

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]**  
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My Dear friends

On the Sunday after I returned from holiday (10<sup>th</sup> August), I spoke about the plight of the persecuted Christians in Northern Iraq, who were being attacked by IS (Islamic State). The Catholic Patriarch of that region asked for the prayers of the church on that day. Since then, the crisis in that region has been the main item of news every single day and is a major concern of world governments. It has been suggested that we have a collection to be sent via our friends in Aid to the Church in Need to go directly to help the refugees in Iraq and also those who are still suffering after the troubles in Gaza. This collection will take place next weekend – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September.

We are looking forward to celebrating the Golden Jubilee of St Theodore's Church in Monkwick on the Feast Day of St Theodore; Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be Mass there at 7:30pm – to which several former priests of the parish have been invited. Everyone from the parish as a whole is welcome to join in this Mass and the celebration afterwards. This church was opened in 1964 and given the title St Theodore of Canterbury by Bishop Wall. St Theodore was the most influential of the Archbishops of Canterbury in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. He was a native of Tarsus and was sent quite late in life (aged 66) by the then Pope, Vitalian; and for the next 20 years, worked tirelessly to organise the church into different dioceses, held Synods and had a great influence on learning and spirituality. A new icon of St Theodore will be blessed on that day for the church.

May God bless you all

Fr Tony

*Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes*

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 7:45pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Wladyslaw Antończak, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Marie Lyons, Pat Maloney, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, , Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND:** This weekend we welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism; Roxanne Aldrich, Annabelle Baker, Luca Carnevale. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED?** The next Baptism course will be Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 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]

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray from the repose of the soul of Angela Udall, Fr Andrew Hurley (former parish priest of Ongar) and Colleen Mercas. Angela's Requiem Mass will be this Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30am Priory St. Colleen's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 12:15pm Priory St. May they rest in peace.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Nicola and Paul Courtney who were married at Priory St on Saturday.

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY: This Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August.** Mass will be at 8am and 10am.

**KSC MASS:** The next KSC Mass will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7:45pm Priory St. The Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Ron Wheeler and all deceased members of the KSC. All our welcome.

**APPEAL FOR CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ AND GAZA:** On Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> September there will be a second collection, through Aid to the Church In Need, for the persecuted Christians in Iraq and Gaza. We are shocked at their plight with so many homeless, suffering and in dire need. We feel helpless in the face of so much evil and, although we have been praying for them, Aid to the Church in Need are on the ground in Iraq and Gaza supporting our fellow Christians in their need. Anything we

can give financially will help them in their work. Please give generously to those who have lost everything. Keep your-self up date by visiting [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org)

**SCRIPTURE GROUP:** Will re-start on Wednesdays from September 10<sup>th</sup> 6:45 – 8:45pm in the crypt. Meets most weeks (please keep an eye on the newsletter for breaks). It will begin with the study of the first five books of the Bible - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, which introduces us to the foundation of our own Christian Faith. Why not take this opportunity to enrich your faith?

**SVP:** Next meeting will be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. **REGIONAL MEETING:** Will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September with Mass at 7pm followed by a meeting afterwards.

**MISSIO TODAY:** magazines for Autumn 2014 are available at the back of the church. Parishioners, Red Box holders and others are invited to take a free copy. If you wish to become a Missio Red Box holder, contact Ron Griffin 01206 571 590.

**HELP GOVERNMENT UNDERSTAND ISSUES THAT CHRISTIANS FACE:** The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has launched a call for evidence as part of a major research project concerned with freedom of religion and belief in the UK. They want to hear how religion or belief (or that of other people) has affected experiences in the workplace and in using the services and facilities needed in everyday life. You can help the EHRC better understand the issues involved in protecting freedom of religion and belief. The research will inform future advice to employers and government. So please participate if you can. The EHRC is seeking information about actual experiences since 2010 rather than general opinions or viewpoints. However, these experiences could include occasions where you have 'self-censored' (e.g. kept quiet or changed job) because of concerns about how you would be treated as a result of your Christian identity. It is important that the EHRC builds an accurate picture of both current challenges and good practice. You can find details at: [www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/our-work/key-projects/religion-or-belief-tell-us-about-your-experiences](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/our-work/key-projects/religion-or-belief-tell-us-about-your-experiences) where you can respond on line. If you prefer, Fr. Neil can help you by printing out the form for sending off by October.

**PRIORY ST FLOWERS:** We are very fortunate at Priory St to enjoy some wonderful flower displays all year round (except Lent and Advent of course!) and to have a hard working team to prepare them. We are also fortunate in the annual donations that we receive towards them. However, the reality is that it costs over £1,500 a year to provide flowers and only half of this is paid for by the annual collections at Easter and Christmas. We are using flowers more and more at major church feasts such as Corpus Christi – to great effect, but with increasingly less funds to pay for them. We are sure that everyone enjoys the displays; please consider how we can support this into the future. There is a flower box in the porch for regular donations.

**PARISH BBQ:** Our parish BBQ raised £587.52. Many thanks to all those who supported this very enjoyable event. Thank you to the organisers and the cooks. Thanks to Frances, Nora, Armando and Amy, Marie, Juan. Not forgetting Ronnie H who ensured there were pretty flowers in the courtyard.

**RIDE AND STRIDE:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Cycling or walking between as many local churches or chapels as you can, raising money for our church funds (half to us and half to "Friends of Essex Churches Trust"). Sponsor forms and a list of participating churches & chapels are at the back of church. For more details visit [www.foect.org.uk/rideandstride/](http://www.foect.org.uk/rideandstride/) or contact Helena Gibson 794636.

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Team 5**

## **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A] – 24<sup>th</sup> August**

<b>Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Lyn & Richard Cooke RIP
<b>Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	D/Rels: O'Grady Family
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Raymond Banks RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Alfred Oliver RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Kevin Doyle RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	David Finnegan RIP

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<b>NB Church</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Monika Hickmott RIP
	<b>NB Church</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> Vivienne Andrews RIP

<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<b>Church</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> Anna Norfolk RIP

<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Monica</b>	
	<b>Church</b>	<b>7:30 am</b> Jacinta McMahon RIP
	<b>Church</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b> Sheila Allen RIP

<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Augustine, Bp, D</b>	
	<b>Church</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> Fr Andrew Hurley RIP
	<b>Church</b>	<b>10:30 am</b> <b>REQUIEM MASS – Angela Udall RIP</b>

<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Passion of St John the Baptist</b>	
	<b>Church</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> Henry & Mary Lazell RIP
		<b>12:00 pm</b> <b>HOSPITAL MASS - Sandra Manning RIP</b>
	<b>Church</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Marian Brett

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<b>Church</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

## **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A] – 31<sup>st</sup> August**

<b>Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Anna Norfolk RIP [MW]
<b>Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Joseph & Raymond Horeau RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Ints: Sykes Family
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Margaret Warren RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Michael Byrnes RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Joan Norman 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*

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