

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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In Evangelii Gaudium the Holy Father writes: "I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization". The document is a synthesis of the recent synod of bishops. Here are some passages to reflect upon.

24. Evangelisation with joy becomes beauty in the liturgy, as part of our daily concern to spread goodness. The Church evangelises and is herself evangelised through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelisation and the source of her renewed self-giving.

47. The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always be open, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes there looking for God, he or she will not find a closed door.

61. We also evangelize when we attempt to confront the various challenges which can arise. On occasion these may take the form of veritable attacks on religious freedom or new persecutions directed against Christians; in some countries these have reached alarming levels of hatred and violence. In many places, the problem is more that of widespread indifference and relativism, linked to disillusionment and the crisis of ideologies which has come about as a reaction to anything which might appear totalitarian. This not only harms the Church but the fabric of society as a whole. We should recognize how in a culture where each person wants to be bearer of his or her own subjective truth, it becomes difficult for citizens to devise a common plan which transcends individual gain and personal ambitions.

124: "Journeying together to shrines and taking part in other manifestations of popular piety, also by taking one's children or inviting others, is in itself an evangelizing gesture". Let us not stifle or presume to control this missionary power!

The love that the pope has for the Mother of God, who he calls "Star of the new evangelisation", is once more evident in the final lines of the Exhortation addressed to her:

Obtain for us now a new ardour born of the resurrection,
that we may bring to all the Gospel of life
which triumphs over death.
Give us a holy courage to seek new paths,
that the gift of unfading beauty
may reach every man and woman.

In this week of prayer for Christian unity, may we strive together to bring the joy of the Gospel to our world with the boldness of Peter and John who, when challenged, testified to the power of Jesus Christ and acclaimed that: "there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12 RSVA)

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	Crypt
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	(see below)
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Karl Collins, Emma Cooper, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Amy Daggitt, Jeanette Dagwell, 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, Ijeoma Ozor, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Roger Thurlow, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of David Finch, Irmgard Pellart, Bernard Stevens, Robert Williamson and Valerie Winnard. Bernard's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 20th January at 12:30pm. Irmgard's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 28th January at 11am. There will be an additional Mass this Friday 24th at 12:15pm for the repose of the soul of Valerie Winnard. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Aditya Nikale. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: falls on Sunday 2nd of February. At 5:45pm in St James we will meet to mark this occasion. **Totus Tuus: Veneration of Our Blessed Lady with John Paul II** is a rare opportunity to hear the voice of Bl John Paul II in English.

SVP DISTRICT MASS: Monday 20th January at 7pm Priory St. All our very welcome.

PRAYER GROUP: The group will meet this Monday 20th January at the home of Katherine Edwards and **not in the crypt.**

KSC: There will be a Charity Table Quiz on the 8th February at St John Payne Church Hall, Greenstead. 8pm start. **KSC MASS:** There is Mass on the 28th January at Lexden at 8pm. Fr Tom Lavin will be the celebrant.

KRAKOW FOR THE CANONISATIONS: We're booked to leave Colchester early on Thursday 24th April and return in the evening of Tuesday 29th. Accommodation in the centre of the city is also reserved. If you're quick, we can still find you a bed and there may still be room on the plane. Next meeting is on 20th of February at 7:00pm in the crypt to unfold the itinerary and arrange insurance and other details.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: White Flower Appeal - Thank you for your donations to the work of SPUC. Over £400 has been raised so far.

LOST PROPERTY: Will be available to collect **this weekend the 19th January.** Any items not collected will be given to charity thereafter.

FRIENDS OF PERU: Annual Beetle Drive – Saturday 1st February 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Please come and join in this family fun game. Adults £3.50, Children 5-12 yrs £2.50. Includes hot dog, mince pie, soft drink or non-alcoholic hot punch. **Raffle:** Proceeds to Sisters of Mercy Mission in Peru. Please contact Linda T: 769429 or Nora: 503410 or tickets on sale in hall after 10:30am Mass on Sunday 19th and 26th January.

SINGERS AND MUSICIANS REQUIRED FOR MASS: We urgently need singers and musicians for the music group for 10.30am Mass. This means a commitment to rehearse every 2 weeks on a Thursday evening 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the church. The music is an important part of the Mass. There is no age restriction just a love of singing. For more information please contact Lesley/Tim 01206 512310.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: Bible Study Sessions continue in the Crypt this Wednesday 22nd January 18:45 - 20:45.

SVP: Next meeting is Wednesday 22nd January 10:30am.

FILIPINO MASS: The next Filipino Mass will be on Sunday 26th January at 4pm – Priory St.

KERALA MASS: The next Kerala Mass St Joseph's – Mile End will be Saturday 25th January at 6pm preceded by Rosary at 5:30pm.

100 CLUB: Have you renewed your subscription for 2014 yet ? If not, you will have the opportunity to do so at Priory Street after all weekend masses between now and Sun. Jan 26th. A similar facility will be available at the Mersea and Monkwick Mass centres this weekend, and at Mile End on the 26th itself.

CHURCH FOOTBALL TEAM: The church team finished the league season strongly with a 7-1 victory over Bethel. It has been a good season for St James the Less and St Helen and we look forward to the cup games which begin in February.

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP: present their annual pantomime "Wish upon a star; A Knights fairy tale" Friday 24th January 7.30 pm and Saturday 25th January. 3.00pm matinee and 7.30pm evening performance in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Tickets: £5.00 adults, £2.50 children and concessions. For more

information please contact Lesley 01206 512310.

WINTER RESERVE ACCOMODATION PROJECT: Volunteers are needed to help run shelters for homeless people that the Night shelter doesn't have room for. Please ring Andy on 01206 761960 for more information. Thank you and God Bless.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 23rd January – Team 3

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) - 19th January
(Peace Day)**

Saturday January 18th	6:15 pm	Michael O'Dwyer RIP [PG]
Sunday January 19th	8:00 am	Ian Cole RIP
	10:30 am	Simon, Peter & Teresa Monk RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Mr & Mrs F Milford RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Rosanna Foley RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Ints: Catherine Spicer
Monday 20th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Joe Rodrigues
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	John & Julie O'Connor RIP
<i>Church</i>	12:30 pm	REQUIEM MASS—Bernard Stevens RIP
<i>Church</i>	7:00 pm	SVP MASS
Tuesday 21st	St Agnes, V, M	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Ints: Frank Maguire
Wednesday 22nd	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm	Ints: Anna Norfolk
Thursday 23rd	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
Friday 24th	St Francis de Sales, Bp, D	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Stephen Hilton RIP
<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm	Joe Rodrigues
<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm	Valerie Winnard RIP
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Saturday 25th	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Ap - Feast	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Una & Finbar Nagle

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) - 26th January

Saturday January 25th	6:15 pm	Ron Wheeler RIP [MW]
Sunday January 26th	8:00 am	Morris & Kitty Foley RIP
	10:30 am	Teresa & Mick Hanley RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Martin Dwyer RIP [PG]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Mrs Rose Foley RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Celestine Tighe RIP

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

*Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter
At least six months notice is required*

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