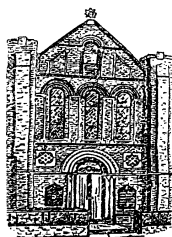


ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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175 YEARS ~ 1837 - 2012

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]
July 22nd 2012**

My Dear Friends

Passing through Stratford on the train recently, I was struck by the views on either side of the line. To the north, of course, has grown a whole Olympic complex ready to spring into action - we hope - this week. To the south there are the more distant towers in Docklands which strain upwards against gravity and then, as the train nears Liverpool Street station, the odd assortment of offices in various shapes, sizes and colours made possible by new technology. Both the financial centre and the sporting one try to provide an environment where competition is fair and allows the best to win. The financial centre of London is once again in crisis, this time over interest rate fixing, and of course performance-enhancing drugs are always a threat to the Olympic spirit. But we should remember that whenever our sense of fairness is outraged, it is a sign that there is deep within us the desire for justice. It isn't there by chance. It has been put there by a God who is Justice itself. Our sense of justice can be misguided by the weakness of our thinking or by sin. Still, it is a reminder that we compete in a stadium built by someone else: God. He provides the "rules and regulations". And the prize we aim for is above even the highest tower. Our inspiration is St Paul:

"... forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Php 3:13)

Fr Neil Brett

DAILY	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm Crypt [see below] Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm Crypt

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY Changes

Monday 23 rd	7:00pm	SVP Mass & District Meeting
Monday 23 rd	7:30pm	Mercy Associate Group
Wednesday 25 th	7pm	SVP Meeting Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Mrs Elizabeth Akpoyoware, June Bickersteth, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Tony White, Tim Young.

PRAYER GROUP: There will be no meeting this Monday, 23rd July.

HOSPITAL MASS: There will be no Hospital Mass this Friday 27th July

SVP MASS & DISTRICT MEETING: There will be a Mass for the work of SVP this Monday 23rd July at 7pm followed by the SVP district meeting in the crypt. The next regular meeting of the SVP will be this Wednesday 25th July.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rosalind Cheesman, sister of Valerie Thurston, Michelina Mussi who has died in Italy and Maureen Power, mother of Fr Eamonn Power. May they rest in peace. Holy Mass for Mrs Mussi at St James and St Helen will be at midday on Monday 30th July.

LUNCH-TIME ORGAN RECITAL: by Gian Vito Tannoia. Thursday 26th July 12:30 at Priory St. Finalist in International Organ Competitions in Prague and Dublin, Gian Vito is in the UK to play at Westminster Abbey and Oxford. He has agreed to give us a short impromptu recital.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: A collection for the work of CAFOD will take place this Sunday 22nd July. Next Sunday, 29th July – there will be a collection for Day for Life, which is celebrated yearly by the Church and dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. Proceeds assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

MERSEA NEWS: Our next coffee morning will be at the home of Margaret Brookes on 14th August, details to follow later.

MERCY ASSOCIATE GROUP: Will meet this Monday 23rd July at 7:30pm at Christ Church Court. 01206 763049 for more information.

CHAPLAINCY WORKER: St Benedict's Catholic College is seeking a practicing Catholic for this one-year post. 37 hours per week spanning 41 working weeks in the year. The actual salary range is: £15,009-£17,056. Application forms (which must be used) are available from Mrs Karen Gregory on 01206 549222 or admin@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk The closing date for applications is Tuesday 28th of August.

ST JOHN'S ABBEY GATEHOUSE: Will be open to visitors from 7th - 9th September as part of the English Heritage open day event. The gatehouse is all that remains of the Benedictine Abbey where Blessed John Beche was executed for his faith. Volunteers always needed to provide free tours, talks, and refreshments for the visitors. If you like history and feel you would like to get involved please either call 01206 679060 or leave your details at the church office. There will be a meeting for all those interested, in the crypt at 11.00 am on the 28th of July. We look forward to meeting you.

PARISH BARBEQUE: Saturday 18th August 3 – 5pm: the feast of St Helen.

PAN-AFRICAN ANNUAL MASS: 16th September 2012 at St George's Catholic Church Walthamstow, followed by a reception. Celebrant will be Bishop Alan Hopes. Various African choirs from Congo, Ghana, Uganda, Zambia, Nigeria and Zimbabwe will be in attendance. All our welcome.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS [YCA] - NATIONAL WEEKEND AT DOUAI ABBEY: September 14-16th 2012. The Retreat will be led by Fr de Malleray [FSSP] and run by YCA with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge. For full information visit www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP: Friday 3rd August. Open to all men and women aged 17 – 30. If you are reflecting on where and who God is calling you to be and you want gentle company and conversation with others. Guided by Fr Dominic Howarth and Sr Anne Spielberg OSU. Includes a fish and chip supper, and a time of quiet prayer and Adoration, as well as a chance for discussion and questions. For full details, contact frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org or call 01268 281732.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Thank you for all who supported the Walk for BCCS. All Sponsor Money needs to be collected. Please put in an Envelope with KSC BCCS Walk written on it and place in collection basket or to any member of the KSC. Thank you.

MASS FOR THE OLYMPICS: There will be a Mass of celebration in honour of the 30th Olympic Games on Saturday 28th July at 2:30pm at Westminster Cathedral. Celebrant will be Archbishop Vincent Nichols in the presence of Apostolic Nuncio to the Court of St James, the Most Reverend Excellency Antonio Mennini. Seats are unreserved. For more information see www.catholic2012.com or contact frank-vanvelzen@anchorhouseuk.org 07519 928 311

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 26th July – Team 3D.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

July 22nd 2012

Saturday July 21st 6:15 pm Joe Mooney RIP
Sunday July 22nd 8:00 am Canon T W Clarke & Family RIP
 10:30 am Mr K T George RIP
 6:30 pm Margaret Power RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am Parishioners
Mile End 9:15 am Anna Mele RIP
Monkwick 10:15 am Joan Boyden RIP [GM]

Monday 23rd

ST BRIGID OF SWEDEN

Church 7:30 am Helen & Martin Lydon RIP
Church 9:15 am Dr E P Solomon RIP
NB *Church* 7:00 pm Ints: Work of the SVP Society

Tuesday 24th

Feria

Church 9:15 am Canon Thomas Clarke RIP

Wednesday 25th

ST JAMES

Church 7:30 am Intentions: Gary & Family
Church 12:15 pm Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Thursday 26th

Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM

Church 9:15 am John & Julie O'Connor RIP

Friday 27th

Feria

Church 9:15 am John Lorimer RIP
Church 6:30 pm Mrs Rice RIP

Saturday 28th

Feria

Church 9:15 am Basil Carrasco RIP

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – DAY FOR LIFE

29th July 2012

Saturday July 28th 6:15 pm Margaret O'Driscoll RIP
Mile End 6:00 pm **KERALA MASS**
Sunday July 29th 8:00 am Phil Treby RIP
 10:30 am Colin Taylor RIP
 6:30 pm Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am Parishioners
Mile End 9:15 am Alfredo Sagnella RIP
Monkwick 10:15 am In Thanksgiving

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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