

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [C]

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| Saturday March 19th | 6:15 pm | Mr and Mrs Blanchette RIP |
| Sunday March 20th | 8:00 am | Cecily Sim RIP and Agnes Chee RIP |
| | 10:30 am | Intentions of the Brown Family |
| | 4:00 pm | POLISH MASS |
| | 6:30 pm | John Allen RIP |
| <i>West Mersea</i> | 8:30 am | Brian McGurk RIP |
| <i>Mile End</i> | 9:15 am | Parishioners |
| <i>Monkwick</i> | 10:15 am | Joseph Hawken RIP |

Monday 21st

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Church **9:15 am** Tony and June Bickersteth RIP

Church **10:00am to 10pm** **Confessions & Exposition**

N.B.
Tuesday 22nd

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Church **9:15 am** Intentions: Mary and Willie Kelly

Monkwick 11:00 am Mass & Confessions Ints: Parishioners

Wednesday 23rd

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Church **9:15 am** Elizabeth Reilly RIP

Mersea 10:00 am Mass & Confessions

Ints: Holy Souls RIP

Church **12:15 pm** Harriet Powell RIP

Thursday 24th

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Church **8:00 pm** **Mass of the Lord's Supper &**

Watching until Midnight – Int: Margaret Barker RIP

EASTER TRIDUUM

Friday 25th

GOOD FRIDAY (no Masses today)

Mile End 10:00 am Stations of the Cross

Church **10:30 am Children's Stations**

Church **3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion**

Church **7:30 pm Stations of the Cross**

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD [C]

Saturday March 26th

8:00 pm THE EASTER VIGIL – All Parishioners

Mr & Mrs Max Milford RIP

Sunday March 27th

8:00 am Holy Souls RIP [Mr & Mrs M]

10:30 am Maurice Highfield RIP

2:00 pm POLISH MASS

4:00 pm FILIPINO MASS

6:30 pm Dr R Sykes RIP

West Mersea

8:30 am Patrick Brennan RIP

Mile End

9:15 am Cestari Family

Monkwick

10:15 am Catherine Spicer RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

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My dear friends

On this Palm Sunday we begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week and follow Jesus through the events of his Passion, Death and Resurrection.

On **Monday** we have Mass at 9:15am. It is also the Deanery Day of Prayer from 10am-10pm. During these twelve hours the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar and Priests from our Colchester Deanery will be available for Confession and/or counselling. Please let people know. It may be helpful for them.

Tuesday, Mass at 9:15am Priory St and 11:00am at Monkwick with an opportunity for Confession.

Wednesday – Masses are at 9:15am, 12:15pm and 10:00am Mass at Mersea with Confessions. In the evening at 7:00pm, there is the **Chrism Mass** at Brentwood Cathedral to which everyone is welcome: The Bishop blesses the Holy Oils to be used during the year and all the priests of the diocese renew their priestly commitment.

Maundy Thursday - there is the **Mass of the Last Supper** in the evening at 8pm. We remember the Institution of the Eucharist and re-enact the Washing of the Feet. At the end of the Mass we can watch at the Altar of Repose until Midnight, recalling Jesus' Agony in the Garden.

Good Friday – 10am Stations of the Cross at Mile End, 10:30am Children's Stations at Priory St. At 11:45am we will assemble at Headgate for our Walk of Witness to Lion Walk. Here at 3pm is the **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** and Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.

Holy Saturday – the Church waits at the Lord's Tomb and at 8pm – the **Easter Vigil** is the first Mass of the Lord's Resurrection.

Easter Sunday – all the Masses are at the usual time, as we greet with joy our Blessed Lord on his Resurrection day.

May God bless your journey through Holy Week and Easter. Fr Tony

Mass of Thanksgiving- Everyone is invited to the Mass of Thanksgiving on Easter Monday March 28th, at 12 noon to celebrate Canon Tony's forty years as a priest. There is a reception afterwards in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

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, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Athene Jones, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merces, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Jordi Fleix Pujol, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Aimée Stammers, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR THE HOLY PLACES: This Diocesan Collection after the 3pm Solemn Liturgy is an important means of support for the Christian Community in the Holy Land, particularly with the continued unrest in the Middle East. The Franciscans have been caring for the holy sites there since 1209. They also assist the poor, run schools, provide scholarships, and conduct pastoral ministries to keep Christianity alive in the land where it originated.

EASTER OFFERING: The Offertory Collection at all the Easter Masses is your personal gift to the Clergy. This collection, together with the Christmas one, forms the main part of the income of Fr Tony and Fr Alex. Thank you.

TUESDAY 22nd MARCH: Final Stations of the Cross here at 6:30pm, then Mass.

CHRISM MASS - 23RD MARCH: A minibus will be running to the 7pm Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral on the 23rd March. Leaving Napier Road car park at 5:30pm. Cost: £10. To book, please contact Theresa Higgins on 523501

WALK OF WITNESS: on **Good Friday.** The ecumenical Walk of Witness is always supported by our Clergy, the Canonesses and some parishioners. It would be wonderful if many Catholics turned out to swell the ranks and bear witness to this solemn day, showing the mainly indifferent shoppers that it is more than a day for commercial "special offers". **The Walk starts at Bunting Rooms, Essex St, off Headgate at 11:45am.** We shall walk in silence through the centre of the town and **end in Lion walk** with a short reading, hymn and prayer. Please see poster in the porch.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE: "Hope Undeclared" at the Mercury Theatre 7:30pm. Please see poster in the porch.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 3rd April 2106. [1] The Novena in preparation for the Feast occurs from 25th March – Good Friday – to Saturday 2nd April. Prayer leaflets will be available. On 3rd April, the Polish Mass is at 2pm; Divine Mercy devotions at 3pm. A Plenary Indulgence is now available to those who celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. **[2]** The Billericay Padre Pio Prayer Group invite you to a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy at Abbotswick House of Prayer. Arrival 10.30 for 11am start. Confession available. Mass at 3:30pm. For more details, ring Claire Wallis 01277 658783.

YEAR OF MERCY MASSES AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: The next Sunday Mass takes place on April 10th at 6:30pm. Welcoming doctors, nurses, carers and all those who minister the medicine of mercy to the sick. Preacher : Fr Stephen Wang, Senior Chaplain to the University of London.

TEACHING VACANCY: At the Ursuline Academy, Ilford. Subject Leader – Religious Education to start September 2016. For further details: www.uai.org.uk Or email bbarnes@uai.org.uk Closing Date: Tuesday, 12th April 2016.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEWBORNS UP TO AGE 6: Will take place on **Friday, 22nd April and Friday 29th April,** in the Crypt from 7:30-9pm. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. There is no need to make an appointment – just turn up – but both sessions must be attended. These Baptisms will then take place between May and June and will be booked during the Course.

DOCTORS NEEDED FOR LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: The Annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes would like to increase further the medical cover it provides for its pilgrims. If you are a doctor, please consider joining the pilgrimage this year (14 - 19 August). Your care of our pilgrims is greatly needed, will be greatly appreciated, and is immensely rewarding. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Cathy O'Connor at 01206 501146 or cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL: To book: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263
CHURCH CLEANERS ROTA: Wednesday 23rd March – Team 4.