

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (Solemnity)

24th November 2013 - (Youth Day)

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My dear friends

We celebrate the feast of Jesus Christ, the Universal King, and bring to a conclusion this liturgical year. It has also been designated a Year of Faith for the whole church. We hope that during this year, we have grown in the knowledge and love of Christ Jesus, the Redeemer of mankind "leader and perfecter of faith" (Heb 12:2).

Today we also observe National Youth Sunday and celebrate the important role of our young people in the Church of today and tomorrow. We welcome our Confirmation candidates, who are to be enrolled at the 10:30am Mass today.

Today there will be a retiring collection towards the work of our Diocesan Youth Service. Katie Porter, one of our young parishioners, will speak about this after the 10:30am Mass.

As we go to press, I am looking forward to the Christmas Fayre at Mersea on Saturday. Next weekend is our Christmas Market on Friday evening the 29th and Saturday November 30th from 10am onwards. Please, come along and support the Market, even if only to have a cup of tea and encourage those who put so much work into setting up the stalls and refreshments. Have another go on the Christmas Draw, which will take place at the end of the Market.

SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE: You may have heard that there is to be a Synod of Bishops on the subject of Marriage and Family Life in the context of evangelisation. Each diocese has been asked to canvas the opinions of parishioners at the grass roots to help the bishops in their deliberations. You

can access the questionnaire on this website

www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014.

You can take part by expressing your opinion on any of the questions that are there. We are asked to do this within the next week or so. If you have any queries, please speak to me.

May God bless you all

Fr Tony McKentey

CHRISTMAS MARKET & CABARET SUPPER: Friday evening November 29th from 6pm (free entry) for the stalls. Fish and Chip Supper and Cabaret from 7:30pm – 10:30pm. Tickets needed for this - £10, children 5-12yrs £5. Glass of wine or soft drink included. Tickets in advance from Francis T: 369 568 and Norah T:503410. Tickets will also be on sale after each Mass this weekend. **CHRISTMAS MARKET:** Saturday 30th November – Free Entry from 10am. Visit Santa's grotto, many exciting stalls and All Day breakfasts available.

This is the final appeal for gifts. Donations of wines, spirits, beer, soft drinks, unwanted gifts, toiletries, cans of food / drink, cakes, biscuits, chocolates etc still needed.

CHRISTMAS DRAW TICKETS: Stubs and money need to be returned **by this weekend**. Donations for the prizes would be greatly appreciated.

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 8pm	
Crypt			
MEDITATION GROUP:		Tuesdays at 8pm	
Crypt			

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Emma Cooper, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Amy Daggitt, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Christine Farrell, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Piotr Ploskonka, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Teddy O'Sullivan. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

DIARIES FOR 2014: Now available from the repository – priced £1.95 and £3.45

SECOND COLLECTIONS: The collection for the Philippines has raised over

£1,500 so far. Thank you for your generosity. There will be collection for National Youth Sunday this weekend 23 / 24th November. On 7th / 8th December there will be a collection for the Christmas flowers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in 2014, the parents meetings will be on Thursday December 5th and 12th at 7:30pm in the Crypt. Both sessions must be attended. This is for children presently in Year 3 and upwards and who belong to this parish. Information packs will be available after Masses last two weekends in November.

KERALA MASS: Our next Kerala mass will be on 30th November at 6pm, we will be reciting the Rosary before the mass at 5.30pm.

ROSARY THIS SUNDAY: Will be at 5:30pm and not 3pm.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT: Available for £1

UCM CHRISTMAS CRAFTS: 1pm to 3pm, Sunday 8th December, Cardinal Bourne Hall, Hot dogs and soup served from 12.45pm. Make a nativity scene, reindeer food, table and tree decorations, letter to Santa and a special guest appearance! £3 per child, £5 per family.

DIOCESAN ADVENT CELEBRATION: Advent is solemnly inaugurated with Vespers on the 1st Sunday of Advent - 1st December at 4pm in our Cathedral of St Mary and St Helen Brentwood. We were asked to provide one of the readers, and Valerie Quinlivan is representing us. All our welcome to attend this very special celebration.

WE WELCOME this weekend Br. Cyprian Bampton OSB from Pluscarden Abbey near Elgin. He is here to celebrate his parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary. Congratulations! Benedictine hospitality is, of course, renowned so perhaps this connection might encourage you to make a retreat at this medieval monastery. More details at: <http://www.pluscardenabbey.org>

THE CATHOLIC HERITAGE GROUP - PRAYERS ON THE FEAST OF BLESSED JOHN BECHE: There will be prayers said by our group at the Gatehouse on the anniversary of his martyrdom at 2.00pm on December 1st. Please join us if you are free.

LECTIO DIVINA: Open your hearts to the Word of God this Advent, in preparation for Christmas. Lectio Divina, Holy Reading, is all about prayer not study. We shall be preparing for the Sunday readings each Saturday from 30th November at 4.45pm in the Crypt. Info Valerie Q. T:621196.

St Thomas More's Primary School 2014-15 Intake: Any parent wishing to apply for a place at St Thomas More's School must complete a Supplementary Information Form in addition to the Local Authority application form. Forms are available to download on the school's website www.stthomasmores.co.uk or by contacting the office on 01206 865722.

THE RATZINGER READER: The Ratzinger Reader. Volume 3 Jesus of Nazareth: the Infancy Narratives. Continues 24th Nov; 1st, 8th and 15th of Dec at 8:00pm in the Crypt.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 28th November – Team 1.

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Saturday November 23rd	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs Milford & Lionel Wright RIP
Sunday November 24th	8:00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas R
	10:30 am	Mrs Aleykutty George RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	4:00 pm	FILIPINO MASS
	NB 5:30 pm	ROSARY
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP (Nov)
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Elizabeth & Mike Fleetwood RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Alphonse Knapp RIP [JS]
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joan Norman RIP [R&MG]
Monday 25th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Holy Souls RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am D/Rels: O'Reilly Family
Tuesday 26th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Ron Wheeler RIP [R&MG]
Wednesday 27th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Martin Furlong RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm D/Rels: Brogan / Owens Families & Deceased Brentwood Clergy
Thursday 28th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Holy Souls RIP (Nov)
Friday 29th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Basil & Hilda Beesley RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12:00 pm HOSPITAL MASS – Holy Souls (Nov)
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Ints: Maureen McCarthy
Saturday 30th	ST ANDREW, Ap, Patron of Scotland - Feast	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Selwyn Caldeira RIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) - 1st December 2013

Saturday November 30th	Mile End	6:00 pm	KERALA MASS
		6:15 pm	Ron Wheeler RIP [R&AK]
Sunday December 1st		8:00 am	Wilbur & Muriel MacDonald RIP
		10:30 am	Ints: People of Nigeria
		2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
		6:30 pm	Frederick & Eileen Fordham RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>		8:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>		9:15 am	Michael & Bridget Brady RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>		10:15 am	Joan Norman RIP [GM]

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm
Cardinal Bourne Hall cb.hall@btinternet.com
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