

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD [B]

Saturday January 10 th	6:15 pm	Ron Wheeler RIP [MW]
Sunday January 11 th	8:00 am	Geoffrey Foley RIP
	10:30 am	Mr & Mrs Abraham RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Margaret Brown RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Celestine Tighe RIP
Monday 12 th	Feria	
	Church 7:30 am	Mathew Foley RIP
	Church 9:15 am	Derek Harvey RIP
West Mersea	11:00 am	REQUIEM MASS – Joan Donnelly RIP
Tuesday 13 th	Feria	
	Church 9:15 am	Ints: Fr Tim Coffey
Wednesday 14 th	Feria	
	Church 7:30 am	Holy Souls
West Mersea	9:30 am	HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
	Church 12:15 pm	Ints: Alice & Philip White
Thursday 15 th	Feria	
	Church 9:15 am	Ints: Hogan Family
Friday 16 th	Feria	
	Church 9:15 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	Church 6:30 pm	Bridie Foley RIP
Saturday 17 th	St Anthony, Ab	
	Church 9:15 am	Bridget Frawley RIP

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday January 17 th	6:15 pm	Douglas & David Finch RIP
Sunday January 18 th	8:00 am	Margaret & Dermott Moriarty RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Sykes Family
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Frank Maguire
West Mersea	8:30 am	Ints: Teresa Thomas
Mile End	9:15 am	Alfredo Sagnella & Family
Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners

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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My dear friends

We celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord which marks the beginning of his public life and his mission of preaching the Good News of the kingdom. In the Gospel of St Mark, our Gospel for this church year, he begins his account with this event. We see the Holy Trinity present in this epiphany: the Father's voice is heard acknowledging Christ as his beloved Son; the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove and Jesus, the Son of God, inaugurates his saving work.

We give thanks for our baptism, when we became the beloved children of God, when the Holy Spirit came to dwell within us and we began our Christian vocation, baptised into Christ for all time.

May God bless you all on this special day

Fr Tony McKentey

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: This weekend 10 / 11th January. Help support SPUC's important work of defending life from conception. The Scottish midwives legal battle cost SPUC £406,000. Also, as the case was recently lost in the Supreme Court, there may be costs awarded against the two Midwives. Your money will help SPUC shoulder this burden and help them seek to redress this ruling. It will also help promote the pro-life message to young people in schools and colleges and fund other vital pro-life campaigns.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in 2015, the initial parent's meetings will be Thursday 15th and 22nd January at 7:30pm in the Crypt. Both sessions must be attended. This is for children presently in Year 3 and upwards and who belong to this parish. Packs will be available for parents for this week and next with a full timetable.

DIOCESAN NEWS: Mgr John Armitage and Mgr David Manson have completed their term of office as Vicars General for the diocese. They have helped Bishop Alan since he became bishop in July and Bishop Thomas for some ten years before that. Mgr Armitage, as you would have heard, has become director of the National Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham, a position Bishop Alan had before he came to Brentwood. Bishop Alan has appointed Fr Kevin Hale as the new Vicar General. We offer him all our prayers and support.

PRIORY ST THEATRE GROUP: Present their annual pantomime "Happily Ever After" in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street. Friday 23rd January at 7.30 pm, Saturday 24th January. Matinee 3.00 pm and 7.30 pm. Tickets £5.00. Concession £2.50. For further information please call Lesley 01206 512310.

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, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Theresa Hogan, 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, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Stephen and Sabina Rhatigan, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Vincent Galea and Joan Donnelly. Mrs Donnelly's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 12th January at 11am at St Cedd & St Gregory – Mersea. May they rest in peace.

PROPHET, PRIEST, KING: Explore the biblical archetypes and see how Jesus is the fulfilment of each one. This DVD-based study programme starts on Friday 16th at 7:30pm in the crypt. You can sign up and receive your study guide now by calling at the presbytery. There are 6 sessions and each should finish by 9 o'clock. Refreshments will be provided. We aim to have covered the course by March 6th. A donation of £15 is requested from those who are able to pay.

THE CALL, THE JOURNEY AND THE MISSION: There are further copies of this discussion document from the bishops available today. It is an invitation for couples to reflect and pray about the gift of marriage and family life. You can also download this from: catholicnews.org.uk/reflect-on-marriage-and-family-2015: This reflection is to prepare for the Synod in Rome in October 2015 on The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday February 6th & 13th 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]

SCRIPTURE GROUP: Restarts this Wednesday 14th January. 10am – 12 noon in the crypt (please note the new morning time). The Group will continue its study of the first five books of the Bible - Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Leviticus and Deuteronomy, which introduces us to the foundation of our own Christian Faith.

ST THOMAS MORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 2015-16 INTAKE: Any parent wishing to apply for a place at St Thomas More's School must complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) in addition to the Local Authority Application Form. SIFs are available to download on the school's website www.stthomasmores.co.uk or by contacting the office on 01206 865722.

ST THOMAS MORE'S PRIEST REFERENCE FORMS: The school will be sending out the Priest reference forms in January. Fr Tony will be available to sign the forms on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th January from 4pm – 6pm. Please make contact through the church office to book your appointment time. If your child was not baptised here, please bring a copy of the Baptismal Certificate. **Forms should be completed - ready to sign.**

TAIZE: A workshop open to all. 3pm on Sunday 25th January at St Lawrence, Rowhedge CO5 7EB. A service will be held at 6pm with music learnt from the workshop and dramatic readings. Followed by a bring-and-share tea. Suggested donation is £6.50 if booked in advance - £7 on the door. Contact Eunice Broom T: 01206 728596 E: Eunice.broom@cantusfirmus.org.uk

POOL TABLE REQUIRED: Fr Paul McCourt – new Chaplain at the Colchester Garrison is asking if anyone has a spare pool table they would like to donate. T: 07770 824 381.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: United service will be held on Sunday January 18th at 6:30pm United Reformed Church, Lion Walk. Everyone welcome. See poster in church.

THE UNIVERSE: Weekly Catholic newspaper available now - £1.30