

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

175 YEARS 1837 - 2012

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] February 12th 2012

My dear friends,

The snow was very badly timed last weekend and made Sunday very difficult for us all. Congratulations to all those who were able to come to Church and to those who made a valiant effort to do so. As we go to press we hope for better weather so that we can all be together around the table of the Lord.

Last weekend we had the quarterly financial statement, copies of which you can collect from the back of the Church if you were not able to do so last week. We will take up a second collection for the Parish Development Fund again if you were not able to contribute last week. Thank you as always for your generous support of your parish.

On 6th February the Queen reached the landmark of her Diamond Jubilee. We look forward to all the celebrations in the summer. We conclude with this prayer for her.

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with her Consort and the Royal Family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. AMEN

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 12 th February	4pm	Polish Pilgrimage Meeting	P St
Wednesday 15 th	6:45 pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
<i>[There is no session next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday]</i>			
"	"	7:30pm Mile End Committee Meeting	P St
Thursday 16 th	"	7:30pm RCIA	Crypt
Sunday 19 th	"	7pm Evangelium	Crypt

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

SICK: Please remember in your prayers Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Alan Doleman, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Pat Maloney, Maria Mahy, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Tim Young.

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND: If you were unable to get to Mass last weekend due to the arctic conditions, there will be a second collection for the *Parish Development Fund* after all Masses again today. Please take and read the quarterly finance report which summarises the present position of our parish. For your information, the next second collections in the parish are:- Lourdes Helpers' Pilgrimage Fund – 19th February and CAFOD Lenten Fast Day – 4th March.

MEETING OF THE POLISH PILGRIMAGE GROUP: *Today, Sunday 12th February at 4:00 in Presbytery.* Please bring your credit card details and personal details as before so that we can rebook for the Monday flight at 10:00am.

WELCOMERS NEEDED AT PRIORY STREET: New volunteers are urgently needed for this important ministry. If you can help, on a rota basis, please contact Paul on 852728 or 07895 177574.

READERS AT PRIORY STREET: Volunteers are needed to join the rota for readers at all Masses at Priory St. If you feel you could join the list please contact Elspeth on 01206 861360 or by email andrew@andrwjhn.plus.com. "

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Martin who has recently died. May she rest in peace. Her funeral has been arranged for 24th February, here at 1pm. Elizabeth [Lucy] Walker's funeral will take place here on 17th February at 10:30am.

EVENT AT ABBOTSWICK: A DAY'S RETREAT WITH MARY looking at her

fiat, yes to God, and its implications in our lives. **Led by Tony Hickey on Saturday 25th February.** Please bring packed lunch, tea and coffee available all day. Donation can be made on the day. For further information visit www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373848.

ST JOSEPH'S, MILE END, FORMATION OF COMMITTEE; A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, 15th February, at *Priory Street* at 7:30pm. for volunteers to form a Committee. [Entry to the meeting is via Priory Street church].

ST PATRICK'S DANCE: Saturday, March 17th. More information to follow.

CATHERINE McCAULEY SCHOLARSHIPS: The Governors of St Philomena's School are committed to broadening access to St Philomena's Catholic School by offering parents/carers means tested scholarships. These Scholarships will cover all School fees from the Early Years Department to Year 6 and will be offered in the first instance to Catholic children. Please apply for full details to The Registrar, St Philomena's School, Hadleigh Road, Frinton on Sea, Essex, CO13 9HQ or email registrar@stphilomenas.com.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: "The Mirror" for January/February with "Feasts and Season" catalogue and order form, plus the special report on Zimbabwe's Cry of Suffering are available at the back of church. Please take.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & FLORENCE 2012: Greenstead Parish are organising a 7 night Pilgrimage to Rome -26th June – 1st July & Florence -1st – 3rd July) The cost is £1068 is based on shared twin-bedded rooms with private facilities (half board). Full itinerary details from: Fr Jon Ravensdale (01206 870460) or Eugene Horgan (07939 086034).

DO YOU LIVE CLOSE TO ST BENEDICT'S COLLEGE?: THE CROSS PURPOSES MISSION TEAM are leading our college mission from Sat. 28th April – Fri. 4th May. There will be 7–9 young leaders needing accommodation with local families living close to the college. Team members need a bed, breakfast and some evening meals. If you can help with, please contact the college office on 01206 549 222 or e –mail Stephen Bailey on chaplaincy@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk

THE FALCONER COMMISSION ON ASSISTED DYING: Copies of Right to Life's interim response are available at the back of Church. Please write to your MPs – Sir Bob Russell, Bernard Jenkin or whoever, urging them to oppose the Falconer recommendations. RTL's leaflet "The Facts Dignity in Dying will not well you" is also available for you to take to help write your letter.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thursday, 16th February – Team 4.

MOVING OUT OF THE PARISH OR WITHIN THE PARISH?: Please let the Parish office know. **Newly arrived?** Please complete a registration form to be found in the porch [in Priory Street on the left hand side table] and pop form back through the Presbytery letter box.

For inclusions to the Parish website;- admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

LITURGY FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]

February 12th 2012

Saturday February 11th	6:15 pm	Tony Bickersteth RIP
Sunday February 12th	8:00 am	Diarmuid Whelan RIP
	10:30 am	Maureen McVann RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Freda Hilton RIP
	8:30 am	Parishioners
	9:15 am	Michael & Ellen Kate Conlon RIP
	10:15am	Patrick McHugh RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>		
<i>Mile End</i>		
<i>Monkwick</i>		
Monday 13th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Fr John King RIP
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Bridie Kelly RIP
Tuesday 14th	SsCYRIL, Monk and METHODIUS, Bp	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Wednesday 15th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	James Nevard RIP
<i>Mersea</i>	10:45 am	REQUIEM – MAURA DORNING RIP
<i>Church</i>	12 :15 pm	D/Rels: Pauk & Zlocki Families RIP
Thursday 16th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9.15 am	Intentions: Sales Family
Friday 17th	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Matt Foley RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10:30 am REQUIEM: LUCY WALKER RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Lucy Walker RIP
Saturday 18th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Frederick Fordham RIP

LITURGY FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]

February 19th [Day for the Unemployed]

Saturday February 18th	6:15 pm	Intentions: Deborah Ejeje
Sunday February 19th	8:00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	10:30am	Sean Burke RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Intentions: Ann Game
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Harold and Denise Smith 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*
SCHOOLS *St Thomas More* Head: Bridget Harris [865722]
St Benedict's Acting: Head: Peter Johnson [549222]

www.marriagecare.org.uk or 0800 389 3801.

www.brentwoodvocations.org

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