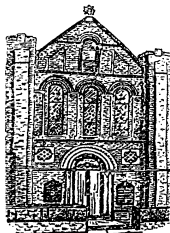


# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT [B]

November 27<sup>th</sup> 2011

My dear friends

Today we begin the season of Advent and a new Church year. Also today, we begin to use the new translation of the Roman Missal in its entirety and we have the new Parish Mass books to help you follow the prayers and readings.

### BLESSED JOHN BECHE

The last Abbot of St John's Abbey, Colchester, was martyred in Colchester on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1539. His feast occurs this Thursday and, as an act of Parish devotion, we have been given permission by the Museum Authorities to celebrate Masses in the room within the Gatehouse. The Masses will be on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, at 12pm and 2pm; and at 12 noon on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. For reasons of Health & Safety the room can only accommodate **20 people** and you will need to sign the lists at the back of the Church or notify Jennie on 01206 768487 if you wish to attend. Please note there are no chairs in the room; access is via a spiral staircase of 29 steps; there is no heating and no parking, so this is not for the faint-hearted! [Mass will be said at the usual times in the Church on these dates].

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

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

### EVENTS THIS WEEK - Please check Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	8pm	Evangelium	Crypt
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:45pm-8:45pm	Scripture Group	Final Session Crypt
“ “	7pm	SVP	
Thursday December 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30pm	RCIA	Crypt
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30pm	Lectio Divina	Crypt

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

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund [BEEF]** – is the money used to pay for the education of seminarians. There is a second collection for BEEF after all Masses next weekend and the money is needed as we currently have seven students in formation at a cost of well over £100,000 per year. This includes their tuition, accommodation and living costs. We would also ask for your prayers for all our seminarians – David, Matthew, Nick, Patrick, Eamonn, Gary and Brenden – as well as those considering an application in 2012. There is a **special Mass for Vocations** at St Basil the Great, Luncies Road, Basildon, SS14 1SD on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am, followed by lunch for seminarians and those enquiring about vocation: for more details please email [frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org](mailto:frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org). For any contribution you can make to the BEEF collection, thank you. For information about leaving a legacy to BEEF please contact Fr Dominic by email or on 01268 553425.

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND:** Jasmine Ali. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

**THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE HAS NOW BEEN ARRANGED -** Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February. 7-30-9pm in the Crypt. [entry via the Church]. There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up – *but* – both sessions must be attended.

**MERCY ASSOCIATES:** The next Meeting is on Monday 5 December at 7.30pm at Christ Church Court (tel. 763049).

**LECTIO DIVINA IN PREPARATION FOR ADVENT:** Reflective reading in preparation for Sundays. In the Crypt from 7:30pm; Fridays 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 9<sup>th</sup> December [in church], 16th December.

**SVP OUTING** to Thursford Christmas Show on Tuesday 6th December. Coach will leave East Hill at 8.45 a.m., Comfort Stop at Swaffham at 10.50, Lunch at Fakenham at 11.45 then on to the show. Time of return – 8:30pm approximately. To book, please phone 01206 242170.

**DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Joint English/Polish Mass at 6:30pm at Priory Street.

**UCM:** Christmas Crafts in CBH Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm. £3 per child or £5 per family. Santa will be there too.

**THE CHRISTMAS JOURNEY- an original Musical by Edwin Fawcett and Elizabeth Swain at the Brentwood Centre - 1st/2nd December 2011:**

Each night, over 400 children from Catholic primary schools from across our Diocese are coming together to perform a joint musical nativity. The cost of the tickets is £13 for adults, £9 for concessions, and £35 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 concessions). Money raised will be go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Come and enjoy this wonderful start to the Christmas season. St Thomas More school will be performing on *FRIDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER*. Tickets can be purchased on [nationalboxoffice.co.uk](http://nationalboxoffice.co.uk) or by calling 08712 241113.

**A TAXING OFFER FOR CHRISTMAS: From the Diocesan Gift-Aid Co-Ordinator:** "The Inland Revenue will give your Parish an extra 25% to your offertory giving this Christmas and for every following Sunday. Just one condition has to be met. You must be a taxpayer, either from your employment, pension, or investments. Even better for those who are higher rate taxpayers, each year your tax will be reduced by a similar 25% on the total of your annual offertory giving. Advent is a time for **thanks-is-in-giving** and this offer is one that surely we should accept with joy". For more details - please contact your Parish Gift Aid organiser, John Sales on 01206 795623 or [john.sales1@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.sales1@ntlworld.com)

**MERSEA NEWS:** On behalf of the Parish I'd like to say a big thank you to all those who came before, during and after our Christmas Fayre. All the hard work and help made it a great success. Thank you.

**VACANCY – ST PHILOMENA'S SCHOOL, FRINTON:** KS1 teacher at St Philomena's Catholic School in Frinton-on-Sea. This is an Independent School, catering for pupils of all denominations, aged 3-11, starting February 2012. Further information/application pack can be obtained from Paul Barnett, School Administrator: [generalenquiries@stphilomenas.com](mailto:generalenquiries@stphilomenas.com) or 01255 674492. [Closing date not advised].

**BRENTWOOD DIRECTORIES:** Have arrived and are on sale at £2.50. each

**BRENTWOOD NEWS:** The latest free issue is now available.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>: Team 5.

**MOVING?:** Please let the Parish office know. **Newly arrived?** Please complete a registration form [in the porch on the left hand side table].

For inclusions to the Parish website: [admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](mailto:admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org)

**LITURGY FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT [B]  
NOVEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 pm Barrett Family RIP  
**Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am November Dead List  
10:30 am Simon Chaplin RIP  
6:30 pm Mr & Mrs Milford RIP & Lionel Wright RIP  
8:30 am Henry Johnson RIP  
9:15 am Yadi Khodaverdi RIP  
10:15 am Parishioners

*Mersea  
Mile End  
Monkwick*  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Feria**  
*Church* 7:30 am November Dead List  
*Church* 9:15 am Desmond Gray RIP  
**Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 am Frederick Fordham RIP

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**ST ANDREW, AP**  
*Church* 7:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP  
*Church* 9:15 am Marie Playle RIP [A]

**N.B.**

**Thursday Dec 1**

**BI John Beche, Ab.M**  
*Church* 9:15 am Michael & Ellen Kate Conlon RIP  
12 noon **Abbey Gatehouse**  
2:00 pm " "

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**STM Advent Mass**

**Feria**  
*Church* 9:15 am November Dead List  
12 noon **Abbey Gatehouse**  
*Church* 6:30 pm D/Rels: Pauk & Zlocki Families RIP

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**St Francis Xavier, Pr**  
*Church* 9:15 am Intentions of the UCM  
12 noon **Abbey Gatehouse**

**LITURGY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT [B]  
December 4<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Saturday DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sunday DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:15 pm Daily Mass Scheme [UCM]  
8:00 am Wilbur & Muriel MacDonald  
10:30am May Banks RIP  
6:30 pm Intentions of Barbara & Robin Hall  
8:30 am Peter Hughes RIP  
9:15 am Parishioners  
10:15am D/Rels: Wrobel Family

*West Mersea  
Mile End  
Monkwick*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**  
**SCHOOLS** *St Thomas More  
St Benedict's*

**Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm**  
**Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter**  
**At least six months notice is required**  
Head: Bridget Harris [865722]  
Acting: Head: Peter Johnson [549222]

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

[www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org)

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