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| FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [B] | |
| Saturday May 2nd | 6:15 pm Peter, Teresa & Simon Monk RIP |
| Sunday May 3rd | 8:00 am D/Rels: Critchley family |
| | 10:30 am In thanksgiving – Sykes family |
| | 2:00 pm POLISH MASS |
| | 6:30 pm Ints: Pat Brown [SVP] |
| <i>West Mersea</i> | 8:30 am Vincent Galea RIP |
| <i>Mile End</i> | 9:15 am Marjorie Khan RIP |
| <i>Monkwick</i> | 10:15 am Parishioners |
| Monday 4th | THE ENGLISH MARTYRS – National Feast |
| NB | Church 8:00 am Osman Bakas RIP |
| NB | Church 10:00 am Ints: The Durkin Family |
| Tuesday 5th | Feria |
| | Church 9:15 am Norah Hewitt RIP |
| Wednesday 6th | St John Payne, Pr, M |
| <i>West Mersea</i> | 9:30 am COMMUNION SERVICE |
| | Church 12:15 pm D/Rels: Udall family |
| Thursday 7th | Feria |
| | Church 9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP |
| Friday 8th | Feria |
| | Church 9:15 am Marie Monaghan RIP |
| Saturday 9th | Feria |
| | Church 9:15 am Ints: Mrs Dolores Payne |

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| SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [B] | |
| Saturday May 9th | 6:15 pm Una Close RIP |
| Sunday May 10th | 8:00 am Ann Thomas RIP |
| | 10:30 am Tim Williamson RIP [RO] |
| | 2:00 pm POLISH MASS |
| | 5:00 pm HOLY HOUR |
| | 6:30 pm Julia & Stan Sycamore RIP |
| <i>West Mersea</i> | 8:30 am Teresa Hogan RIP [EG] |
| <i>Mile End</i> | 9:15 am Parishioners |
| <i>Monkwick</i> | 10:15 am Tim Williamson RIP [MD] |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm*
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE *At least six months notice is required*

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The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

Will be publicising their work after Mass this Sunday. SPUC is the largest pro-life organisation in the UK, and works to protect human lives from conception to natural death. They campaign against threats to the sanctity of life, such as abortion and euthanasia. SPUC also provides support to protect the most vulnerable in our society, in particular pregnant mothers, their unborn children, the elderly and the disabled. The second collection will be for SPUC. Isaac and Rhoslyn from SPUC will be explaining more about the problems SPUC is speaking out against and inviting you to join SPUC. There will also be an opportunity to meet them in the crypt following the 10.30am Mass. Everyone is most welcome and there will be refreshments provided as well!

General Election this Thursday May 7th

An extract from the letter of the Bishops of England & Wales

We expect politicians to be committed to the common good. We also each have a responsibility to be involved in the democratic process. It is important that we vote. It is a duty which springs from the privilege of living in a democratic society. In deciding how we vote the question for each one of us is then: How, in the light of the Gospel, can my vote best serve the common good?

Prior to casting your vote, you may wish to use the following prayer:

“Lord, grant us wisdom that we may walk with integrity, guarding the path of justice and knowing the protection of your loving care for all”

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 7:45pm Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm Crypt
SCRIPTURE GROUP Wednesdays at 10am
Crypt
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 9:45am – 10:30am and 5:30pm – 6pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, John & Olive Crawford, Paul Crocker, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Ronald Jay, Mary Jose, Pat Keene, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, Eileen McGee, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Olive Newland, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Stephen and Sabina Rhatigan, Margaret Scammell, Aimée Stammers, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Brian Baggiony, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

SICK CLERGY: Fr Paul Dynan is due to have another operation in May; we continue to support him in prayer. We also pray for Mgr David Manson who is taking a month's rest after sustaining a heart attack a week or so ago.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stephen Hill of Mersea. Mr Hill's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 27th May at 4pm St Cedd and St Gregory, West Mersea. May he rest in peace.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday May 8th & 15th 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]

MASS DURING THE WEEK: Mass on Monday 4th May will be at 8am and 10am because of the Bank Holiday. There will be no Mass on Wednesday 6th May at 7:30am or at 6:30pm on Friday 8th.

MONKWICK NEWS: Our first coffee morning of the season will be at Grace McCartney's 20A Buxton Road Colchester on Saturday 9th May from 10am – 12 noon. All our most welcome.

100 CLUB – APRIL DRAW: And the winners are: Shiv Cordy-McKenna [1st]; Fr Tony McKentey [2nd]; Pauline Carter [3rd]. Congratulations to you all.

MONTH OF OUR LADY: The Statue of our Lady has been crowned with flowers as we honour her during her special month. She will be with us as we conclude the glorious Easter season, through Ascension and Pentecost and finally Trinity Sunday, on the 31st May. During these days, also we celebrate our First Holy Communion Masses.

FLOWER TEAM: We are a small group but would welcome new members. Experience is not necessary but enthusiasm and a willingness to learn are essential, as is physical fitness since a certain amount of lifting and carrying is involved. Members must be able to make a regular commitment to the church flower rota. Volunteers should leave their name and contact details at the Church Office addressed to the 'Flower Group'.

PARISH INCOME: We need to raise £1,560 each week from the collection bags. During March & April, the money received on average was £1,582 – which means we have slightly exceeded our target! We are grateful for all that you give, please continue to do so and help us keep at this level as costs are rising, not going down. Thank you.

SVP SUMMER PARTY: for Senior Parishioners on 20th June in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. The Party will commence with a Healing Mass at 1pm followed by Afternoon Tea and Entertainment. There will also be a raffle. Tickets for the Afternoon Tea and Entertainment are £5.00 per person. Apply to Jennifer Bebb for Tickets on 07970 408 707.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 23rd May. A 16 seat minibus will be leaving East Hill at 8:15am. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE EVENTS: Spring Youth Gather, 9 May - a perfect introductory event for those in years 7- 9 at Stubbers outdoor activity centre, Upminster. March for Life UK, 16 May - there is a minibus going to Birmingham to join this Pro-Life rally. There will also be a preparation evening in Brentwood with input from our Youth Chaplain, Fr James and a chance to make a BCYS Pro Life Banner! Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 23 May - Join Bishop Alan, the BCYS and parishes from across the diocese on a Pilgrimage to England's Nazareth, the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham – patroness of our Youth Retreat Centre, Walsingham House. More information about all events on Facebook, at www.bcys.net or call 01277 265 286.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: are hosting an evening of classical music in the beautiful surroundings of Ingatestone Hall on Saturday 23rd May at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £22 and include wine and nibbles. For tickets or further information, please call Amy Pether on 01268 784544 or email apether@bccs.org.uk

TEACHING VACANCY IN HARWICH: Full time Class Teacher vacancy at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Harwich. Year 5/6. September start. Please contact the Headteacher, Marie Kelly 01255 503493 for further details.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS: The Annual Mass for Migrants in honour of St Joseph the Worker, will be held on Monday, 4th May at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. There will be a banner procession at 10.30am followed by Mass at 11am. The Main Celebrant will be Archbishop Peter Smith who will be joined by other Bishops, including our own Bishop, Alan Williams, and clergy from the three Dioceses of Brentwood, Westminster and Southwark. Everyone is most welcome to attend this joyous occasion to celebrate the contribution made by migrants in our communities.

