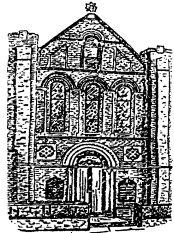


# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] January 22<sup>ND</sup> 2012

This year's theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "We Will All Be Changed by the Victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ". Faith in Christ and interior conversion must accompany our prayer for unity, the Holy Father said on Wednesday. It's good to remember what the Church teaches about unity. In the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*: "161. **Why is the Church one?** The Church is one because she has as her source and exemplar the unity of the Trinity of Persons in one God. As her Founder and Head, Jesus Christ re-established the unity of all people in one body. As her soul, the Holy Spirit unites all the faithful in communion with Christ. The Church has but one faith, one sacramental life, one apostolic succession, one common hope, and one and the same charity. 162. **Where does the one Church of Christ subsist?** The one Church of Christ, as a society constituted and organized in the world, subsists in (*subsistit in*) the Catholic Church, governed by the Successor of Peter and the bishops in communion with him. Only through this Church can one obtain the fullness of the means of salvation since the Lord has entrusted all the blessings of the New Covenant to the apostolic college alone whose head is Peter. 163. **How are non-Catholic Christians to be considered?** In the churches and ecclesial communities which are separated from full communion with the Catholic Church, many elements of sanctification and truth can be found. All of these blessings come from Christ and lead to Catholic unity. Members of these churches and communities are incorporated into Christ by Baptism and we so we recognize them as brothers. 164. **How does one commit oneself to**

**work for the unity of Christians?** The desire to restore the unity of all Christians is a gift from Christ and a call of the Spirit. This desire involves the entire Church and it is pursued by conversion of heart, prayer, fraternal knowledge of each other and theological dialogue." This is an Octave of **Prayer**, so let us earnestly ask our heavenly Father for the gift of desire for unity. Above all may we be open to the interior conversion the Holy Father asks of us.

Fr Neil Brett

**DAILY Morning Prayer 8.15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8.35am (Wed 11:15am)**

**PRAYER GROUP: [NOT 23/1/1]**

**Mondays at 8pm Crypt**

**MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm [Venue -24/1 See below]**

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

*Please see Mass Schedule for changes*

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 7pm SVP Mass/District Meeting Church/Crypt**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 6:45-8:45pm Scripture Course Crypt**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm SVP Meeting Crypt**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm PCC Meeting Crypt**

*[There is no RCIA this week]*

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Hospital Mass Chapel next to Wivenhoe Ward**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9pm Baptism Course [1 of 2] See below Crypt**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm FHC Programme Hall and Crypt**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Beetle Drive [see below] CBH**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm Meeting - Polish Pilgrimage Group Crypt**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 8pm Evangelium Crypt**

**SICK:** Please remember in your prayers Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Alan Doleman, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Patricia Whitney, Tim Young.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** Today we welcome Rev Catherine Bowstead from Castle Methodist Church who will preach at the 10:30 Mass; Fr Neil will be preaching at Morning Prayer at St Peter's, North Hill.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MYLAND:** Today at 3pm at St Joseph's, Pernille Petersen MBE, Director of Colchester Emergency Night Shelter, will lead an hour of discussion and prayer.

**100 CLUB:** This weekend is your final opportunity to join or renew your subscription for 2012, and qualify for inclusion in all 12 monthly draws during the year.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr John King, parish priest of Upton Park, who has died. May he rest in peace. His Funeral Mass will take place at 12 noon on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at Our Lady of Compassion, Upton Park.

**MEDITATION:** On Tuesday 24th January will be at 2 The Mount, Lexden, CO3 4JR (Prettygate) at 7.30pm.

**NEXT BAPTISMAL COURSE FOR NEWBORNS UP TO AGE 6:** *Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and Friday, 3rd February 2012 in the Crypt from 7:30pm to 9pm.* Both sessions must be attended: entry to the Crypt is via the Church.

**FRIENDS OF PERU – BEETLE DRIVE:** An evening of family fun on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, at 7:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Raffle and refreshments. Tickets; Adults £3.50; children £2.50. Please contact Nora on 503410 if you would like to book.

**ST JAMES THE LESS & ST HELEN HAS TALENT:** Acts are required for this fundraising activity. Age groups; up to 10 years; 11-15; 15-18; 18plus. This fun event will take place on Saturday, 4th February at 7pm, in the Cardinal Bourne Hall to raise money to send some young parishioners to Lourdes with BCYS. Contact Theresa Higgins 523501 for details. Cost £5 per person. Food will be provided.

**“SAYING YES AND SAYING NO”:** A conference for Catholic health workers – skills for clinicians dealing with ethical dilemmas in medicine. Facilitators: Catholic Medical Association on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, 330a Burnt Oak Lane, Blackfen, Kent, DA14 8LW. For full details, phone 07831 577371 or email [kentcma@gmail.com](mailto:kentcma@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS:** For the last nine years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer 8 internships: Five interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; two in Public Policy with CAFOD and CARITAS Social Action Network; and one in a media internship at Archbishop's House Westminster. All internships will run from September 2012-July 2013 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found on our website: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns> Completed application forms must either be emailed to [interns@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:interns@cbcew.org.uk) or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 5pm on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and Assessment days will be 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

**WELCOMERS NEEDED AT PRIORY STREET:** New volunteers are required for this important Ministry. If you are interested, please contact Paul on 852728.

**VACANCY – SCHOOL SECRETARY:** **St Philomena's Catholic School, Frinton-on-Sea.** Full time post (mainly term time). Required mid March 2012 Please contact the school for further information and an application pack on 01255 674492 or email [generalenquiries@stphilomenas.com](mailto:generalenquiries@stphilomenas.com)

**THE KSC** is working alongside **The Church in Need**, from 2012 to 2014 to help save children in the Sudan. There are envelopes at the rear of the church with all relevant information along with a re-useable container for donations. Any monies collected

can be handed over to any member of the KSC. Please take one if you are interested, Tel :- 01206- 795715.

## CHURCH CLEANING: Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January – Team 1

### LITURGY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]

January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012

<b>Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Mr & Mrs Milford RIP
<b>Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Bridget Frawley RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Simon Monk RIP
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Terry McGeary RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Rosa Foley RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15am</b>	Celestine Tighe RIP
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Intentions: Pauline Gilmore
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Len Prior RIP
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Francis de Sales, Bp</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Stephen Hilton RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:00 pm</b> SVP
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Ap</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> David Earles RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12 :15 pm</b> Special Intention [PMcE]
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ss Timothy and Titus, Bpp</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.15 am</b> Margaret Power RIP
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria [or St Angela Merici, V]</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Special Intention {LM}
<i>CGH</i>	<i>Chapel</i>	<b>12:00 pm</b> Mary Mooney RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Thomas Aquinas, Pr, D</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Intentions: Colin McGinley

### LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]

29<sup>th</sup> January 2012 [Homelessness Sunday]

<b>Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Margaret Ratcliffe RIP
<b>Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Selwyn Caldeira RIP
	<b>10:30am</b>	Tony Golding RIP
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Margaret Heaney RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Intentions: Mary Borg
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15am</b>	Edward Fitzgerald RIP

**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*  
**SCHOOLS** *St Thomas More* Head: Bridget Harris [865722]  
*St Benedict's* 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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