

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]

<b>Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Sidney & Rose Castell RIP
<b>Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Parishioners
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	POLISH MASS
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Eileen Hollis
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Intentions: Colin and Pam Andrews

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** **ST MARK, Evangelist**  
*Church* **9:15 am** Holy Souls RIP

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* **9:15 am** Holy Souls RIP

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* **9:15 am** Holy Souls RIP  
*Church* **12:15 pm** Holy Souls RIP

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* **9:15 am** Holy Souls RIP

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>** **ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, V.D**  
*Church* **9:15 am** Stephen Hilton RIP  
**C.G.H.** *Chapel* **12:00 pm** Intentions of Patients and Staff

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* **9:15 am** Holy Souls RIP

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [C]

<b>Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Christina Mooney RIP
<b>Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Bridie and Mary Markham RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	May Banks RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	POLISH MASS
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Holy Souls RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Parishioners

**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,

I have just returned from a week's holiday in Madeira. I am very grateful to Fr Emile Nkumu for holding the fort, assisted ably by our Parish Seminarian, Adrian Lowe. Thanks to Adrian for directing our thoughts and prayers on Good Shepherd Sunday for priests and for those in training. Thank you for the collection for the Training of Priests which amounted to over £1000.

We were all moved to see our Chief Shepherd, Pope Francis, making his visit to the migrants in Lesbos during the week. It was a wonderful example for this Year of Mercy to make this compassionate visit and also to bring some of them back to Rome. We can think of Our Lord's words from the Gospel today: "By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples."

May the joy of this Easter season encourage us all to bring the love and mercy of the Risen Lord to those most in need of it.

As we go to press, we are thankful for the ninetieth birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. We are grateful for her years of service and strong Christian witness that she gives to our country.

May God bless you all.

**Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes**

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary  
9:15am  
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy  
8:35am  
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays - Crypt  
8:00pm

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Lorraine Belmonté, Frank Campbell, Margaret Eddis, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, David Hill, Jan Holden, Joan Jackson, 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.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** This special collection will be taken up NEXT weekend at the behest of the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales following an initiative by Pope Francis. Due to the particularly grave situation facing the Ukranian people, the Holy Father wishes to draw attention to the tragic consequences of the ongoing conflict which has been overlooked by many. The proceeds of this collection will be joined to a substantial offering to be made by His Holiness as a sign of his own participation in this collection. These funds will be used for the benefit of those living in conflict zones and those displaced within the country.

**NEXT WEEKEND AT PRIORY STREET:** A missionary group from Bethlehem Nativity will visit to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of olive wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families there.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alfred Bruniewski who has recently died. His funeral takes place at Colchester Crematorium on 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11 am. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family.

**FILMS FOR FAITH:** Continues on Wednesday, 27th April, at 1:30pm [after the 12:15 Mass] we will show Fatima and also The Rosary. All are welcome, please come along and enjoy good company, a good film and refreshments.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Robert Elliott of Monkwick who celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday soon.

**HOSPITAL MASS ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:** Takes place this Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, at noon in the Chapel of Colchester General Hospital. All are very welcome

**YEAR OF MERCY EVENTS:**– Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Wanstead, Pastoral Centre. **“Pathways to Prayer”:** Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 10:30-12.00 at Cathedral House Hall, Brentwood. To book, contact Brentwood Religious Education Service [BRES] Office on 01277 265285 or email [lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**YEAR OF MERCY MASSES AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL:** The next Sunday Mass during this Year of Mercy at the Cathedral takes place on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm welcoming those trapped by any destructive addiction or dependency. The preacher is Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector of Oscott College.

**TEACHING VACANCY: St Francis Catholic Primary School, London Road, Maldon, Essex, CM9 6HN**Head of School L10 - L12 Required for September 2016 or earlier. Please contact the school office for an appointment on 01621 856698. Closing date for receipt of applications: Monday 9th May 2016 at noon

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016:** Transport has been arranged and will leave East Hill at 8:30am. For more details and to book, please contact Theresa Higgins on 523501.

**DIARY DATE - STUDY DAY AT GIDEA PARK:** Professor John Morrill, permanent deacon and director of ongoing formation for the clergy in the Diocese of East Anglia, will lead a study day on ‘The Bible in English’, with a focus on the Bible in Reformation England and concluding with Bible translations in the present day. The event will take place at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH, on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June** from 10.30 until 3 p.m. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. It is essential to book your place and this should be done by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.co](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.co)

**GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS:** The new financial year has now begun and there are 86 boxes still uncollected. If yours is among them, could you please collect it from the porch in Priory Street. Thank you.

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL:** To book: [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) 07758 805263

**CHURCH CLEANERS ROTA:** Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Team 1.