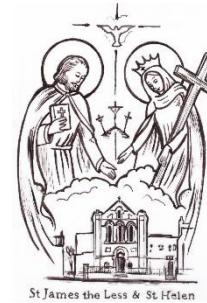


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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT [YEAR – C]

Saturday December 5 th	6:15 pm	Intentions of Silva Family
Sunday December 6 th	8:00 am	Mr and Mrs Macdonald RIP
	10:30 am	Lilian Southon RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Victoria Ogbolu
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Ernest Jardim RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Catherine Spicer RIP
Monday 7 th	St Ambrose, Bp, D	
Church	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 8 th	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B.V.M	
Church	9:15 am	Parishioners
Mersea	9:30 am	Ints: Bernadette & Richard Ebling
Church	12:15 pm	Ints: Williams Family
Church	6:30 pm	Polish Mass & Procession
Wednesday 9 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
Church	12:15 am	Michael Collins RIP
Thursday 10 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 11 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Saturday 12 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Derek Harvey RIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT C] [Gaudete Sunday]

Saturday December 12 th	6:15 pm	Moira & Dennis Pryke RIP
Sunday December 13 th	8:00 am	Arthur, Beryl & John Oliver RIP
	10:30 am	Doris Murphy RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Matthew Keane RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Joan Donnelly RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Bernard Lawler RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Peggy, Ted & Maria Wilding RIP

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C]

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My dear friends,

On Tuesday of this week, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, will open the Holy Door of St Peter's in Rome and declare the Jubilee Year of Mercy open. We pray that we will grasp this opportunity to understand and celebrate the mercy of God in our lives. This Holy Year calls us to be instruments of God's mercy and we do that today through our collection for Aid to the Church in Need.

Day by day, reports received by Aid to the Church in Need show how the persecution of Christians is becoming ever more serious – affecting the lives of thousands upon thousands of the faithful.

So many of them suffer verbal abuse, violence, sexual harassment and worse, simply because of the Faith they profess. Of particular concern are the countries such as China, Eritrea, Iraq, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan, Sudan and Syria. Visit www.acnuk.org/persecution and view the full report findings, analysis, case studies and country profiles.

Please support the collection for ACN after Mass today and take some of the literature they have provided.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Masses are at 9:15am, 12:15pm at Priory Street, There is also a 6:30 evening Mass led by the Polish Community with a Marian procession, to which everyone is invited. There is a 9:30am Mass at Mersea. This Mass is for Bernadette & Richard Ebling who celebrate their Golden Wedding that day.

May God bless you 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
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays – Crypt 8pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Brian Bagioni, June Bickersteth, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Athene Jones, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Joanne Leon, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Mercus, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Aimée Stammers, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Olive Newland who has recently died. May she rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of her bereaved family.
The funeral of Sr Mary Thérèse will take place here on 15th December at 11am and the funeral of Elaine Proudfoot will take place here on 17th December at 12:30pm.

BAPTISM TODAY: We welcome into the church family through the Sacrament of Baptism **Luke Frost**. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.
Please collect your child's Baptism Certificate when you come to Mass, or contact the Parish Office on a **Tuesday between 10am and 2pm** to arrange to pick them up.

FILMS FOR FAITH: The next showing will be in the Crypt on Monday, December 7th at 7pm and Wednesday 9th December at 1:30pm. Part 2 of Bishop Barron's 4 week Course "The Mystery of God". For more details, please see poster in the porch.

HEALING MASS AT ABBOTSWICK, HOUSE OF PRAYER, BRENTWOOD: to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 9th December 2015. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

LECTIO DIVINA: 12th and 19th December 5-6pm in the Crypt.

BLACK FRIDAY?: Come and mark the middle of Advent on the vigil of **Rejoice Sunday! Advent Reflections. Sat 12 December. 11am-3pm in the Crypt.** Coffee beforehand. Please bring packed lunch. (VQ 01206 621196)

ADVENT TALK AT CATHEDRAL HOUSE: Saturday 12th December 2015 - **Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon** – Theme: The Seven Bells to Bethlehem. Cathedral House, Brentwood. 9.15am – 12.00pm! If you would like to register a place, please contact: Lisa Gunther at lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org or on 01277 265285.

ADVENT EVENTS AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL. Tuesday 8th December Mass – Mass to open Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy at 7pm. Sunday 20th December Nine Lessons & Carols 4pm. Thursday, 24th December 11pm, Live broadcast of Midnight Mass for BBC Radio 4.

AS PART OF THE YEAR OF MERCY: Fr Martin Boland, the Dean of Brentwood Cathedral would like to invite all members of **the Traveller Community** to come to the Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese, and join the Cathedral parish community at Mass on Sunday 13 December at 6.30 pm. Fr Dan Mason will preach at this Mass.

ST THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2016-17 INTAKE: Fr Tony will be signing the Certificate of Practice forms on the 11th December between 4pm and 6pm. Please phone the Parish Office to make an appointment. [The 9th December list is full].

“SIMBANG GABI” Filipino Mass here at 8 pm on December 16th, 18th and 23rd. For more information, please contact Fr Alex or Mr Jimmy Clarin.

POLISH ADVENT PREPARATION: Masses in honour of Our Lady on the Tuesdays in Advent at 6:30pm, the 8th, 15th and 22nd. Everyone is welcome on the 8th, when there will be a Marian procession in honour of the Immaculate Conception.

CHRISTMAS CURRY EVENING: December 19th 7:30-10:30pm. An evening of various home cooked curries. Light refreshments will be served, but bring your own drink. The “Grand Raffle” will also be drawn on the night. Adults £10; children 5-12 years £5. Tickets available as from December 7th. Contact Frances 369568. Norah 503410.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS: Today we will have a second collection for Aid to the Church in Need. A second collection at *Priory Street* will be taken on 12th/13th December for Christmas flowers and *also another collection at Mile End for Christmas flowers there, the recent one unfortunately raising insufficient funds.*

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Mgr John Armitage returns to the Diocese to share his adventurous story of the years when he first discerned a call to Priesthood. You are invited to ask him questions and then enjoy a free fish and chips supper. Hosted by Brentwood Vocations, they invite all women and men aged 17-45, especially discerning a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life to this “*In conversation with*” event on Monday, 21st December, 7:30pm at the Parish Hall of St Edward the Confessor, Romford, RM1 4AT. For more details eamonn@brentwoodvocations.org

CLEANER REQUIRED: At St Thomas More School. For full details, please contact the school on 865722.

BRENTWOOD DIRECTORY 2016: Now available - price £2:75. Please put money in the Repository Wall box. Also Brentwood News – free of charge!

100 CLUB NOVEMBER DRAW PRIZE WINNERS: 1st – Helen Treby; 2nd – Margaret Hawken; 3rd Lawrence Hornsby. *Congratulations!*

S T I L L DESPERATELY REQUIRED: Reliable and committed volunteers to help with cleaning the Church. Please contact Helena on 01206 794636 [mornings before mid-day].

CLEANERS' ROTA: December 10th – Team 1.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL: To book: 07758 805263; cb.hall@btinternet.com