

Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>

**PENTECOST [B]**

6:15 pm Ints: Sykes family  
8:00 am Maureen O'Connor  
10:30 am In thanksgiving – Sykes family  
2:00 pm **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**  
6:30 pm Michael & Annie O'Reilly RIP  
8:30 am Restituta Tavera RIP  
9:15 am Michael & Bridget Brady RIP  
10:15 am Parishioners

West Mersea  
Mile End  
Monkwick

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

**St Bede, Pr, D**

Church 7:30 am Ints: Maria Maguire & Family  
Church 10:00 am Marika Schmoll RIP

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

**NB**

**St Philip Neri, Pr**

Church 9:15 am Rev L Matthews RIP

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bp – National Feast**

Church 9:15 pm Holy Souls RIP

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

**Feria**

Church 12:15 am Tim Williamson RIP [PK]

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

**Feria**

Church 9:15 am Ints: Maura Maguire  
12:00 pm **HOSPITAL MASS**

Church 6:30 pm Ints: Billy & Eve

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

**Feria**

Church 9:15 am

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY [B]**

Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>

6:15 pm Amanda Louise Harris RIP

Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>

8:00 am Michael Treby RIP

10:30 am Raymond Banks RIP

2:00 pm **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Reginald Hammond RIP

8:30 am Parishioners

9:15 am Gerry Coyle RIP

10:15 am

West Mersea  
Mile End  
Monkwick

**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

On this Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. Through the gift of the spirit, the apostles began to preach the Gospel and on that day, baptised thousands of new converts. The Church came to life with great energy and joy.

Pentecost, the 50<sup>th</sup> day, completes the Easter season as it sees the fulfilment of God's plan to make us his children. As Ezekiel prophesied: "You shall be my people, and I will be your God. I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live" Ez 36

May the Holy Spirit come upon each of us with renewed strength today and inspire in us deeper faith and love. Today and next Sunday, our children make their First Holy Communion. May these young ones be the hope of the church today and tomorrow, and may they always long to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

It was a great honour on Thursday to host the ordination of three new Permanent Deacons for the Ordinariate of our Lady of Walsingham, one of whom was Richard Cerson, chaplain to St Benedict's College. Bishop Alan Williams presided. The flowers prepared for that occasion and for our Pentecost celebration are truly inspiring.

May God bless you all on this special day.

Fr Tony McKentey

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.

**FR JIM McCORMACK RIP:** We were shocked to hear of the death last weekend of Fr Jim McCormack, parish priest of Clacton. We pray for the repose of his soul and the parish of Clacton at this time of sadness. His Funeral will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 11:30am at Our Lady of Light Clacton with reception into the church on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 4:30pm.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Stephen Hill of Mersea and Elizabeth Rogers. Mr Hill's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 11am St Cedd and St Gregory, West Mersea. Mrs Roger's Funeral will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 11am Colchester Crematorium. May they rest in peace.

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend, we welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Annecka Fuentes. May God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please remember our First Communicants today at 2pm: Evie Ayscough, Lucas Benerayan, Evan Brady, Ella Bullock, Bleu Carvell, Jakub Chojnacki, Louis Claydon, George Cooper, Diana dela Fuente, Phoebe Doyle, Gabriella Easter, Evie Flint, Thomas Griffiths, Ellayna Hills, Kian Johns, Lola Johns, Marc Johnson, Lily King, Sophia Knight, Hannah Lacey, Noah Langford, Isabelle Mabon, Grace Murphy, Amelie Murray, Ashley Njoku, Jidefor Okonkwo, Daniela Quinnelle, Brandon Rayner, Isabelle Saunders, Louis Springford, Matthew Ukane and Jessica Vella.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** On the 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> June there will be a collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul and their charitable work in the parish and further afield.

**MASSES THIS WEEK:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday - Mass will be at 7:30am and 10:00am. On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May there will be no 7:30am Mass. The Lunchtime 12:15pm Mass will be replaced by an earlier 9:15am Mass because of the Deanery Meeting. There will be a Hospital Mass on Friday at 12noon in the Hospital Chapel.

**SVP SUMMER PARTY:** for 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. **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please let Fr Tony know if you would like to be anointed at the 1pm Mass on the 20<sup>th</sup> June or if you are brining one of our housebound parishioners along.

**FRIENDS OF PERU: Spring Fair.** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 10am – 2pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Free entry. Refreshments on sale. Proceeds to church funds and Friends of Peru.

**ST JOHN'S ABBEY GATEHOUSE:** Bishop Alan Williams joined other church and civic leaders gathered at the Gatehouse on Friday to mark the 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of St John's Abbey and were later welcomed to a reception at Colchester Castle.

**ABBA NIGHT:** St John Payne Hall Greenstead. Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> from 8pm onwards. Admission is £2.50. Bring a plate of food and your own drinks. Music and Dancing. Raffle. Proceeds to St Helena Hospice and the Food Bank. More info from Grace 863324 or Mel 07854 091 905.

**MUSIC GROUP:** We are short of music hymn and music mass books for the new members of the music group. If perhaps you are no longer a member of the music group but have these books or have borrowed them for another reason, would you be kind enough to return them to the church and they can be passed on to the new members. If you require further information please contact Lesley 01206 512310. Thank you.

**COLCHESTER SOUP RUN:** Thank you to all those who attended the Friday lunches following the Stations of the Cross during Lent. A total of £92.20 was raised, which will go to support our contribution to the Colchester Soup Run over the coming year.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** 13 sets of gift aid envelopes for 2015-16 remain to be collected. Is yours among them? They are to be found on the left-hand side of the porch at Priory St as you enter.

**ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP:** The St John Bosco Centre provides an opportunity for children to have an exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in a countryside setting. The site is set in over forty acres of Essex countryside and is owned and maintained by SVP volunteers. Activities include football, cricket, netball, swimming (supervised in a pool), climbing, archery (instructor led), mountain biking, fishing, art and crafts, table tennis, basketball etc and many other games. A cooked breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snacks are provided, and all activities are also included in the cost. Boys ( 8 – 13 yrs) and Girls (9 – 12 yrs). Week one of camp for the boys begins on Saturday 25th July followed by week two for the boys and then week three for the girls. Cost is £145. [www.svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk) [bookings@svpboscocamp.org.uk](mailto:bookings@svpboscocamp.org.uk)

**EAST MEETS WEST:** A Fundraising concert in aid of the Mathieson Music Trust. Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 6:45pm at Christ Church, Ireton Road, Colchester. CO3 3AT. Suggested donation £10 (before) or £12 on the door. Poster in porch. For more information on the trust and to RSVP before 10<sup>th</sup> June T: 01206 618 944 E:patfoley12@icloud.com

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**CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Team 1**