

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] – 29th September 2013

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“**London Weeps!**” You can’t really imagine this as a poster slogan put out by the mayor and council of our capital. But the equivalent, “Roma Piange”, was to be seen all around the eternal city when John Paul II died. During those incredible days which followed the 2nd of April 2005, when Rome seemed instantly packed with pilgrims from every corner of the globe, we often heard the chant or saw the banner “Santo Subito” – calling for his canonisation immediately. You might well call it popular acclamation, the way early saints were declared. Here we are, eight years on, ready to see that call realised under his successor Pope Francis. To mark his canonisation in the parish we will be giving seven monthly multi-media talks in the crypt spanning different aspects of his huge contribution to the Church founded by Jesus Christ. These will be on Sunday afternoons, details to follow.

“If God created shadows, it was to better emphasize the light.” This quotation of John XXIII sums up the positive spirit of “Good Pope John”. He is of course most famous for calling the Second Vatican Council. In his opening address he said: “...the Church should never depart from the sacred treasure of truth inherited from the Fathers. But at the same time she must ever look to the present, to the new conditions and the new forms of life introduced into the modern world.” With both Popes scheduled for canonisation we will again watch history in the making. Rome will rejoice! And so will all loyal sons and daughters of the Church.

We are also awaiting the launch of a new course designed for those who know nothing about the Church or the Faith. It’s DVD based and we will run it in the crypt. It’s called the “**Why?**” course and each episode will be repeated three times a week starting next month. **Now is the time to begin thinking about**

whom you will invite. When you have made your list, start praying for them. Then when the details are announced, and you suggest to them that they might like to come, the ground will be properly prepared. What a reproach it would be if, for lack of your encouragement, you reached heaven and your best friend did not! Watch out for the posters with more details.

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40 Days for Life has just started, with prayer vigils outside abortion centres around the world. There are tremendous stories of closures of these death “clinics” including one we have prayed outside in Bedford Square. Romford Road, Stratford is a focus and details can be found on their website:

<http://www.vigilcalendar.com/london>

.We are praying the devotions every morning and you can pray them for yourself at: <http://40daysforlife.com/getinvolved.html>.

Good Counsel Network (GCN) is responsible for the vigil outside Marie Stopes, Whitmore Street where we have been several times. We will try to go as a group to support these ventures. The main work of GCN is to support girls who are under pressure to abort their babies for various reasons. This help includes counselling, material aid and work with the various housing and other agencies. This is closely bound up with prayer and the Sacraments. This weekend we welcome them to our Masses. They seek your practical support in prayer and in other ways. Please do not turn your back on the unborn by walking out before the appeals have finished. If you are in Central London during the week I am sure that you would be welcome to join GCN in Mass or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Ask them for details.

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes			
SUNDAYS:		Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	
3pm			
DAILY:		Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	
8:35am			
EVENING PRAYER:		Fridays at 6pm	
Church PRAYER GROUP:		Mondays at 8pm	
Crypt MEDITATION GROUP:		Tuesdays at 8pm	
Crypt			

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries in bold type): Please remember in your prayers, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Stanley Crane, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, **Russell (Edward) Crook**, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Alphonse Knapp, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Joan Norman, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, **Ronald Quijano**, Sabina Rhatigan, Carley Saunders, The Sharfraie Family, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paula Nash, Anne Barry and Lupita Chambers; may they rest in peace. Paula's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 2nd October at 1pm – St Cedd & St Gregory,

Mersea. Anne's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 7th October at 12pm – Priory St.

SECOND COLLECTION: This week there will be a talk and appeal by the Good Counsel Network (GCN) www.goodcounselnetwork.com. Next week there will be a collection for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Thank you to all those who have made donations so far, we now have sufficient funds to purchase a statue.

MERSEA NEWS: Just one more date for your diaries before our Christmas Fayre; Tuesday October 8th hosted by Margaret Brookes at 71, Queen Anne Road, West Mersea. The Christmas Fayre date is November 23rd at the Church. Looking forward to seeing you at both.

