

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] - 25th August 2013

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My dear friends

You will see from the newsletter, as we approach the month of September many new pastoral events start up again after the August recess.

On Saturday 21st September at Brentwood Cathedral, Bishop Thomas will preside at a **Mass in Celebration of Marriage and Family**. This special Mass is to recognise and celebrate the vocation of marriage and the joy of family life. The Mass will take place at 3:30pm and will be followed by a reception in the Cathedral Parish Hall. They will need to know couples and families attending, so there are invitation cards available today with an RSVP section for you to return to the diocese if you are planning to attend. This is particularly appropriate for couples celebrating special anniversaries such as First, Tenth, Silver, Ruby and Gold. There will be an opportunity for them and all married couples to renew their commitment during Mass. All replies need to be back with the diocese by Friday 6th September; please return in the envelope provided.

God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

QUESTIONS ON LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH? : You are warmly invited to attend an evening to ask questions on living the Catholic faith, being held during the Year of Faith, on Thursday 19 September 2013 at Priory St from 7.30 pm. Your questions can be on moral issues, Catholic Social Teaching, theology, scripture, the church's history, the church in today's world or any question you

have always wanted to find the answer to.....Our experienced panel members will help you! Further details from the Commission for Evangelisation and Formation on 01277 265289 or cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Stanley Crane, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Alphonse Knapp, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, The Sharfraie Family, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White, Dorsey Young.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday 6th and 13th September 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 for the repose of the soul of Richard Cox and Ethel Rodwell; may they rest in peace. Ethel Rodwell's funeral service will be at 11am on Friday 30th August at St Cedd and St Gregory Mersea. Richard Cox's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 20th September at Priory St.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY: This coming **Monday 26th August**. Masses will be at **8am and 10am**.

FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER: There will be **no 6:30pm Mass**.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The first meeting of the new council will be on Thursday 5th September at 7:30pm in the crypt

MERSEA NEWS: Many thanks to Anne Marie Jacobs for hosting our August coffee morning, the weather was again very pleasant. Our next date is September 10th details to follow.

MONKWICK NEWS: Thanks to all those who supported our last Coffee Morning. The next date for your diary is August 31st, between 10am and 12pm, and will be hosted by Grace McCartney, 20a, Buxton Road.

INVOCATION FESTIVAL 2013: St Chad's Cathedral Birmingham. Saturday 12th October. For anyone 17-30 wanting to discern their future – what God wants them to be. Bishop Mark Davies will preach at the Mass and the main speaker will be Fr. Glen Sudano, founding member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal,

straight from Nicaragua. £10 with transport available. Contact Fr. Tony or Fr. Neil or email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org.

PRIORY STREAT THEATRE GROUP: presents "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Operatic Society's Production of the Mikado". In the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, on Friday and Saturday 6th & 7th September 2013. Doors open 7.00 pm. Starts 7.30 pm. Tickets £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children and concessions. Enjoy the music of Gilbert and Sullivan but with lots of comedy. For more information contact Lesley on 01206 512310.

MAGNIFICAT: September edition now available. Priced £4.

ST HELENA HOSPICE: The Hospice are extending their bereavement services to offer support to all newly bereaved families or individuals in North East Essex. This means that 27 new volunteers are needed. Bereavement support to relatives and friends of the deceased will be by telephone contact and / or visiting at home (or agreed location). Full training will be given. For more information or for an application, visit www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/get-involved or call Phyllis Howell on 01255 221222

CHRISTMAS MARKET: 29th and 30th November. *Important message from Frances, Norah, Armando & Amy (Social group Members):* Dear Parishioners, due to changing health needs and advancing years, we have lost many of our active social group members. Those of us who are left are asking you to join us in planning and organising this year's Christmas Market. As this is the main parish fundraising event of the year it is important that we help and support it, so that any monies raised will assist in covering the parish overheads for this financial year. You are welcome to join us as individuals, families, parish groups etc at a planning meeting on Sunday 15th September after evening Mass in the crypt. All ages, skills, talents and ideas most welcome – Thank you.

SIGNED MASS: The Diocesan Deaf Service is celebrating a Signed Mass at Priory St on September 15th at 6.30pm. Fr David Clemens will lead the celebration and people who are deaf will sign the readings. All are welcome, hearing, hard of hearing and deaf. For more information contact Sister Margaret Duffy, Brentwood Diocesan Pastoral Deaf Service 803 Chigwell Road, Woodford Bridge, Essex IG8 8AU.
T: 020 8504 0406 M: 07989129091 E: bpds@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THE MONDAY MATINÉE: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Following Karol and then The Scarlet and the Black last week, this DVD will be shown on this Monday 26th August starting after Mass at 10:30 in the crypt. Follow the story of how one nun in Calcutta set out to save the poorest of the poor. Note the later time. It is marked PG (Parental Guidance). Popcorn for the interval!

VSO FUNDRAISING UPDATE: A sum of £176.66 was raised by the Charity "50p to £5 Sale" held in Cardinal Bourne Hall on Sat 27th July. Many, many thanks to those who organised and ran it, as well as to all those who attended and contributed. Also, a huge THANK YOU to all those parishioners who were unable to attend the fundraising events, but have still donated for this worthy cause.

HERITAGE WEEKEND 13th - 15th September: If you would like to get involved with the English Heritage weekend in September either here in Priory Street or at the Gatehouse you would be very welcome. There is quite an extensive and interesting programme planned. For more details please contact Jennie on 01206 679060 or leave your details with the Parish office.

DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION: The Knights of St Columba are holding a

day of prayer and reflection at Clare Priory, Nr Cavendish Suffolk on Saturday 14th September. Mass at 10.00am followed by talks and discussions. Conclusion is 4.30pm approx. Own transport required. £12 per head - all monies go straight to the Priory. You may also like to bring a packed lunch. Please phone: Justin Nathan 01206 241317 or 07845 392684. Gary Hull 01206 530863 or Ron 01206 795715

CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 31st August – Team 6.

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Saturday August 24th	6:15 pm	Lynn & Richard Cooke RIP
Sunday August 25th	8:00 am	D/Rels: O'Grady Family
	10:30 am	Kitty Foley RIP [PG]
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	In thanksgiving
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	D/Rels: Ashmore & Rafferty Families
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	A Mele RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Parishioners
Monday 26th	Feria	
	NB Church 8:00 am	Ints: Caroline Gitonga & Gareth Copping
	NB Church 10:00 am	Kitty Foley RIP
Tuesday 27th	St Monica	
	Church 9:15 am	Margaret McCormick RIP [BR]
Wednesday 28th	St Augustine. Bp, D	
	Church 7:30 am	Ints: Tony White [TW]
	Church 12:15 pm	Sister Angela Fernandes RIP
Thursday 29th	The Passion of St John the Baptist	
	Church 9:15 am	Private Intention
Friday 30th	Feria	
	Church 9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP [F&JG]
<i>West Mersea</i>	11:00am	FUNERAL SERVICE – Ethel Rodwell RIP
	12:00pm	HOSPITAL MASS
Saturday 31st	Feria	
	Church 9:15 am	Cecily Sim RIP

TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] - 1st September 2013

Saturday August 31st	6:15 pm	John Higgins RIP & Michael Murphy RIP
Sunday September 1st	8:00 am	Marco Bertoni
	10:30 am	D/Rels: Allard Family
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	D/Rels: Mathew Family
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Edward Hogan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Ints: Catherine Spicer & Tony Hawken 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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