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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (A)
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Today the Church recalls how Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. They did this to obey the law which required that the first son born of Jewish parents should be dedicated to God. God made this law to remind his people how he brought them out of Egypt on the night of the Passover.

Today is also a feast of lights, for the Church honors Jesus as the light who came into the world to enlighten all men. And so, on this day the Church blesses candles whose light reminds us of Christ the true light.

HYMN

1. Hail to the Lord who comes,
Comes to his temple gate,
Not with his angel hosts,
Nor in his kingly state;
2. But borne upon the throne
Of Mary's gentle breast;
This to his father's house
He comes, a humble guest.
3. There filled with holy joy,
Old Simeon in his hands
Takes up the promised Child,
The glory of all lands.
4. Our bodies and our souls
Are temples now for him,
For we are born of grace -
God lights our souls within.
5. O Light of all the earth!
We light our lives with thee;
The chains of darkness gone
All sons of God are free.

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	Crypt
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, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Karl Collins, Emma Cooper, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, **Paul Crockett**, Amy Daggitt, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Christine Farrell, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Anna Norfolk, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Roger Thurlow, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorsey Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Julia Allen and Robert Williamson. Robert's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 5th February at 1:15pm. Julia's Requiem Mass Will be on Friday 7th February at 11am. May they rest in peace.

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: This Sunday 2nd of February. At 5:45pm in St James we will meet to mark this occasion. **Totus Tuus: Veneration of Our Blessed Lady with John Paul II** is a rare opportunity to hear the voice of Bl John Paul II in English.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Dexter Girvan. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: There will be a collection **this weekend** the 1st and 2nd February for the Parish Development Fund. This money is vital for the continued repair and upkeep of the parish buildings. Next repair item is the roof above the organ loft which is allowing water into the organ – hence those strange sounds during Mass!

PARISH INCOME: We all know that we have a responsibility in ensuring that our Parish can pay for itself. During the month of December the money received each week on average in the collection bags has reached our budget target. We are grateful for all that you give, please continue to do so generously as costs are rising, not going down. Thank you.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday 6th February at 7:30pm in the Crypt.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: Bible Study Sessions continue in the Crypt on Wednesday 5th February 18:45 - 20:45.

COLCHESTER KSC SOCIAL EVENTS: There will be a social meeting at 8pm on 4th February and Quiz night at 8pm on the 8th February – both at Lexden. All parishioners are welcome.

100 CLUB – JANUARY DRAW: And the Winners are: Ron Smith [1st], Joan

Herbert [2nd], Pauline Gilmore [3rd]. Congratulations to you all.

CLEANER FOR THE PRESBYTERY: A cleaner is required for 3 hours a week. Further details can be obtained from the office. Deadline for applications is Monday 10th February.

KRAKOW FOR THE CANONISATIONS: We're booked to leave Colchester early on Thursday 24th April and return in the evening of Wednesday 29th. Accommodation in the centre of the city is also reserved. If you're quick, we can still find you a bed and there may still be room on the plane. Next meeting is on 20th of February at 7:00pm in the crypt to unfold the itinerary and arrange insurance and other details.

DECORATING THE CARDINAL BOURNE HALL: The hall interior will be repainted between February 4th and 7th 8:00am – 4pm. Additional volunteers are needed. Free lunch and dinner with coffee and tea. Please contact Armando T: 854 921.

FR JAMES HAWES 50TH ANNIVERSARY: In December this year, Fr James Hawes, who was Parish Priest here from 1991-2001, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. His current parish in Epping are hoping to make for him a **(surprise) book** of memories of these 50 years, and is asking for your help with the following: **Anecdotes** – were you a recipient of one of Fr James's many acts of kindness? We'd like to hear about it. It's an opportunity to say how much you appreciated his thoughtfulness. Or perhaps you have an amusing incident to relate. Handwritten would be especially welcome. **Photographs** – do you have photographs of Fr James at a family or a social event? May we borrow them? The book will be just for Fr James, not published or made public in any way. We don't promise to use everything, but we will keep your photographs safe and return them to you in good order. You can send your contributions directly to Melanie Hollinshead (melanie@hollinsheadandco.com), or give them to the Parish Administrator who will make sure that they are sent on to Melanie. Thank you!

"HAS TALENT" SHOW: This annual event will take place on 15th Feb 2014 at 7:30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Competition for young people 14 and under and open mike for adults. Cost £6.00. All proceeds go to sending young people to Lourdes with the BCYS. More details from Theresa Higgins. phone 523501 or theresahiggins6@gmail.com

VSO UPDATE: from Dr Matthew Thalanany in Ethiopia: "FROM UNDER BLUE ETHIOPIAN SKIES – Greetings to all – It's been a hectic few months. I've been kept really busy, but have had many rewarding moments, in spite of having to witness some really difficult things. For those who are interested, do take a look at the updates, Christmas as well as January 2014, on : <http://thalanany.blogspot.com/>"

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE: On Monday February 10th, the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, please join us in a day of prayer and fasting for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. See www.goodcounselnet.co.uk for more information.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 8th February – Team 6

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (A) - 2nd February
(World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)

Saturday February 1st	6:15 pm	Margaret Ratcliffe RIP
Sunday February 2nd	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP [M&MM]
	10:30 am	Bridie & Mary Markham RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Bernard Stevens RIP [FOP]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	D/Rels: Smith & O'Sullivan Families
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Czeslaw (Jon) Wrobel RIP
Monday 3rd	St Anne Line, M	
	<i>Church</i> 7:30 am	Helen & Martin Lydon RIP
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Margaret Murray RIP
Tuesday 4th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Graham Michael Gawthorp & Francisco Banaria RIP
Wednesday 5th	St Agatha, V, M	
	<i>Church</i> 7:30 am	Francesca Emah RIP
	<i>Church</i> 12:15 pm	Josephine & Ray Canty
	<i>Church</i> 1:15 pm	REQUIEM MASS—Robert Williamson R
Thursday 6th	St Paul Miki and Companions, Mm	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	In thanksgiving – O'Keefe family
Friday 7th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Private Intention [MW]
	<i>Church</i> 11:00 am	REQUIEM MASS – Julia Allen RIP
	<i>Church</i> 6:30 pm	Special Intention [JH]
Saturday 8th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	D/Rels: Betts Family

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) - 9th February

Saturday February 8th	7:00 am	For the unborn
	6:15 pm	Russell Crook RIP
Sunday February 9th	8:00 am	D/Rels: Young family
	10:30 am	Apinio Matiz RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Dr E P Solomon
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	D/Rels: McCarthy & Brookes families
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	John Cawley RIP [JW]

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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