JOURNEY IN FAITH WITH RCIA: if you have been thinking of becoming a Catholic or just want to find out more about the Catholic Faith then come along to the Crypt on October 1st at 7.30pm for the start of the next programme.

AUTUMN BOOK FAYRE: Saturday 19th October from 10am-4pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Refreshments available. Donations of books urgently requested; Please leave at the presbytery. Volunteers also needed to set-up and man the stalls; names to John Sutcliffe T: 851838. Proceeds to parish funds.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: There will be a meeting for the Christmas Market on Sunday 6th October in the Crypt after evening Mass. First request for items is craft goods.

ST BENEDICT'S FORMS: Fr Tony will be available to sign your application forms for St Benedict's College on Thursday 10th October and Friday 11th October from 4pm – 6pm. Please make contact through the church office to book your appointment time. Don't forget to bring a completed form with you ready for Fr Tony to sign.

THE NIGERIAN PARISH COMMUNITY: will be hosting a reception in the Crypt after the 10.30am Mass **this Sunday 29th September** to commemorate Nigeria's independence anniversary and to remember the country and her citizens. All are welcome.

RELICS OF ST ANTONY OF PADUA: On Saturday 2nd November – St Anthony of Padua's relics will visit Westminster Cathedral. If you would like to go as a group, please put your name on the list in the porch. Travel arrangements will be advised nearer the date.

AUTUMN SERIES ON VATICAN II: The Legacy. Continuing this popular series of talks for the Year of Faith. Next talk is on Thursday October 3rd on "The Universal Call to Holiness" when Michelle Moran will explore the new movements and communities in the Vatican II church. There are no admission charges. Booking not required, just come for a 7.30pm start at the Cathedral House Conference Room. For more information, contact CEF at CEF@dioceseofbrentwood.org or on 01277 265 289.

CEF STUDY DAY: Final Ecumenical Study Day for the Year of Faith. On Saturday 12th October from 10.30 until 3 p.m. at Brentwood Cathedral Hall. 'Vatican II and Beyond'. The day is free of charge and a buffet lunch is provided. Please book your place by email to cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by leaving a message at 01277 265 289. Podcasts of earlier study days are available

at www.whatgoodnews.org

"In Giving we Receive - a new papacy a new vision." CJSR Annual Conference, Saturday 5th October 10am to 1pm in the Conference Hall, Cathedral House, Brentwood. How can we make Pope Francis' vision for the Church an everyday reality? Our keynote speaker Fr Stephen Wang will be sharing with us how we can live out these words in our everyday lives. For more details call Elisabeth Abbott 01277 265290 or email cjsr@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 3rd October – Team 5.

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Saturday September 28th	6:15 pm	Ron Wheeler RIP [TW]
Sunday September 29th	8:00 am	Ron Wheeler RIP [LS]
	10:30 am	Ints: Nigerian People
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Ints: Baby Charlie Enright & Family
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	In Thanksgiving [AK]
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Ints: Olive [MD]
Monday 30th		St Jerome, Pr, D
	Church 7:30 am	Ron Wheeler RIP [D&JH]
	Church 9:15 am	Margaret McCormick RIP
Tuesday 1st		St Theresè of the Child Jesus (Lisieux), V, D
	Church 9:15 am	Special intention [WH]
Wednesday 2nd		The Holy Guardian Angels
	Church 7:30 am	Special Intention [LC]
	Church 12:15 pm	Holy Souls RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	1:00 pm	REQUIEM MASS – Paula Nash RIP
Thursday 3rd		Feria
	Church 9:15 am	Ron Wheeler RIP [MF]
Friday 4th		St Francis of Assisi, Rel (Harvest Fast Day)
	Church 9:15 am	In thanksgiving [G&C]
	Church 6:30 pm	Kitty Foley RIP
Saturday 5th		Feria
	Church 9:15 am	Ron Wheeler RIP [TM]

TWENTY - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C] – 6th October 2013

Saturday October 5th	6:15 pm	Susan Healy RIP
Sunday October 6th	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP
	10:30 am	May Banks RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Debbie Rodwell RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Clyde Jardim RIP

Monkwick

10:15 am Joseph Hawken 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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