

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

175 YEARS ~ 1837 - 2012

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] November 18th 2012

Christmas Market in the Cardinal Bourne Hall:

Begins at 6pm next Friday, November 23rd, with a Curry Evening and Stalls, and which will finish at 10pm. Then on the following day, Saturday, 24th November from 10:30am until 4pm, with stalls, Father Christmas and, of course, the Christmas Grand Draw. Tickets are available this weekend. Please sell as many books as you can - the Christmas Draw is a major fundraiser for our Parish.

The Bishop's Farewell Mass:

This will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Friday, November 30th at 7:30pm. We will be notified as to how many representatives there can be from each Parish.

Parish History:

We have copies of the Parish History recently published by Fr Stewart Foster to mark the 175th anniversary of the Parish. Priced at £5, all profits will go towards Parish funds.

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

<u>EVENTS THIS WEEK</u>			
Sunday 18 th	5:00pm	Catholicism Course	Crypt
"	8:00 pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt
Monday 19 th	7:30pm	Mercy Associates	See below
Wednesday 21 st	6:45 pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
Thursday 22 nd	7:30pm	FHC Programme – Parents	Crypt
"	7:30 pm	RCIA	
Friday 23 rd	6-10pm	Christmas Market Curry Evening	Hall
Saturday 24 th	10:30am-4pm	Christmas Market/Prize Draw	Hall
"	10:30 am	Christmas Fayre	Mersea
Sunday 25 th	11:30 am	UCM Cake Stall	Hall

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Gwen Cole, Ian Cole, Stanley Crane, Fr. Ian Dickie, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Patricia Roche, Catherine Spicer, Jacqueline Sykes, Filomena Velasquez, Tony White.

CHRISTMAS MARKET NEXT WEEKEND: This week we are requesting cakes, biscuits, sweets, chocolate and other edible items. We still need bottles, cans, cartons of soft or alcoholic drinks and other saleable items. Thank you from the Social Committee.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Charles Weeley, John Wheeler, Derek Harvey and Catherine [mother of Hywel] Edwards. May they rest in peace. Funeral details to follow.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Lewis Anthony Clarke, Saskia and Genevieve Newland. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

CATHOLICISM: The final session for this year will be today in the Crypt at 5pm. Dates for the New Year will be given in due course.

MISSIO CALENDARS: are available for Red Box Holders at the back of the Church this weekend. Please take one.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: Next meeting this Monday, 19th November, at 7:30pm at Christ Church Court [tel: 7630490].

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Parents' meetings continue to be held in the Crypt on **Thursdays, 22nd, 29th November** from 7:30pm and all sessions should be attended. The children gather for the first time on **Saturday, 1st December** at 10:00am in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

QUIET DAY: On Friday 23rd November at 74 Howe Close from 10am to 3pm. Please bring your own lunch and if you wish to attend, please ring 01206 867296.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: There will be a collection for the Diocesan Youth Service next weekend on the Feast of Christ the King 24-25th November and for BEEF (Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund) on the weekend of the 1st – 2nd December, specifically this year for the promotion of vocations. There will be a collection for Christmas Flowers (Priory St only) on the 15th – 16th December.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE RETREAT: With National Youth Sunday approaching, we detail this "Tell the World" Advent Open Retreat for those in school years 7-9 on the weekend of the 14th-16th December at Walsingham House. £50 will cover the cost and includes all meals. For an application form email Jon@walsinghamhouse.org or phone 01268 515970.

ADVENT PREPARATION: LECTIO DIVINA: Each Friday of Advent, at 7.30 in the Crypt, there will be a reflective reading of the following Sunday scriptures. Please see Poster in porch.

MASSES OF OUR LADY IN ADVENT: in Polish starting with indoor Procession: Tuesday 4th, 11th and 18th of December at 6:30 pm in St James the Less and St Helen.

SVP CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS: will be in the CBH on Saturday 8th December from 2.30pm to 5.00pm, cost £5. Please phone Judy on 07970408707 to book or see any SVP Member after Mass. Money to be paid on or before 1st December.

TEACHING VACANCY: At St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay, a Y2 classroom teacher is required from January 2013 on a fixed term contract. A practising Catholic is preferred, but not essential. For further details, contact the School Office on 01277 653770. Closing date: 28.11.12 at noon.

"WELCOMERS". We would like more volunteers for this very pleasant task at the Sunday Masses in St James. If some more did a little then no one would have to do a lot. Please contact Paul Horwood for further information. His details are on the notice board or contact him at paulhorwood@hotmail.com

PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM: Danny Ferdinand reporting: "We played a "friendly" fixture last weekend against MNF [team usually plays on a Monday night – hence the name!]. We thrashed them 8-3. Highlights of the match – a hat trick from Andrew Springford and Ray Patterson's first goal for the team".

CATHOLICS AND THE CHALLENGES OF BIO-ETHICS: On 1st December at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT. Speaker: Dr Gavin Jarvis, Medical Research Scientist in dept. of Bio-Chemistry at University of Cambridge. 11am- 3pm. Bring your own lunch. Contact John Sutcliffe on 851383 for full information.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 22nd November – Team 2.

Saturday November 17th 6:15 pm Heather and Frank Mills RIP
Sunday November 18th 8:00 am Hector Silva RIP
10:30 am Gabriel Bernadel & Mario de Aquiar RIP
4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm Beryl and Noel Blanchette RIP
8:30 am Parishioners
9:15 am Thomas, Mary & John Rutherford RIP
10:15 am Canon John Bloomfield RIP

West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick
Monday 19th

Feria
Church 7:30 am Margaret Wright RIP
Church 9:15 am Aubrey Patrick Lyons RIP

Tuesday 20th

Feria
Church 9:15 am Audrey Davis RIP

Wednesday 21st

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Church 7:30 am Helen and Martin Lydon RIP
Church 12:15 pm Intentions: Annette & Chris

Thursday 22nd

St Cecilia, V, M
Church 9:15 am Kitty Farrell RIP

Friday 23rd

Feria
Church 9:15 am Intentions: Diana Clare
Church 6:30 pm Ints: Jackie Ravenhall & Family

Saturday 24th

Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr & Comps, Mm
Church 9:15 am Mrs Aleykuty George RIP
Mile End 6:00 pm **KERALA MASS**

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING [B]
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Saturday November 24th 6:15 pm Mr & Mrs Milford & Mr Wright RIP
Sunday November 25th 8:00 am D/Rels: O'Reilly Family
10:30 am John Murphy RIP
6:30 pm D/Rels: Herbert /Richards Families RIP
8:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
9:15 am Greta and Frederick Knight RIP
10:15 am Parishioners

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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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