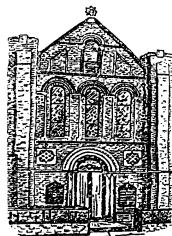


# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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## MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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### THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A] February 27<sup>th</sup> 2011

My dear friends,

In the Gospel recently Our Lord said not to offer the wicked man any resistance; not to return violence with violence. One can see the recent uprisings in Egypt, Tunisia and Libya as peaceful protests, an example of "people power", crying out for new leadership and justice. We hope these countries will find a way to good government, and that the billions which dictators have put aside for themselves can be put to better use. The Lord tells us today to set our hearts on His kingdom first and not on riches.

#### PARISH FINANCE

I am very grateful to the Parish Finance Committee for their advice and watchful care over the Parish Finances. As we approach the end of the financial year, we will be having a retiring collection next weekend for the Parish Development Fund to help towards meeting all our many financial commitments. The members of the Committee are:- Adrian Livesley [Chair], Vincent Jones [Treasurer], John Sales [Gift Aid/100 Club Co-ordinator], Ken Chapman, Trevor Howes, Mark Lee [PCC Chair] and also, yours truly!

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

#### EVENTS THIS WEEK - PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES

<i>No Scripture Group this week</i>	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	7:30pm Auditions P St Theatre Group see below
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30pm RCIA Crypt
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:15am & 3pm WWDP Service See below
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm KSC Table Quiz CBH

DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am. [Wed. 11:15am]	
PRAYER GROUP	Mondays @ 8pm in the Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt
EXPOSITION:	Saturdays @ 9.45am – 10.30am

**SICK:** Please remember in your prayers: May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Denis Nolan, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Cameron Smith, Olivia Thorpe, Ellen Woodley. Please also remember Canon Peter Walker and his wife, Caroline. [Canon Peter is donating a kidney to Caroline].

**BAPTISM TODAY: Dean Kyle Conybeare.** God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

**PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP** are holding auditions for their September musical on *Wednesday 2nd March* in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, at 7.30 pm. All welcome. Minimum age 15 years.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE – Friday 4th March: is being hosted by [1]St James the Less and St Helen at 10.15am.** This year focusing on Chile, all welcome, followed by refreshments - with a Chilean flavour - in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. If there are any ladies interested in being involved with the WWDP service at Priory Street, please contact me **ASAP** on 07980 312584 or via email [vsledwidge@aol.com](mailto:vsledwidge@aol.com) and [2] at **St Cedd's, Mersea**, later at 3pm. Here is an opportunity to attend either time, with a warm welcome guaranteed to everyone.

**ST THOMAS MORE PTA QUIZ NIGHT:** to be held in the school hall on Friday 4th March. Doors open 7.30pm. Tickets cost £2.50, available through the *school office* or on the door on the night. Licensed bar. Bring your own nibbles. All proceeds to the school.

**TABLE QUIZ:** The Knights of St Columba are holding a Table Quiz in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Proceeds will be donated to *St Helena Hospice*. Light refreshments will be provided, please bring your own drinks. Tickets £4:50. Ring Ron on 797850 to book or just turn up on the evening.

**MERCY ASSOCIATES:** meet next at 7.30pm on Monday, 7 March, at Christ Church Court ( tel. 763049).

**BRES SPRING LECTURE:** Understanding the Revised Mass Texts on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm. To be held at Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Cost £5 per person. To book; [arefm@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:arefm@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or call 01277 265255. Please see poster.

**CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE** invite you to a Quiet Day on the 11th March 2011 Theme of the day 'Launch into Lent' At 74 Howe Close, home of the Community 10-3pm. Come for the day or a stretch - bring your lunch, tea and coffee provided Telephone 01206 867296 or email [crssuk@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:crssuk@canonesses.co.uk) All welcome.

**MONKWICK AGM:** Takes place at St Theodore's on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN LECTURE:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm. Given by Archbishop Vincent Nichols and entitled "*Living our Catholic faith in a Secular Age*". Light refreshments in the Cathedral Parish Hall will follow. There will be no charge and everybody is welcome.

**CAFOD:** A reminder that the CAFOD Lent Fast Day takes place on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and the collection takes place after all Masses on the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March. The CAFOD Spirituality Team has been renamed as the Theology Programme. Visit [theology@cafod.org.uk](http://theology@cafod.org.uk) for details of forthcoming lectures; for resources – books, films, Lenten reflections, Stations of the Cross, etc., visit [resources@cafod.org.uk](mailto:resources@cafod.org.uk)

**ST PATRICK'S DANCE: March 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 – 10:30pm.** Tickets now on sale: Adults £7.50; children [5/12yrs] £4, available from Frances on 369568 or Nora 503410. Bangers and Mash supper plus dessert; live music and raffle.

**LENT 2011: Annual Lenten Spirituality Day- The Road to Jerusalem-** '*Jesus resolutely took the road to Jerusalem*'. **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am -3.30pm** with **Fr Denis McBride, CSsR.** Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Cost £10 per person. Full details on poster in the porch

**WALK WITH ME** booklets for Lent 2011 now available: Price £1.

**HAVE YOU ORDERED A DVD OF THE PAPAL VISIT?:** If so, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to arrange collection and the payment of £5.99. [There is a waiting list for DVDs not collected].

**CLEANER REQUIRED FOR ST THOMAS MORE'S SCHOOL:** Two hours per day Monday – Friday £6.50 per hour. Times negotiable. Contact the school office on 01206 865722 for more details.

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Team 4.

**MOVING?:** If you are moving, please let the parish office know. If you are newly

arrived, please complete a registration form, which are in the porch. For inclusions on the parish website: [admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](mailto:admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org)

**LITURGY FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]  
February 27<sup>th</sup> 2011 Breviary Week 4**

<b>Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Tommy Close RIP [A]
<b>Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mr Miriampillai RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Dolores McManus RIP
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Robert Thomas Dean RIP
<i>Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Irene Lawrence RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Chris Barrell RIP & Bob McLean RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Intentions of Maura Foley
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Intentions of Sebastian Tanner
	<i>Church</i>	<b>4:30 pm</b> Reception of Coffin
	<i>Church</i>	<b>4:45 pm</b> Vespers
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>ST DAVID, Bp, Patron of Wales</b>
<b>March 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Tom Lohan RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>11:45 am</b> REQUIEM – THEODORA ROBINSON RIP
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Intentions of Miss Ria & Family
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:45 am</b> FUNERAL – TERRY CLEARE RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12:15 pm</b> Sr Helen Walsh RIP [A]
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Holy Souls RIP
	<i>Church:</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Clare Adams RIP [A]
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	<b>[Women's World Day of Prayer] *</b>
	<i>N.B. Church</i>	<b>8:15 am</b> Mrs Bridget Ross RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>10:15 am</b> * WWDP SERVICE
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Parishioners
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

**LITURGY FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]  
[Day for the Unemployed] 6<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

<b>Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Patricia & Peter Pryke RIP
<b>Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	M & H Critchley & Paul Whiteside RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Stephen Hilton RIP
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Ints: Rev. Peter & Mrs Walker
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Tony Twomey RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Mr & Mrs K Hurlo RIP [ GMcC]

**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**  
[865722]

***St Thomas More*** Head: Bridget Harris

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***St Benedict's*** Head: John O'Hara

[www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or 0800 389 3801. [www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org)

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