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CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [B]

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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 7:30am and 9:15am. At 7:30pm, **all three priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

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

Wednesday – Masses are at 7:30am, 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.

Maudy 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 – 12 noon we assemble with fellow Christians at the Salvation Army Citadel, Butt Road, for our Walk of Witness to the War Memorial – where there will be a short service. 3pm is the Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT [B]

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| Saturday March 28 th | 6:15 pm | Noreen Downes RIP |
| Sunday March 29 th | 8:00 am | Parishioners |
| | 10:30 am | Ints: Michael Conroy |
| | 2:00 pm | POLISH MASS |
| | 6:30 pm | Ints: Shane Boda |
| West Mersea | 8:30 am | Brian McGurk RIP |
| Mile End | 9:15 am | Ints: Joseph Ngeh & family |
| Monkwick | 10:15 am | Harold Smith RIP |
| Monday 30 th | MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK | |
| Church | 7:30 am | Roger Sykes RIP |
| Church | 9:15 am | D/Rels: Udall family |
| Church | 7:30 pm | Confessions |
| Tuesday 31 st | TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK | |
| Church | 9:15 am | Norah Hewitt RIP |
| Monkwick | 11:00 am | Mass & Confessions - J Paul Hill RIP |
| Wednesday 1 st | WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK | |
| Church | 7:30 am | |
| Mersea | 10:00 am | Mass & Confessions |
| | | Ints: Dominic Mooney |
| Church | 10:30 am | REQUIEM MASS |
| | | Maureen McCarthy RIP |
| Church | 12:15 pm | Phyllis, Cora, Deirdre & Ann RIP |
| Thursday 2 nd | MAUNDY THURSDAY | |
| Church | 8:00 pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watching until Midnight - Parishioners |
| Friday 3 rd | 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 [B] | | |
| Saturday March 4 th | 8:00 pm | THE EASTER VIGIL – All Parishioners |
| | | Moira & Dennis Pryke RIP |
| Sunday March 5 th | 8:00 am | Parishioners |
| | 10:30 am | Tim Williamson RIP |
| | 2:00 pm | POLISH MASS |
| | 6:30 pm | Ints: Maurice Highfield |
| West Mersea | 8:30 am | Teresa Hogan RIP [A&MB] |
| Mile End | 9:15 am | Gelsomina Fappiano & Carmine Cestari RIP |
| Monkwick | 10:15 am | Harold Smith RIP |

rest in peace.

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 McKentey

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: On the Monday of Holy Week; March 30th at 7:30pm – all three priests will be available in church for your Easter confession.

CHRISM MASS: A minibus will be running to Brentwood Cathedral on the Wednesday 1st April, leaving Napier Road Car Park at 5:30pm. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

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 (new entries are in bold type): 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, Lawrence Larkin, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, **Eileen McGee**, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret 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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday May 8th & 15th 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]

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Denis Hall, Parish Priest of Upton Park, Theresa Hogan, Maureen McCarthy and Tim Willamson. Miss McCarthy’s Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 1st April at 10.30am Priory St. Tim Williamson’s Requiem Mass will be on Thursday April 9th at 11:30am Priory St. May they

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 Neil. Thank you.

ST PATRICK’S DANCE: A big thank you to all who supported the event. It was a great success and £612 was raised. We look forward to seeing you again at future events. Best wishes from Frances, Norah, Pauline, May, Val and Amy.

UCM: Spring Chick/Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 19th April, 2 - 3.30pm by the Café in Castle Park. Activities include Easter Trail, Egg & Spoon race and Egg Rolling. Prize for best Easter Bonnet. £3 per child, £5 per family.

SVP: The next meeting will be Wednesday 1st April at 7:00pm in the Crypt.

CTS DISPLAYS: We are indebted to Liam Gillen for his work fitting a pin board and new display units in the porch. The units are the same size as the wire ones that they replace but we have separated them to reveal the CTS wall safe. This has meant that the rotas on the left have had to be moved to the right. We have taken the opportunity to organise them in handy dispensers. If anyone can’t find their lists please let me know. Fr. Neil

CANONESSES: Bishop Stephen Cottrell will share his thoughts on social inequality. You are all welcome to the 3rd in a series of ‘Living Easter’ talks which will take place at New Hall on Saturday 11 April 2015. Doors open at 9am. Morning Prayer at 9.30am. Lecture begins at 10am and ends at 12:15pm. Please book via our website <http://www.canonesses.co.uk/event-bookings/>. Places are limited and free of charge.

SEEKING GOD’S BLESSING FOR COLCHESTER: will reflect on the events of Good Friday in an ecumenical service in the Mercury Theatre, 3rd April at 7:30pm. The speaker will be the Bishop of Colchester, The Reverend Roger Morris. The service is free and there is no need to book.

POLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Tuesday at 6:30pm jointly with the Polish Community.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 23rd May. A 16 seat minibus will be leaving East Hill at 8:15am. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 2nd April – Team 1