

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH [B]

Saturday December 27th 6:15 pm Vara Austin RIP
Sunday December 28th 8:00 am John Lowe RIP
10:30 am Chris Ely RIP
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
4:00 pm **FILIPINO MASS**
6:30 pm Melody Mullins-Jeantet RIP
8:30 am John Cawley RIP
9:15 am Rose Foley RIP
10:15 am Parishioners

West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick

Monday 29th ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, Bp, M

Church 7:30 am
Church 9:15 am
Church 2:15 pm **REQUIEM MASS**
Lydia Nourbakhsh-Rizi RIP

Tuesday 30th Sixth day within the Octave of Christmas

Church 9:15 am

Wednesday 31st Seventh day within the Octave of Christmas

Church 7:30 am Derek Harvey RIP
12:15 pm Patrick John Lyons RIP

Thursday 1st MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - Solemnity

Church 8:00 am
Church 10:00 am Ints: Caroline & Gareth
Church 12:00 pm
Church 2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

Friday 2nd Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bpp, Dd

Church 9:15 am D/Rels: Udall family
Church 6:30 pm Caroline Long RIP

Saturday 3rd Feria of Christmastide

Church 9:15 am Mr Varkey RIP

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD [B] - Solemnity
(Holyday of Obligation)**

Saturday January 3rd 6:15 pm Michael McInerney RIP
Sunday January 4th 8:00 am Ints: Chrysopoulos family
10:30 am Dymphna el-Deweyny RIP
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm
8:30 am Joan Donnelly RIP [D&JH]
9:15 am Ints: Sagnella Family
10:15 am Parishioners

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Christmas Thanks

Sincere thanks to everyone for a wonderful celebration of Christmas throughout the parish. Thanks to all those who helped in all the different liturgies, those who provided the music and all those who decorated our churches with flowers. Thank you for your generosity, kind wishes and many gifts that we received at the Presbytery. As we come together on the last Sunday of 2014, thank you for all your support for the parish during the year and may the New Year 2015 bring you many blessings in the Lord.

May God bless you and your families on this special feast.

Fr Tony McKentey

Fr Neil Brett

Fr Philip Willenbrock

Prayer before the Crib

"Heavenly Father, as we wonder and hesitate like the Shepherds of Bethlehem, fill our hearts with joy as we recognize in this helpless Babe the revelation of your love, and the radiant vision of your glory. Filled with wonder at the nearness of our God in Mary's newborn Child, may we now offer Him our praise, worship and thanksgiving, and give Him the love and loyalty of our hearts."

CHRISTMAS CRIB: Donations made at our Christmas Crib will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. Donations should be placed in the basket or wall safe in the Lady Chapel. These funds support a vital service to children and their families in difficulty in our Diocese. They work in all parishes, not least our own. Please give generously.

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 6:45pm [Term time only] 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 soul of Joan Donnelly of 85 East Road West Mersea, Roger Munson, Lydia Nourbakhsh-Rizi, Marianne Parsons and Carol Sandford. Mrs Nourbakhsh-Rizi's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 29th December at 2:30pm. Mr Munson's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 5th January at 11am. Mrs Parson's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 9th January 11:30am. Mrs Donnelly's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 12th January at 11am at St Cedd & St Gregory – Mersea. May they rest in peace.

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]

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.**

CURRY NIGHT: Thank you to all who helped prepare and entertain at last Friday's Curry Night. The Grand Draw winners are announced on the notice boards in our parish churches. The proceeds are towards the Christmas Bazaar total – to be announced shortly.

100 CLUB – DECEMBER DRAW: And the winners are: Anne Curran [1st]; Lauren Newland [2nd]; Lawrence Hornsby [3rd]. **100 CLUB – CHRISTMAS DRAW:** And the winners are: Johnson Family [1st] (£100); Mrs Macdonald [2nd] (£75); Julia Curties [3rd] (£36); Brendan Burke [4th] (£20); Olive Newland [5th] (free sub). Congratulations to you all.

THE UNIVERSE: Weekly Catholic newspaper available now in our repository. £1.30

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Brochures available from the back of church for this pilgrimage that runs from 26th – 31st July 2015.



Three key words for the family
Pope Francis

Let us remember the three key words for living in peace and joy in the family:

'may I', 'thank you', and 'sorry'.

In our family, when we are not intrusive and ask **'may I'**, in our family when we are not selfish and learn to say **'thank you'**, and when in a family one realises he has done something wrong and knows how to say **'sorry'**, in that family there is peace and joy. Let us remember these three words. Can we repeat them all together: **may I, thank you, sorry.** (Everyone: **may I, thank you, sorry!**)

I would also like to encourage families to become aware of the importance they have in the Church and in society. The proclamation of the Gospel, in fact, first passes through the family to reach the various spheres of daily life. Let us fervently call upon Mary Most Holy, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, and St Joseph her spouse.

Let us ask them to enlighten, comfort and guide every family in the world, so that they may fulfil with dignity and peace the mission which God has entrusted to them.

*Pope Francis – Angelus - St Peter's Square
Feast of the Holy Family, 29th December 2013*

