

# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

175 YEARS ~ 1837 - 2012

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]**  
**August 26<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Our Bishop Thomas writes:

**The Olympic Games** have obviously had a unique place in the life of our country this summer and the same is equally true for our Diocese. I have twice visited Stratford – the host parish for the Olympic Park – for special Masses: one during the Games themselves and a delightful Parish occasion on the day of their closing. I also visited St Bonaventure's where the Joshua Camp was based. This was a group of young people from all over Europe whose role was to visit the Games venues to both support and evangelise those attending. These spiritual aspects to the Games have been a vital part of the overall celebration. So I would like to offer special thanks to Mgr John Armitage and to Mr James Parker who have worked selflessly and generously over the last three years. Also to the Friars and Parish Community in Stratford for the indispensable part they played. Chaplaincy was generously provided and we thank all our Diocesan priests who took on this role. Hospitality formed a very special part of the Games and we are particularly grateful to the Ursulines and to St Anthony's Forest Gate for generously receiving people in this way. There was also great preparation with Schools in Newham Deanery. I would also like to recognise with gratitude the constant Prayer and Adoration throughout the Games and for the close working with other Churches and Faiths, all of which contributed to the spirit and success of the Games as a whole. We are all mindful that the Paralympics start on the 29<sup>th</sup> August and will very much keep in thought and prayer all involved. You and your parishioners can attend a special Mass of Thanksgiving in St Georges Cathedral Southwark on 8<sup>th</sup> September at 12:30pm which I shall be attending and is organised by the Dioceses of

Westminster, Southwark and Brentwood.

Signed: Thomas, Bishop of Brentwood

*Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes*

<b>DAILY</b>	<b>Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am</b>
<b>PRAYER GROUP:</b>	<b>Mondays at 8pm</b>
<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b>	<b>Tuesdays at 8pm</b>

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**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, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Fr Conrad Smith, Maria Soutar, Catherine Spicer, Filomena Velasquez, Tony White.

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Maisie Maguire and Aoife Whiteside.** God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Tiffany and Conan Mulvey**, who were married at Priory St on Friday and **Sinaid & Stewart Burgoyne** who were married at Priory St this Saturday.

**PRAYER GROUP:** There will be no meeting this Monday 27<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAYERS ARE ASKED:** For Paolo Saunders who has gone missing in Italy.

**HOSPITAL MASS:** There will be Mass celebrated at Colchester General Hospital on Friday 31<sup>st</sup>. The chapel is on the first floor next to Wivenhoe ward.

**CATHCOM REACH:** Newspaper especially for families. Price 50p. Copies available from the back of church.

**MAGNIFICAT:** The Magnificat is a beautifully produced pocket-sized devotional companion, which is published monthly and has over 400 pages of carefully arranged thoughts, prayers and readings. Copies are available at £4.00.

**KSC MASS:** There will be a KSC Mass in memory of Simon Chaplin our youngest member who died last year and for all deceased members of the council since 1934 on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm Priory St. All are welcome.

**MERSEA NEWS:** Many thanks to Margaret Brookes for hosting our August coffee morning, at long last the weather was good. Our September coffee morning will be at the home of Pauline Aspinall; details to follow later.

**CHEESE & WINE EVENING:** will be hosted by Ron & Margaret Wheeler on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm onwards at 27 Cottage Drive Colchester. Cost is £6 which includes 1<sup>st</sup> glass of wine. Proceeds to parish funds. It is helpful to know how many would be coming. Please contact Ron & Margaret on 797850 or Bernie on 549524 to book.

**PARISH BARBEQUE:** Raised £473.60 for parish funds and over 100 people attended. Many thanks to all those who contributed or helped in anyway to make this such a success.

**RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK:** on Bank Holiday Monday, 27 August in Clitheroe, Lancs. in memory of the foundress Phyllis Bowman DSG (1926-2012). All money pledged / received will sponsor Jim Dobbin MP, chairperson of the All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group and be applied to campaigning and raising public awareness of issues involving the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Please fill in the sponsor forms at the back of churches. Money will be collected in September.

**RIDE AND STRIDE:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. There's still time to be sponsored for this event – cycling or walking between as many local churches or chapels as you can, raising money for your church funds (half to us and half to "Friends of Essex Churches Trust"). Sponsor form and a list of participating churches & chapels from John Dolamore, 765417.

**PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP:** presents 'West End Hits'. Come and enjoy the music from Le Miserables, Jesus Christ Super Star, Wicked and Cats in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street. Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Tickets £5.00 and £2.50 for children and concessions. For more information please contact Lesley 01206 512310.

**IN ANTICIPATION OF THE YEAR OF FAITH - NEWMAN'S OXFORD:** On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of September at 7.30pm there will be an introduction to Newman's life and work in preparation for a trip to Oxford on Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> when we will visit some of the places which are closely associated with him. These will include St Mary's (subject to restoration work) where he became vicar in 1828, and Littlemore, where he was received into the Church in 1845. Further details available from Fr Neil.

**HERITAGE WEEKEND: 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September.** Volunteers needed at the church and St Johns Abbey Gatehouse to greet, talk and tour with the visitors. Assistance to serve refreshments in the crypt at church (Saturday only) also required. Leave details at the church office or tel: 01206 679 060

**A MASS OF THANKSGIVING:** in honour of the XIV Summer Paralympic Games on Saturday 8 September at 12:30 pm at St George's Cathedral, Southwark in the presence of The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. For more information 07519 928311 or [frank-vanvelzen@anchorhouseuk.org](mailto:frank-vanvelzen@anchorhouseuk.org).

**HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS:** Will be holding a processional prayer vigil led by Bp Thomas at the Marie Stopes abortion facility, Buckhurst Hill on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Event will start at 9am with Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury, Woodford Green with procession to the abortion centre proceeding from there. [www.hgpi.co.uk](http://www.hgpi.co.uk) [info@hgpi.co.uk](mailto:info@hgpi.co.uk) or 0208 252 3109.

**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Team 2.**

**ALTAR SERVERS: This Sunday 10:30am Mass – Team B.**

## **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] - 26<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

<b>Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Lyn & Ritchie Cook RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>KERALA MASS</b>
<b>Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Private Intention
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Noli Enriquez & Gabrielle Sunga RIP
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Mike & Bridie Kelly RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Kevin Doyle RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Monica</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>8:00 am</b> Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	<b>10:00 am</b> Ints: Henley Family
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Augustine, Bp, D</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Keith Herbert RIP
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Beheading of St John the Baptist</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Ints: Stephanie Curran
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12:15 pm</b> Ints: Christopher Lawlor
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Colin Douglas Taylor RIP
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Cecily Slim RIP
		<b>12:00 pm</b> <b>HOSPITAL MASS</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Ints: Jackie Ravenhall & Family
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>St Sebbi, King of the East Saxons</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Ints: Ria & Family
	<i>Church</i>	<b>3:00 pm</b> <b>WEDDING – Laura &amp; Gary</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>4:30 pm</b> <b>WEDDING – Joanna &amp; John</b>

## **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012**

<b>Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Anthony McPartland RIP
<b>Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Private Intention
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Estrella Soriano RIP
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Private Intention
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Margaret Sutcliffe RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	B Bugeja 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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