

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] - Day for Life 28th July 2013

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Whether we guessed correctly the sex of the royal baby, or put money on the name the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge would choose, we can all thank God for the safe arrival of the future George VII. It is fortuitous that the annual Day for Life falls today, on the Sunday following this news. Nothing epitomises the precious vulnerability of life more positively than a new-born child. After weeks of bad news for the pro-life movement, it is good to see the natural excitement and joy on the faces of those of different faiths and none who have entered into the festive spirit of the royal birth. Whether they recognise it or not, this is part of the “culture of life” which the Bishops of England and Wales promote this year with the leaflet “Care for Life: It’s Worth it!” Please take one as you leave Mass. It opposes the utilitarian approach to human life summed up by our Holy Father Francis: “this elderly man, this elderly woman is useless; discard them like we hang up (our) raincoat during the summer ... because they’re now disposable, they’re useless.” It’s not all bad news! A London abortion “clinic” has recently closed down and the Liverpool Care Pathway has been abolished following the report by the Independent Review. In Rio, Pope Francis has turned the spotlight on a “favela”, a slum, so emphasising that the poor and marginalised have a right to life too.

The bishops in their leaflet assert that the culture of life “embraces a love that inspires self-giving. It is a love that allows us to see in every person another self and compels us to protect and care for that person as we would our very selves.” They have areas of particular concern at this time: protecting the unborn and their mothers with practical, emotional and spiritual support; encouraging the culture of

life in society, specifically in law-making and medical practice; promoting the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those involved in abortion. Let’s ask God how we can play our part in promoting those worthy aims.

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes					
SUNDAYS:					
3pm					
DAILY:					
8:35am					
EVENING PRAYER:					
Church					
PRAYER GROUP:					
Crypt					
MEDITATION GROUP:					
Crypt					

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type): Please remember in your prayers, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Richard Cox, Stanley Crane, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Minimol Joseph, 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, Dorcey Young.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: **Joshua Malkin.** God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

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 Kitty Foley and for Margaret McCormick; whose funeral took place on Wednesday 24th July. May they rest in peace.

MERSEA NEWS: Change of venue for the next Coffee Morning on August 13th: Rewsalls Farm, East Mersea, to be hosted by Anne Marie Jacobs.

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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: “Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing... So, go forth and don’t be discouraged. Care for life. It’s worth it!” [Pope Francis] There will be a second collection this weekend in aid of DAY FOR LIFE. Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the Xaverian Missionary Fathers; please see separate article below for info.

XAVERIAN MISSIONARY APPEAL: Next Sunday 4th August we welcome Fr Patrick Duffy to the parish who will celebrate the Sunday Masses at Priory St and will make an appeal on behalf of the Xaverian Missionary Fathers. The Society was formed on the feast of St. Francis Xavier (3rd December) 1895 by Blessed Guido Maria Conforti. From its initial beginnings in Parma, Italy just over a

hundred years ago, today the Xaverians priests, brothers, sisters and lay people number in excess of 1000 members from diverse cultures, nations and churches. There are several copies of the missionary magazine at the back of church (please do not take away). More information is also available at www.xavs.org

ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY: On Thursday 15th August we will have **Devotions at 7:00pm** followed by an **English-Polish Mass at 7:30** as usual. On the Sunday afterwards, the 18th August, there will be a **Procession before the 4pm** Polish Mass. All are warmly invited.

DO YOU HAVE A FREE SEAT IN YOUR CAR? A volunteer is required who could give a parishioner a lift to Sunday 10:30 Mass at Priory Street during August. The parishioner lives at Charles Smith House, Ladbrook Drive, Colchester. Anyone who could offer this service should contact the SVP on 07970 408 707

DOWNTON ABBEY FANS: The SVP trip to Highclere Castle on Sunday 18th August will pick up on East Hill at 9am. There are 5 remaining spaces, cost £42, if anyone is interested. To book please phone 07970 408 707. Would those already booked please pay the balance of £32 by 29th July.

LAST CALL FOR EVANGELIUM 2013: This coming weekend, from Friday 2nd August until Sunday 4th. There are still some spaces, so if you are between 18-35 then visit <http://www.evangelium.co.uk/conferences/evangelium-conference-2013> for the online booking form. Transport may be possible – contact Fr. Neil.

CONFIRMATION COURSE: 2013/14: In order to get confirmed at Pentecost 2014 you have to complete the Parish course of instruction and be aged 14 years old on the day of the confirmation service. If you wish to be confirmed at Pentecost and are in Year 9 at school and under the age of 18 then please leave your name and contact details (inc email) with either Andrew and Elspeth Johnson at the 10:30 mass on Sundays or with the priest at the mass you attend or ring the parish office. For the course to run we need to know numbers by the end of the school summer term. Alongside the course there will be a parents course.

Tel 01206 618846 or email Andrew.johnson13@talktalk.net.

PARISH FAMILY BARBEQUE: Saturday August 17th. Details to follow

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

VSO UPDATE – Dr Matthew Thalanany wishes to thank Fr Tony, Fr Neil, and the Parish Committee, and to say a very sincere **THANK YOU** to all those parishioners who contributed so generously to VSO, through cash, cheques and online donations, as well as at the Highwoods charity evening on Sat 20th July. The Highwoods event was opened by Sir Bob Russell, the MP for Colchester, and proceeded through the evening with a quiz, followed by an auction and ending with a raffle. It was great to have the event graced by Fr Neil's presence. The feedback received from those parishioners who came, was that it was a superb evening filled with fun. **A total of £749.19 was raised – a magnificent effort by all those present !!** This has enabled the target of £2500 to be reached, but already there are calls that the target should be raised. Matthew thinks perhaps not, and says that it is left to individuals, if they so wish, to continue the

contributions.

DIARY DATE: Distance Learning with convenient Study Days: Beginning Autumn 2013 the Maryvale Institute and Sion Community are collaborating to facilitate New Evangelisation & Ministry Courses. Pathways offered: Parish Ministry, Ministry to the Sick, Youth Ministry and Family Ministry. Contact: Maryvale Institute. Tel: 0121 360 8118, evangelisation@maryvale.ac.uk www.maryvale.ac.uk "Taster Days" available 24-25th August 2013 at Summer School, Buckfast Abbey. Contact artassistant@maryvale.ac.uk

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 1st August – Team 2.

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28th July 2013

Saturday July 27th	6:15 pm Patrick O'Leary RIP
Sunday July 28th	8:00 am Raymond Banks RIP
	10:30 am Albert Sloman RIP
	2:00 pm POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm Maxwell Milford RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am Canon John Bloomfield RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Monday 29th	St Martha
	<i>Church</i> 7:30 am Ints: Tony Wright
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am Phil Treby RIP
Tuesday 30th	Feria
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am Maura Fallon
Wednesday 31st	St Ignatius Loyola, Pr
	<i>Church</i> 7:30 am Fr Thomas Kiernan RIP
	<i>Church</i> 12:15 pm D/Rels: Jayram Family
Thursday 1st	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, D
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am Ints: Tony White
Friday 2nd	Feria
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am Mr Greefe RIP and his family
Saturday 3rd	Feria
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]

4th August 2013

Saturday August 3rd	6:15 pm Ludmilla Clarke RIP
Sunday August 4th	8:00 am Colin Walker RIP
	10:30 am Angela Murphy & Gilligan Beothers RIP
	2:00 pm POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm Max and Lancelot Milford RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am Finbarr Spillane RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am John O'Driscoll RIP

Monkwick

10:15 am Parishioners

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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