day, we have a collection for the Diocesan Youth Service.

May God bless you all

Fr Tony McKentey

SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER: Joint Prayers for the Dead at Colchester Cemetery 3:00pm. Divine Mercy prayers and Vespers will start at the earlier

time of 2:00pm. Either join us in church then and we will go together in cars to the cemetery or meet at the cemetery for a 3 o'clock start. Enter the top gate marked for the crematorium. We will be in the Catholic section on the right. Many thanks to the Polish community for sharing this time of prayer with us.

CHRISTMAS MARKET & CABARET SUPPER: Friday evening November 29th from 6pm (free entry) for the stalls. Fish and Chip Supper and Cabaret from 7:30pm – 10:30pm. Tickets needed for this - £10, children 5-12yrs £5. Glass of wine or soft drink included. Tickets in advance from Francis T: 369 568 and Norah T:503410. **CHRISTMAS MARKET:** Saturday 30th November – Free Entry from 10am. Visit Santa's grotto, many exciting stalls and All Day breakfasts available.

CHRISTMAS MARKET PLANNING: Next meeting is Sun 24th November at 7:30pm, 37 Beaconsfield avenue (Frances' house).

CHRISTMAS DRAW TICKETS: are again available today. Please sell as many as you can. Donations for the prizes would be greatly appreciated.

MERSEA NEWS: Our Christmas Fayre is being held at St Cedd and St Gregory's Church Barfield Road on Saturday 23rd of November in the morning from 10:30 – 12:30; looking forward to seeing you all there.

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes			
SUNDAYS:	Divine 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	8pm
Crypt			
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays	at	8pm
Crypt			

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type): Please remember in your prayers, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, **Emma Cooper** Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Amy Daggitt, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Christine Farrell, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Piotr Ploskonka, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Russell Crook. The funeral took place at Greenstead on Friday 15th November - may he rest in peace.

NOVEMBER LIST: The names of all your departed relatives and friends have been placed near the altar. They will be remembered at all the Masses offered in November.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: There will be collection for National Youth Sunday next weekend the 23 / 24th November.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in 2014, the parents meetings will be on Thursday December 5th and 12th at 7:30pm in the Crypt. Both sessions must be attended. This is for children presently in Year 3 and upwards and who belong to this parish. Information packs will be available after Masses last two weekends in November.

THE CATHOLIC HERITAGE GROUP - PRAYERS ON THE FEAST OF BLESSED JOHN BECHE: There will be prayers said by our group at the Gatehouse on the anniversary of his martyrdom at 2.00pm on December 1st. Please join us if you are free.

ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC CHURCH – AUTUMN FAYRE: Saturday 16th November 10am – 2pm. Home-made cakes, toys, books, bric-a-brac, bottle stall, jewellery, tombola, nearly new, kiddies corner, plants and much more... Games for the children, Refreshments. Do come and join the fun! Admission 20p

ADVENT: starts on December 1st this year, so now is the time to buy an Advent Calendar for your family. We have some new pop-up ones which turn into a Nativity scene. They are published with a little companion booklet under the Magnificat imprint, so they should be good. £6.95. There are more familiar ones too, available at reduced prices. Check out the porch at any time or the hall after the 10:30 Sunday Mass.

LECTIO DIVINA: Open your hearts to the Word of God this Advent, in preparation for Christmas. Lectio Divina, Holy Reading, is all about prayer not study. We shall be preparing for the Sunday readings each Saturday from 30th November at 4.45pm in the Crypt. Info Valerie Q. T:621196.

DIARIES FOR 2014: Now available from the repository – priced £1.95 and £3.45

TAIZE EVENING OF PRAYER: In preparation for Advent & Christmas. Thursday November 28th. 7 – 8pm followed by refreshments at St John's, Icen Way, Shrub End.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Meets this Thursday 21st November at 7:30pm in the Crypt.

The YEAR OF FAITH: The final talk in the series on the Legacy of Vatican II will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Conference Centre next Thursday 21 November at 7.30 pm. Sr Margaret Shepherd, a Sister of Sion with immense experience of fostering good relations with the Jewish people, and who is the secretary of the Bishops' Conference Committee for relations between Jews and Catholics, will speak on 'Vatican II and the Jews'. You are warmly invited to attend what promises to be an excellent final talk. There is no entrance fee and refreshments will be available.

THE RATZINGER READER: The Ratzinger Reader. Volume 3 Jesus of Nazareth: the Infancy Narratives. First read the relevant chapter at home and then meet on **Sunday evening at 8:00pm in the Crypt** to discuss. You don't need to have been here for the previous volumes! Come along and see. Dates: **17th and 24th November; 1st, 8th and 15th of Dec.**

CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 23rd November – Team 6.

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Saturday November 16th	6:15 pm	Heather & Frank Mills RIP
Sunday November 17th	8:00 am	Ann de Smith RIP
	10:30 am	D/Rel: Sykes and Allard Families
	<u>NE</u> 2:00 pm	Divine Mercy
	3:00 pm	Joint Prayers for the Dead - Cemetery
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Ints: Fr T Coffey
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Sid Ashmore RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Angela Jardim RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joan Norman RIP [JW]
Monday 18th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i> 7:30 am	Margaretta Wright RIP
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Joan Norman RIP [SVP]
Tuesday 19th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Aubery Patrick Lyons RIP
Wednesday 20th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i> 7:30 am	Holy Souls RIP (Nov)
	<i>Church</i> 12:15 pm	John Nicholls RIP
Thursday 21st	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Stanley Crane RIP
Friday 22nd	St Cecilia, V, M	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP [F&J]
	<i>Church</i> 6:30 pm	Stanley Crane RIP
Saturday 23rd	Feria	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP (Nov)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (Solemnity) – 24th November 2013
(Youth Day)

Saturday November 23rd	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs Milford & Lionel Wright RIP
Sunday November 24th	8:00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	10:30 am	Mrs Aleykutty George RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	4:00 pm	FILIPINO MASS
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP (Nov)
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Elizabeth & Mike Fleetwood RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Alphonse Knapp RIP [JS]
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joan Norman RIP [R&MG]

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm*
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