

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [C]
Sunday – 17th February 2013**

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Statement from our Bishop Thomas on the resignation of Pope Benedict

I heard with great surprise the news of Pope Benedict's resignation on Monday. I am obviously saddened to hear of the Pope's state of health. He is very much in our thoughts and prayers. It is characteristic of his integrity and clarity of mind that he has made this courageous decision. It shows clearly his great concern for the pastoral well-being of the Church. Pope Benedict is remembered very fondly in our country as a result of his visit to the UK in 2010. He brought inspiration and encouragement to Christians of all denominations and indeed members of all faith communities. He will also be greatly appreciated for his accessible yet profound teaching of the Christian Faith. Indeed, the Year of Faith which Roman Catholics are currently celebrating is very much the Pope's own initiative. I would ask all people of goodwill to keep Pope Benedict in their prayers at this important time.

+Thomas McMahon

Bishop of Brentwood

PARISH EVENT AT COLCHESTER CASTLE

AN EVENING OF SACRED MUSIC: In aid of parish funds at Colchester Castle on Saturday 9th March at 7:30pm. The Writtle Singers and the Wivenhoe based Cavendish Consort will sing a range of music from the 16th century, Baroque and the present day from composers including Tallis & Byrd. There will also be a short talk on the history of the castle from historian Philip Wise. Tickets are £15.00 and can be purchased after Mass on Sunday at Priory St or please make contact with Jennie or Pauline through the parish office.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

Sunday 17 th	8:00pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt
Tuesday 19 th	7:00pm	Polish – English Stations of the Cross	Church Crypt
Wednesday 20 th	6:45pm 7:30pm	Scripture Group SVP	
Friday 22 nd	12:00pm 7:30pm	Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross	Church St James the Great
Saturday 23 rd	5:00pm	Lectio for Lent	Crypt
Sunday 24 th	8:00pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt

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 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, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Denis O'Neill, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Patricia Roche, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Sachi & Sienna Gbudje. God bless these children and congratulations to their family.

2nd COLLECTIONS: The next second collection will be the CAFOD Lent Fast Day next weekend 23-24th February. Envelopes are available from this weekend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday in Lent at 12 noon, followed by soup and bread in the Crypt - in aid of the Colchester Soup Run. Donations welcome.

EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Friday 22nd at St James the Great East Hill - 7:30pm.

POLISH – ENGLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Tuesdays at 7pm – Priory Street

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Council meets Thursday 21st February at 7:30pm in the crypt.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: There is a question and answer leaflet available this weekend produced by the Diocesan Marriage and Family committee called "Marriage Matters." Please take one and keep yourself informed.

PRAYER COMPANION FOR LENT: Doorway to Faith on the theme of prayer - £1.

RATZINGER READER: there will be two additional sessions on Sunday nights at 8:00pm in the Crypt at St James to complete Volume I of *Jesus of Nazareth*. Please see the notice boards for further details.

LECTIO FOR LENT: Beginning Sat 23rd February at 5 – 6 pm in the Crypt. This

consists of a reflective reading of the scriptures for the following Sunday – with silence and prayer.

LENT DAY OF REFLECTION: 'Behold the Lamb of God' Saturday 23rd March in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. 11:30am – 3pm. Poster in porch.

FILIPINO MASS: There will be a Filipino Mass on Sunday 3rd March 5pm at Priory St.
FILIPINO PILGRIMAGE: There will be a Filipino Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Sunday 24th March. Please see poster in porch for full details or contact Amy / Armando on 01206 854 921.

LONG LOST RING FOUND AT ST THOMAS MORE'S: Last week the year 6 children were digging in the school's Wildlife Area and they found a silver ring. It looks like it has been there for many years possibly from 10 years ago when the Wildlife Area was established or maybe before! Did you help years ago and lose a ring? Contact the school office on 01206 865722 for more details.

CALLING DOWNTON ABBEY FANS: The SVP have secured an option on tickets for a visit to Highclere Castle on Sunday 18th August. Price £41 which includes coach travel with an opportunity to explore the House and Gardens. £10 deposit by 4th February please. To book phone Judy on 07970408707 or see an SVP member.

COLCHESTER STREET PASTORS: There will be an information / welcome evening at 8pm on Friday 22nd February at St Botolph's Church for persons over the age of 18, who are interested in joining a training course for becoming a Street Pastor in Colchester. This is a valuable and rewarding interdenominational activity.

CHRISM MASS & WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE – NEED A LIFT? Theresa Higgins is organising a minibus for those who wish to go to the Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral and the Brentwood Pilgrimage to Walsingham. T: 797411

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: As part of their 370th anniversary celebration – the Canonesses are holding a celebration of their history – past and present at Castle Methodist Church, Maidenburgh Street on 1-2nd March. Some of the community will be present throughout the day. More details from posters in porch or www.canonesses.co.uk

ECUMENICAL STUDY DAY: The third Study Day to mark the Year of Faith will consider 'Vatican II and the Bible'. It will be given by Fr Adrian Graffy at Brentwood Cathedral Hall on Saturday 9th March from 10.30 until 3 p.m. Please book your place by email to cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phoning 01277 265 289.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT: Saturday March 16th. Join us for live singing, dancing, music and good food. More information to follow.

WAY OF THE CROSS: The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service are planning to re-enact John Paul II's Way of the Cross in conjunction with Chelmsford Cathedral Youth Ministry. This will take place on 24th March at 2pm Starting at Chelmsford Cathedral. There will be a meeting on 26th February 7.30pm in the conference room at Brentwood cathedral for any Young People aged 11-25 who wish to be involved. Parishioners are also invited to come and support this event if they are able. Please see poster in porch for more details.

HIGH STREET CLOSURE: From Sunday March 17th – for a year, it is proposed to close the High Street to cars from 11:00am – 6:00pm each day. We will be able to get to Mass on a Sunday and we will leave the Saturday evening Mass at the usual time of 6:15pm.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 21st February – Team 3

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

17th February 2013

Saturday February 16th 6:15 pm Parishioners
Sunday February 17th 8:00 am Mary O'Connell RIP
10:30 am Ints: Monica & Adrian Galvin and Family
4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm Ints: Edita & Family
8:30 am Paul Williams RIP
9:15 am Derrick Foley RIP
10:15 am Rita Wright RIP

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Monday 18th **Feria**
Church 7:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Church 9:15 am Ints: Una & Finbarr

Tuesday 19th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Ints: Mrs Tide & Family

Wednesday 20th **Feria**
Church 7:30 am Richard Brown RIP
Church 12:15 pm Mr J Power RIP

Thursday 21st **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Dr Halley Mathew RIP

Friday 22nd **THE CHAIR OF ST PETER**
Church 9:15 am Mr M Foley RIP
12:00 pm **HOSPITAL MASS**
Church 6:30 pm Audrey & Jude Bilby RIP

Saturday 23rd **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Ints: Joseph
6:00pm KERELA MASS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

24th February 2013

Saturday February 23rd 6:15 pm Tommy Close RIP
Sunday February 24th 8:00 am Sissy O'Conner RIP
10:30 am Ints: Frances Galvin
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm George Thompson RIP
8:30 am Emma Williams RIP
9:15 am Parishioners
10:15 am Miss Rita Wright RIP

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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 Head: Mrs J Santinelli [549222]

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