

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

September 25th 2011

TODAY'S LITURGY

The parable of the two sons was addressed to the chief priests and elders of the people. Its purpose was to defend Jesus' invitation of sinners and outcasts to the Kingdom, in the face of the sneers of the religious establishment. The parable outraged the religious people.

The first son represents sinners. Like him they originally chose to go their own way but then repented and took God's way, and so gained entry into the Kingdom. The second son represents the chief priests and elders. Like him they promised to work for God but failed to do so, and so have excluded themselves from the Kingdom. Repentance is a necessary disposition for entry into the Kingdom. The theme of sin and repentance is also dealt with in the First Reading.

The parable also echoes a favourite theme of Matthew: the split in the religious person between saying and doing. Hence, its relevance for "religious" people in every age.

DAILY Morning Prayer 8.15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8.35am (Wed 11.15am)
PRAYER GROUP Monday, 26th September, at 8pm See below
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt

EVENTS THIS WEEK - Please check Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 25 th September	7:45pm	Evangelium	See below
Monday 26 th	7pm	SVP Mass	
	7:30pm	SVP District Meeting	Crypt Church
	8pm	Prayer Group	Crypt Church
Wednesday 28 th	6:45-8:45pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
Thursday 29 th	7:30pm	RCIA	See below
Friday 30 th	12 noon	Mass	Colchester Hospital Chapel
"	7:30pm	Baptism Course [2 of 2]	Crypt

SICK: Please remember in your prayers June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Casiano Pasumbal, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva,

BAPTISMS : **Angela Goodluck.** God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

SECOND COLLECTION: As mentioned, there will be a second collection today after all Masses for our Parish Development Fund.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: Meeting today in the Cardinal Bourne Hall after the 10:30 Mass.

EVANGELIUM is a course to fill in the gaps in our knowledge of the Faith. It is based on the Catechism and utilises religious art to develop the themes. It will last until May with convenient breaks, 25 modules in all. The first session will start *this evening in the Crypt after Mass.*

SCRIPTURE GROUP: Meets on Wednesday, 28th September, in the Crypt 6:45 – 8:45pm. Text for study: The Gospel according to John.

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP: are holding auditions for their pantomime on Wednesday, 28th September, in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street at 7.30 pm. Why not come and join us we need people on stage and off. Minimum age 13 years. For more information please contact Lesley on 01206 512310.

A JOURNEY IN FAITH [RCIA]; Recommences on Thursday, September 29th, for those thinking about becoming a Catholic or wishing to find out more about the Catholic Faith. Starting at 7:30pm in the Crypt.

HEALING MASS at Abbotswick on Wednesday, 5th October at 2.30pm celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power. For further information or travel directions visit www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER: The Knights of St Columba will be saying the Rosary in the month of October :- 4th at Priory Street 7.30pm and 11th after Mass at 7.30pm for Simon Chaplin RIP; 18th at 7:30pm at St Teresa's, Lexden; 30th at Greenstead – Holy Hour 7:30pm. Date awaited from the Sisters at Greenstead.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA – ANNUAL LECTURE: On Wednesday, 5th October, 8pm, at St Augustine of Canterbury, Springfield. Speaker: Sr Margaret Gallagher from the Medaille Trust who work with “trafficked” people, [particularly women] and which is particularly associated with major sporting events. As the “Olympic Diocese” this will be of concern next year. *“The trade in human persons constitutes a shocking offence against human dignity and a grave violation of fundamental human rights.”* John Paul II.

ST JOHN PAYNE ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION, Saturday October 1st in SJP Hall, Greenstead. Open from 10am - 4pm. Admission free: tea and coffee served all day and that's free too, although donations very welcome.

FUN QUIZ AT ST JOHN PAYNE, Thursday 6th October from 7.30pm. Tickets £5, including buffet. Tickets available from David Bates 01206 863067 or Gene 07939086034, or on the night. Bring your own drinks, glasses will be provided and soft drinks will be available. Raffle too.

APPOINTMENTS re PRIEST REFERENCE FORMS FOR ST BENEDICT'S:

If you have a child who **DOES NOT** attend St Thomas More School, an appointment will need to be made with Fr Tony on **Friday 14th October and Friday, 21st October, both dates between 4-6pm.** Please ring the Parish Office on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday to book your appointment.

FRIENDS OF PERU – QUIZ/CURRY EVENING: On Saturday October 15th in the Cardinal Bourne Hall at 7:30pm. after Mass. Tickets cost £6 per head and for more details, contact Nora on 503410; Helen 867707.

YOUTH GATHER 15th-16th October - Year 9+: A weekend of interesting speakers, outdoor activities, art, drama, music and a wonderful opportunity to make new friends. At Essex County Council's Outdoor Activity Centre in Mersea. The cost of this trip is £65 (£50 if you are using your own transport). Forms are available at www.bcys.net or by calling 01277 265286. *“Get them in quick as cabin space is limited”.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY : During the 10:30am Mass children are offered their own liturgy sessions for both pre-school and school age children to Year 3. We are reviewing these offerings and are reliant on parent volunteers - if you have comments or an offer of help please see Hywel Edwards, Angela Millward or Emily Zepeda after 10:30am Mass. Thank you.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who signed up to help with the Church Cleaning. I am doing up a new rota and will arrange a meeting so I can tell you where things are kept etc., Helena – 01206 794636.

EXISTING CLEANING ROTA: Thursday 29th September – Team 2.

**LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]
September 25th 2011**

Saturday September 24th 6:15 pm James Holden RIP
Sunday September 25th 8:00 am Intentions: Louisa Fabi
 10:30 am Maureen McVann RIP
 6:30 pm Parishioners

Mersea 8:30 am Monica Banks RIP
Mile End 9:15 am Chris Barrell RIP & Bob McLaren RIP
Monkwick 10:15 am May Banks RIP [JN]
Monday 26th

Feria
Church 7:30 am Miguel Miranda RIP
Church 9:15 am Phyllis, Cora and Deirdre RIP
Church 7:00 pm SVP Mass

Tuesday 27th **St Vincent de Paul, Pr**
Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP
Church 11:45 am **REQUIEM – SIMON CHAPLIN RIP**

Wednesday 28th **Feria**
Church 7:30 am Helen and Martin Lydon RIP
Church 9:15 am Mairo Delmaestro RIP
Thursday 29th **SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS**
Church 9:15am Alan Smith RIP [O&BH]

Friday 30th **St Jerome, Pr, D**
Church 9:15 am Mr P J Anthonise RIP
C G H **Chapel** 12:00 pm Intentions: Lisa Hogbin
Church 6:30 pm Ellen Woodley RIP

Saturday October 1st **St Teresa of the Child Jesus [Lisieux], V, Rel, D**
Church 9:15 am Denis Wood RIP

**LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]
October 2nd 2011**

Saturday October 1st 6:15 pm Mary Buddo RIP
Sunday October 2nd 8:00 am Christopher Barrell RIP [A]
 10:30 am Allard Family RIP
 6:30 pm Special Intention [JH]
West Mersea 8:30 am Parishioners
Mile End 9:15 am Michael Stammers RIP
Monkwick 10:15am Alan Smith RIP [PC]

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**
SCHOOLS **St Thomas More** Head: Bridget Harris [865722]
St Benedict's Acting: Head: Peter Johnson [549222]
www.marriagecare.org.uk or 0800 389 3801. www.brentwoodvocations.org

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