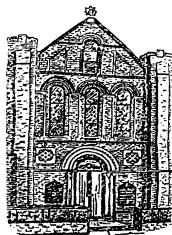


# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH

## MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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### TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A August 21<sup>st</sup> 2011

#### My dear friends

I returned to the Parish last weekend and began by travelling out to Mersea and Monkwick for Mass on Sunday. As we sang the hymn in honour of Our Lady, I was struck by the words: "Pray for the wanderer; pray for me". My wanderings are over for this year. I am grateful to Fr Neil for looking after the Parish so well. He will take some time off during September. He was ably assisted by Fr Ignatius who this week began his journey back to Poland.

I want to express my thanks for the very generous second collections; for CAFOD in July of £866 which was sent to their East Africa Emergency Appeal, and also many thanks for the tremendous Mission Appeal for the Dominican Missionaries of St Martin which raised £1500.

Today we hear the great profession of faith of St Peter in Jesus as the Son of the living God. We pray for his successor, Pope Benedict, as he reaches out to all the young people of the world in Madrid on this World Youth Day.

Soon we will remember the first anniversary of his visit to the United Kingdom when he said to the young people gathered at Westminster Cathedral "I assure you of my prayers for you, that your lives will bear abundant fruit for the growth of the civilisation of love". 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

<b>DAILY:</b> Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am. [Wed. 11:15am]
<b>PRAYER GROUP</b> Mondays @ 8pm in the Crypt
<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b> Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt
<b>EXPOSITION</b> Saturdays at 9:45-10:30am

#### EVENTS THIS WEEK

*Please check Mass Schedule for any changes*

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August

SVP

Crypt

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup>

Choir Practice

See below

**SICK:** Please remember in your prayers May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Casiano Pasumbal, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Ellen Woodley.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to **Lucy and Paul** marrying here today.

**BAPTISM TODAY:** **Amelia Elsworthy-Knapp**. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY:** I'd like to thank all those who made this feast of Our Blessed Lady so worthy of her. A great deal of preparation went into the Procession and Mass. Naming individuals is always difficult, but I would like to highlight the work done by Ron Smith (who made the procession possible by constructing the sturdy and very presentable litter); by Anne Curran (who created a very dignified covering with wonderful gold fringes and tassels) and John Sales (who had to bring to fruition a complex liturgy in a mixture of languages). It was good to hear Fr. Ignatius preach in his native tongue. Without the cooperation of Fr. Krzysztof Kita, not to mention the Polish extracts he provided for the Order of Service, none of this would have been possible. Thank you one and all.  
Fr Neil

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Yvette Barlow, Julian Van Sertima and Anne Gardiner who have recently died. May they rest in peace. Yvette's funeral is on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, at 10:45am; Julian's on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, at 2pm; Anne's on 1<sup>st</sup> September at 1:30pm. All at Priory Street.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** To help on Mondays and Friday mornings 10am to 12 noon to distribute food to the homeless in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. If you are able to spare some time, please contact Pam Edwards on 07980 43815 or email [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com)

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** As previously mentioned in July, there will be a rehearsal [of the new Mass] in Church on the 25<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm for choir members, organist and those interested from the Mass Centres. Contact Tim/Lesley on 512310 or email [lesley9oxfordroad@ntlworld.com](mailto:lesley9oxfordroad@ntlworld.com) for more information if needed.

**PRACTICE FOR THE NEW TRANSLATION:** After the 6.30 Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August there will be a run through of the new translation in preparation for a faultless start the following Sunday. This will be in the Cardinal Bourne Hall from approximately 7.45. You are most welcome – and also your spirit.

**A JOURNEY IN FAITH** for those thinking about becoming a Catholic or for those wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith will start on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September here in the Crypt at 7:30pm. For more information, please contact Cathy O'Connor on 501146.

**MASS ON THE BEACH:** As previously mentioned, Colchester Deanery Youthspace are organising Mass on Dovercourt Beach on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30pm. All young people on the Colchester Deanery are warmly invited to come together for a Mass, followed by food and social. Any musicians who would like to join in for Mass, please feel free to bring along your instruments. Location and car parking is at West End Lane.

**FREE SINGING COURSE FOR LADIES IN 4-PART HARMONY:** On Mondays, from 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7:15pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall for 6 weeks. Contact: Helena Gibson on 794636.

**KSC EVENT:** The Knights of St Columba are holding a Table Quiz in St Teresa's Church Hall, Clairmont Road, Lexden on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm for 8pm. Proceeds will be donated to East Anglia's Children's Hospice. Light refreshments provided. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets £5. Call Ron 797850 to book or just turn up on the evening.

**CJSR:** The Commission for Justice & Social Responsibility will be holding their Annual Conference in the Cathedral Hall, Brentwood on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 1pm. The keynote speaker is Susy Brouard from CAFOD who will be exploring the challenge of Micah "Act justly, walk humbly, love tenderly" in today's world. Everyone is welcome, please bring a packed lunch". For more information contact CJSR 01277 265290 or email: [cjsr@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cjsr@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The Parish Council now meet on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, in the Crypt at 7pm.

**MASS IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at Brentwood Cathedral at 3:30pm. The Bishop will be presiding, and Mass will be followed by a reception in the Cathedral Hall. This is perfect opportunity for couples celebrating a special anniversary, as they will be able to renew their commitment during the Mass. However, if any family would like to receive an invitation, please speak with Fr Tony.

**CLEANING TEAM ROTA: Thursday, August 25th. Team 1.**

**LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]  
August 21<sup>st</sup> 2011**

**Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>**

**6:15 pm** Stephen Mooney RIP  
**8:00 am** D/Rels: O'Grady Family RIP  
**10:30 am** Janina and Gregory Nazarko RIP  
**1:30 pm** **WEDDING: LUCY AND PAUL**  
**4:00 pm** **POLISH MASS**  
**6:30 pm** Intentions: Mrs T and Family  
**8:30 am** Parishioners  
**9:15 am** Kevin Doyle RIP  
**10:15 am** Holy Souls RIP

*Mersea  
Mile End  
Monkwick*

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**The Queenship of the Virgin Mary**

*Church* **7:30 am** Jim Allen RIP  
*Church* **9:15 am** Dec/Rels: Dunne/Emoli Families RIP

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Feria**

*Church* **9:15 am** Daniel, Florence and Danny Farrell RIP

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**ST BARTHOLOMEW, Ap**

*Church* **7:30 am** Laurie Ross RIP [A]  
*Church* **12:15 pm** Jan Praztak RIP

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Feria**

*Church* **7:30 am** Daniel Kelly RIP  
*Church* **9:15 am** Intentions: Joan Boyden

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Feria**

*Church* **9:15 am** Helen Strachan RIP  
*Church* **10:45 am** **FUNERAL: YVETTE BARLOW RIP**  
*Church* **6:30 pm** Asai RIP

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**St Monica**

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

**LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]  
August 28<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>**

**6:15 pm** Patrick Quinlivan RIP  
**8:00 am** Fr David Papworth RIP  
**10:30am** Colin Taylor RIP  
**6:30 pm** Lyn & Richard Cooke RIP  
**8:30 am** D/Rels: Rafferty Family RIP  
**9:15 am** Parishioners  
**10:15am** Celestine Tighe RIP

*West Mersea  
Mile End  
Monkwick*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**  
**SCHOOLS St Thomas More**  
**St Benedict's**

**Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm**  
**Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter**  
**At least six months notice is required**  
Head: Bridget Harris [865722]  
Acting: Head: Peter Johnson [549222]

[www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or 0800 389 3801.

[www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org)

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