

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] - 18th August 2013

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My dear friends

Though we are celebrating the Twentieth Sunday of the Year, we can remember that August 18th is the Feast of St Helen – who is the patron saint of Colchester and from the early 1900's has been the patron saint of our church, along with St James the Less. It was good to be together to celebrate at our parish barbecue on Saturday, anticipating our patronal feast.

Helena (Helen) was born circa 250-255, almost certainly at Drepanum (Helenopolis) in Bithynia, Asia Minor. However, another tradition, originating in England in the twelfth century, claimed her to be a native of Britain, the daughter of King Coel, hence her association with Colchester, the oldest town in the country. Helen was of humble origins but became the wife of the Roman general Constantius Chlorus circa 270. In 274, their son, Constantine, was born.

In 292, when he became Emperor of Rome, Constantius Chlorus divorced Helen for political reasons. However, when her son Constantine succeeded as Emperor in 306 (the proclamation was made at York in that year) his attitude to his mother was to treat her with great respect. Helen converted to Christianity circa 312, the Church was accorded toleration throughout the Roman Empire in 313, and Helen spent the remainder of her life seeking to promote the spread of Christianity. As an elderly woman she journeyed to the Holy Land, spending much of her fortune on almsgiving and the foundation of churches on holy sites. From the fourth century onwards, and particularly through the preaching of St Ambrose of Milan, she has enjoyed a special link with the finding of the Cross. The date of her death in the Holy Land is circa 330. She was buried in Rome. In Christian art St Helen is always depicted holding the Cross of Calvary. May St Helen pray for us.

God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

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			

<u>EVENTS THIS WEEK</u>		
Monday 19 th	10:00am	Monday Matinée
Crypt		
Saturday 24 th	7:30pm	Parish Football team social
CBH		

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Stanley Crane, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Minimol Joseph, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Alphonse Knapp, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, The Sharfraie Family, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: **Betsi Sawyer.** God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday 6th and 13th September 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 for the repose of the soul of Richard Cox, Margaret Cribb, Lapin Thérèse Mekongo (the sister of Jerome Ateba) who has recently died in the Cameroon and Ethel Rodwell. May they rest in peace. Ethel Rodwell's funeral service will be at 11am on Friday 30th August at St Cedd and St Gregory Mersea.

MERSEA NEWS: Many thanks to Anne Marie Jacobs for hosting our August coffee morning, the weather was again very pleasant. Our next date is September 10th details to follow.

MONKWICK NEWS: Thanks to all those who supported our last Coffee Morning. The next date for your diary is August 31st, between 10am and 12pm, and will be hosted by Grace McCartney, 20a, Buxton Road.

PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM: will be holding a social night in the Cardinal Bourne Hall next Saturday 24th August from 7:30pm till 11:00pm. There will be a sports quiz, raffle, buffet and snacks; please bring your own drink. Please contact Gavin on 07954 168 159 to reserve a place as numbers are limited. Payment will be taken on the night: £3 per adult, children – free.

100 CLUB - JULY DRAW: And the winners are: Ron Griffin [1st]; Myra Dolamore [2nd]; Johnson Family [3rd]. Congratulations to you all.

DOWNTON ABBEY FANS: The SVP trip to Highclere Castle this Sunday 18th August will pick up on East Hill at 9am.

FLOWERS: Thank you for your generous donations over the last few weeks; it really does make a difference when it comes to decorating our church for major feasts like The Assumption and throughout the year.

THE ASSUMPTION: Many thanks for all those who worked to give Our Blessed Lady a fitting feast. In particular, the flowers were stunning. Today, Sunday, there will be more when before the 4 pm Polish Mass we will have Divine Mercy devotions, the Rosary and a Procession inside the church. These start at 3:00pm.

THE MONDAY MATINÉE: The Scarlet and the Black. Following the success of Karol last week, this DVD will be shown on this Monday 19th August starting at 10:00 in the crypt. It is marked PG (Parental Guidance) and is shorter than last week's epic (just 2 ¼ hours). Set during the German occupation of Rome, Mgr Hugh O'Flaherty spends all his time saving POWs from the Nazis. Popcorn for the interval!

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Run for a Child: BCCS are looking for individuals to represent their parish (under 16's will need to be accompanied by an adult) and take part in 'Run for a Child'. This is a 5k run taking place on Wednesday 4th September at 7.00pm, Westley Heights Country Park, Basildon, with the support of Pitsea Running Club. To register your interest please contact Julie on 01268 784544 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk - Do something amazing and help us to continue our work supporting those children and families who turn to us for help - register today!

SIGNED MASS: The Diocesan Deaf Service is celebrating a Signed Mass at Priory St on September 15th at 6.30pm. Fr David Clemens will lead the celebration and people who are deaf will sign the readings. All are welcome, hearing, hard of hearing and deaf. For more information contact Sister Margaret Duffy, Brentwood Diocesan Pastoral Deaf Service 803 Chigwell Road, Woodford Bridge, Essex IG8 8AU.

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HERITAGE WEEKEND 13th - 15th September: If you would like to get involved with the English Heritage weekend in September either here in Priory Street or at the Gatehouse you would be very welcome. There is quite an extensive and interesting programme planned. For more details please contact Jennie on 01206 679060 or leave your details with the Parish office.

JOB! CONCERT: The Knights of St Columba Council 428 (Castle Point and Canvey Island) will be presenting a Twenty-fifth Anniversary Concert based on the Old Testament book of Job at Brentwood Cathedral in aid of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society on Saturday, 28th September at 7.30pm. Ticket prices are £10 per adult, £7 per senior / student / concession, £1 per child (upto 16 years). Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by sending a cheque made payable to: Job! Concert, Knights of St Columba Council 428, 24 St Johns

Road, Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 2PZ. Please contact the Knights of St Columba Council 428 on 07908 886 513 for further details.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 22nd August – Team 5.

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Saturday August 17th 6:15 pm Xavier Swampillai RIP & Marie Bastiampillai RIP

Sunday August 18th 8:00 am Ints: Mrs T Matiz & Family RIP

10:30 am John Roche RIP

4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Hector Silva RIP

8:30 am Frances Walker RIP

9:15 am John Lyons RIP

10:15 am Parishioners

West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick
Monday 19th

Feria
Church 7:30 am Helen & Martin Lydon RIP
Church 9:15 am Jack & Margaret Sutcliffe RIP

Tuesday 20th

St Bernard, Ab, D
Church 9:15 am Kitty Foley RIP [BR]

Wednesday 21st

St Pius X, P
Church 7:30 am Pdraig McAloon RIP
Church 12:15 pm In Thanksgiving [WH]

Thursday 22nd

The Queenship of the Virgin Mary
Church 9:15 am D/Rels: Farrell Family

Friday 23rd

Feria
Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP [F&JG]
Church 6:30 pm Sean Burke RIP

Saturday 24th

ST BARTHOLOMEW, Ap - Feast
Church 9:15 am Canon Timothy Russ RIP

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] - 25th August 2013

Saturday August 24th 6:15 pm Lynn & Richard Cooke RIP

Sunday August 25th 8:00 am D/Rels: O'Grady Family

10:30 am Kitty Foley RIP [PG]

2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm In thanksgiving

8:30 am D/Rels: Ashmore & Rafferty Families

9:15 am A Mele RIP

10:15 am Parishioners

West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick

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
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