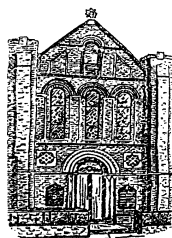


# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH

## MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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### THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [A]

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011

My dear friends,

During my recent Easter break, we travelled to Valladolid in northern Spain. There we visited the English College which was founded by the Spanish Royal Family during the time of the Reformation for the training of priests for mission in England. Priests from the College were among the English Martyrs. Today at Valladolid are students from all over the country who spend an introductory year in preparation for their training for the priesthood. Among them is Eamon Hyde who is very happy and sends his good wishes to his friends in Colchester. It was very appropriate to concelebrate Mass there last Sunday as we observed Vocations Sunday.

It is good to be back with you to continue our journey through the Easter Season. It is a special joy to celebrate the First Communion Masses for the next two weekends. Soon we will also celebrate the Confirmation of our young people. We pray for all our young as they make these important steps in their lives. May they, and all of us, put our faith in Jesus who reveals himself today in the Gospel as our Way, our Truth and our Life.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

#### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	11:30am	Social Committee Meeting	Hall
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:45pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Baptism Course [1 of 2]	Crypt

<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

**SICK:** Please remember in your prayers Sr. Mary Therese Bamford, May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Wendy Higgins, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Denis Nolan, Casiano Pasumbal, Leah Patterson, Patrick Quinlivan, Hector Silva, Andrew Southern, Ellen Woodley.

A MAY NOVENA TO OUR LADY will begin after this Sunday's 9.15 Mass at Mile End, and will continue with evening devotions there until Monday 30th May.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS TODAY:** At Mersea: Beth Fleetwood, Phoebe Richardson & Willa Rogers. At Priory Street: Yanira Allen-Mena, Jake Armstrong, Christopher Carnaffin, Katie Davies, Kelsey Davis, Clifford Fernandes, Savio Fernandes, Summer Finch, Alice Haigherty, Louisa Hayes, Maddie Himsworth, Niamh Hodgkinson, Simon Izbrecht, Alfie Kelway, Luke Ledwidge, Elly-Rose Mager, Joshua Mager, Ropafadzo Mugari, Mia Patterson, Joseph Paul, Katelin Quinn, Kane Smith, Tia Smith, Jessica Stebbing, Christopher Thompson, Princess Utti, Niamh Wallis, Katherine Zoltan. *Please remember in your prayers the children and their families in this celebration.*

**BAPTISM COURSE:** As already advertised over several weeks, the next Baptism Course begins this Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, at 7:30pm in the Crypt. The second and final session is next week, 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Both sessions must be attended.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Samuel Roulston who has recently died. His Requiem is here on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, at 1:30pm. May he rest in peace.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ANNUAL COLLECTION – TODAY:** The SVP help individuals and families in need in our Parish, visit the housebound and lonely, give to the homeless and, if needed, help to pay towards children going to SVP Summer Camp. Money is given to Third World Projects and to Worldwide Disasters. The Group raise funds by the box in the Church Porch, have fund raising activities, their own fortnightly giving and by this Annual Collection, which is their biggest source of income. Please help as much as you can. Thank you to Father Tony for allowing this collection.

**SVP SUMMER CAMP:** Just up the road at Aldham: Boys' weeks: 23-30 July; 30 July-6 Aug; 6-13 Aug. [Age 8-14]. Girls' week 13-20 Aug. [Age 9-12]. See Poster or

[www.svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk) ; [bookings@svpboscocamp.co.uk](mailto:bookings@svpboscocamp.co.uk)

Diana has a few booking forms in the Parish Office. Closing date – 1<sup>st</sup> July. It's fantastic fun! Ask my grandsons! D.

**REQUEST FOR A LIFT PLEASE** to Sunday 10:30 Mass for a lady who lives in the old Mersea Road area. If you can help, please contact the SVP on their dedicated mobile: 07939 086034.

**UCM:** Green Fingers Afternoon on Saturday 4th June, 2-4pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Lots of nature-themed activities for the children to make and do. £3.00 per child, £5.00 per family.

**THANK YOU TO THE UCM:** For their generous donation of £100 towards Church needs.

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR SICK & RETIRED CLERGY FUND:** Will be taken up on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**BCYS MASS & PICNIC: Saturday 11th June** - Starting with Mass at Midday - Our Lady of Good Counsel, London Road, Wickford, and it has the advantage of a good garden for a picnic [please bring your own] or a hall if the weather isn't on our side! If you have been involved with the BCYS at all, please come along for a fun day. Bring old photos, bring your friends and families. Any musicians or singers wishing to be involved with music for the Mass, please come along for a practice at 11am.

**PARISH BARBECUE: June 25<sup>th</sup>.** More information to follow. The next Social Committee Meeting takes place today after Mass at 10:30 in the Hall.

**CHILDCARE [BCCS]:** [1] Sponsored Walk by KSC. Will all sponsors ensure monies are paid to Ronnie Hammond AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Alternatively, put your money in an envelope through the Presbytery door, clearly labeled KSC WALK. [2] The Lenten Lunches raised approximately £140 and this has been sent to Childcare. Thank you to all who helped with fundraising.

**SECONDARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADVISER** required for September 2011: The person appointed will be a practising Catholic with appropriate professional qualifications and experience. Further details and application form available from : Director of Education, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road Brentwood Essex CM15 8AT. Tel. 01277 265284. Email: Mgr [GeorgeStokes@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:GeorgeStokes@dioceseofbrentwood.org) . Closing Date: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

**THANK YOU:** Many thanks to everyone who supported the quiz night last week. £331 was raised to help fund young people of the parish who are going to Lourdes with The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.

**CLEANING TEAM: May 26<sup>th</sup> – Team 4.**

**LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [A]  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

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*Mersea*

*Mile End*

*Monkwick*

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Hospital*

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

*West Mersea*

*Mile End*

*Monkwick*

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

**6:15 pm** Mary White RIP

**8:00 am** Annie and Michael O'Reilly RIP

**10:30 am** Baby Doris Murray RIP

**2:00 pm** FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS [1 of 2]

**6:30 pm** Intentions of Peter Clarke

**8:30 am** Jeffrey Cox RIP

**9:15 am** Fr Augustine White RIP [Nottingham]

**10:15 am** Parishioners

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*St Bede the Venerable*

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*St Philip Neri, Pr*

*Church*

*St Augustine of Canterbury, Bp*

*Church*

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**LITURGY FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [A]**

**29<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**6:15 pm** Christina Mooney RIP

**8:00 am** In Thanksgiving [Dwyer Family]

**10:30am** Jeffrey Cox RIP

**2:00 pm** FHC Mass [2 of 2]

**6:30 pm** Diane Steltzman RIP & her family

**8:30 am** Parishioners

**9:15 am** Private Intention

**10:15am** Holy Souls RIP

**Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm**

**Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter**

**At least six months notice is required**

**St Thomas More** Head: Bridget Harris

**St Benedict's**

Acting Head: Peter

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

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