

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER[C] - 21st April 2013

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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Message for the 50th World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I want to invite you to reflect on the theme: "Vocations as a sign of hope founded in faith", which happily occurs during the Year of Faith, the year marking the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. While the Council was in session, the Servant of God, Paul VI, instituted this day of worldwide prayer to God the Father, asking him to continue to send workers for his Church (cf. Mt 9:38). "The problem of having a sufficient number of priests", as the Pope stated at the time, "has an immediate impact on all of the faithful: not simply because they depend on it for the religious future of Christian society, but also because this problem is the precise and inescapable indicator of the vitality of faith and love of individual parish and diocesan communities, and the evidence of the moral health of Christian families. Wherever numerous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are to be found, that is where people are living the Gospel with generosity" (Paul VI, Radio Message, 11 April 1964). ...

Just as he did during his earthly existence, so today the risen Jesus walks along the streets of our life and sees us immersed in our activities, with all our desires and our needs. In the midst of our everyday circumstances he continues to speak to us; he calls us to live our life with him, for only he is capable of satisfying our thirst for hope. He lives now among the community of disciples that is the Church, and still today calls people to follow him. The call can come at any moment. Today too, Jesus continues to say, "Come, follow me" (Mk 10:21).

Accepting his invitation means no longer choosing our own path. Following him means immersing our own will in the will of Jesus, truly giving him priority, giving him pride of place in every area of our lives: in the family, at work, in our personal interests, in ourselves. It means handing over our very lives to Him, living in profound intimacy with Him, entering through Him into communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit, and consequently with our brothers and sisters. This communion of life with Jesus is the privileged "setting" in which we can experience hope and in which life will be full and free.

Vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life are born out of the experience of a personal encounter with Christ, out of sincere and confident dialogue with him, so as to enter into his will. It is necessary, therefore, to grow in the experience of faith, understood as a profound relationship with Jesus, as inner attentiveness to his voice which is heard deep within us. This process, which enables us to respond positively to God's call, is possible in Christian communities where the faith is lived intensely, where generous witness is given of adherence to the Gospel, where there is a strong sense of mission which leads people to make the total gift of self for the Kingdom of God, nourished by recourse to the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and by a fervent life of prayer.

Dear young people, do not be afraid to follow him and to walk the demanding and courageous paths of charity and generous commitment! In that way you will be happy to serve, you will be witnesses of a joy that the world cannot give, you will be living flames of an infinite and eternal love, you will learn to "give an account of the hope that is within you" (1 Pt 3:15)!

His Holiness Benedict XVI

Copies of the full message are available in the porch.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

Wednesday 24 th	6:45pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
Friday 26 th	7:30pm	Baptism Course	Crypt

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: Please remember in your prayers, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Richard Cox, Stanley Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Minimol Joseph, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Denis O'Neill, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Patricia Roche, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of William Duncan, Anna Koch and Margaret Wilson. William Duncan's Requiem Mass will be at 12 noon on Friday 26th April at Priory St. Margaret Wilson's Funeral Service will take place at Colchester Crematorium on Thursday 25th April at 11:45am. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS: Last weekend, **Ethan Haoxian Hui**. This weekend, **Michelle McDonagh**. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be next Friday 26th April and Friday 3rd May 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]

SECOND COLLECTIONS: There will be a collection this weekend 21st April for the Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund for the training and support of priests for our diocese.

WELCOME: To Fr Edward Tredota who will be celebrating Mass in the parish this weekend.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Monday 27th May is the Feast Day of St Augustine of Canterbury, and we will be going to Ramsgate to share in the festivities. If you'd like to join us, please indicate to Fr Neil so that we can decide the transport. We wouldn't need to leave before 8 am, honest.

“TO LOVE OR NOT TO LOVE: the effect of contraception and other factors in the undermining of marriage and society.” Rev Dr Robert Farrell, Pharmacist and Priest will speak on this topic at St James the Less on Saturday May 4th. There will be refreshments and the talk will commence at 11.30. There will be an opportunity for questions. All are welcome.

Fr Robert Farrell: After Glasgow University he was a Flying Officer in the RAF. He then spent twenty years as a lecturer in microbiology at London University. He was ordained a priest in 1978. He has recently spoken on this topic at Glasgow University and Wolfson College, Oxford.

SOUP RUN: More helpers are needed for this important work – particularly to make sandwiches and to do deliveries. Please contact Armando T: 854921

MERCY ASSOCIATIES: meet next Monday 22nd April at 7.30pm. 37 Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester.

SVP – WALSINGHAM: SVP are arranging for a coach to Walsingham on July 7th. Details to follow.

PARISH HISTORY: New stock available of this popular short history of our parish by Fr Stewart Foster. A keepsake for all families. Priced £5. Please contact the parish office.

MASS WITH FILIPINO CHOIR: Fr Norlan Julia will celebrate a Mass in English next Sunday 28th April at 6:30pm with a Filipino Choir. All our welcome.

KSC: are hosting a Table Quiz next Saturday 27th April in the Cardinal Bourne Hall - starting after the 6.15 Mass. It is a Quiz involving other KSC Councils. All our invited to take part – not just KSC members! For the Ladies (teams of 4), there is a chance to win the Ladies Team Trophy. The winning Knights Team goes on to Walsall to compete with other Councils. Refreshments will be available and a Licensed Bar. Cost £3.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 27th April – Team 6

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21st April 2013**

Saturday April 20th

6:15 pm Noel L'Esperance RIP

Sunday April 21st

8:00 am Brian Jackson RIP

10:30 am Eileen Hollis RIP

4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Mary Peel-Yates RIP [MG]

8:30 am Holy Souls RIP

9:15 am Parishioners

10:15 am Molly & Gordon Scanlan RIP

West Mersea

Mile End

Monkwick

Monday 22nd

Feria

Church **7:30 am** Roman RIP

Church **9:15 am** John O'Halloran

Tuesday 23rd

ST GEORGE, M, Patron of England – National Solemnity

Church **9:15 am** Sidney & Rose Castell RIP

Wednesday 24th

St Mellitus, Bp

Church **7:30 am** Helen & Martin Lydon RIP

Church **12:15 pm** In thanksgiving

Thursday 25th

ST MARK, Evangelist - Feast

Church **9:15 am** Ints: Maureen & Tom McElroy

Friday 26th

Feria

Church **9:15 am** Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Church **12:00 pm** **REQUIEM MASS – William Duncan RIP**

12:00 pm **HOSPITAL MASS**

Church **6:30 pm** Sylvia Osemwota RIP

Saturday 27th

Feria

Church **9:15 am** Tasha Dye & Family RIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]

28th April 2013

Saturday April 27th

6:15 pm Rita Milford RIP

Sunday April 28th

8:00 am George Thompson RIP

10:30 am Irene Hammond RIP

2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Catherine Libby RIP

8:30 am Private Intention

9:15 am Margaret Wilson 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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