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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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My dear friends

Welcome on this last weekend of August. As we begin September this coming week, we wish all our young people well as they begin the new academic year. Here are a number of events for the coming month of September.

FOR IRAQ AND GAZA: Next weekend 6 – 7th September, there will be a retiring collection for Aid to the Church in Need to assist refugees in Iraq and Gaza. More information in the newsletter.

HERITAGE WEEKEND: 11th – 14th September. Part of the national Heritage Open Days event. Next year is the 900th anniversary of St John's Abbey in our town. The Gatehouse still stands and the weekend is a fantastic opportunity for people to come along and enjoy finding out a few things about our church buildings, the gatehouse and our local Catholic history. A full schedule of events will be published in the newsletter next week.

FREE FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL: Saturday 13th September from 11:00am – 4pm in the Lower Castle Park. Organised by the churches in Colchester; see posters in porch and www.familyfunfestival.org.uk

MONKWICK GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS: St Theodore's, Prince Philip Road on Friday 19th September 7:30pm. All our invited.

DAY OF REFLECTION: Saturday 27th September in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. 10am – 3pm. The day is entitled "Harvest of Gifts" - led by Valerie Quinlivan

May God bless you all.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type): Please remember in your prayers; Władysław Antończak, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, **Joan Donnelly**, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Marie Lyons, Pat Maloney, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, , Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: This weekend we welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Matilda Kellegher, Chibueze Okechukwu, Oscar Sayles. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday September 26th and Friday October 3rd 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 from the repose of the soul of Colleen Mercus. Colleen's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 3rd September at 12:15pm Priory St. Fr Andrew Hurley's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 3rd September at 12 noon Brentwood Cathedral. May they rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: Parish Development Fund – September 20 / 21st. CAFOD Harvest Collection – 4 / 5th October. Survive-Miva (Mission Sunday) – 26th / 27th October. Diocesan Youth Service – 22nd / 23rd November. Christmas Flowers and Decorations – 13th / 14th December.

KSC MASS: The next KSC Mass will be this Tuesday 2nd September at 7:45pm Priory St. The Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Ron Wheeler and all deceased members of the KSC. All our welcome.

CHRISTMAS MARKET PLANNING MEETING: You are welcome to join us as individuals, families, parish groups etc at a planning meeting on Sunday 7th September after 10:30am Mass in the crypt. All ages, skills, talents and ideas most welcome – Thank you.

APPEAL FOR CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ AND GAZA: Next Sunday the 7th September there will be a second collection, through Aid to the Church In Need, for the

persecuted Christians in Iraq and Gaza. We are shocked at their plight with so many homeless, suffering and in dire need. We feel helpless in the face of so much evil and, although we have been praying for them, Aid to the Church in Need are on the ground in Iraq and Gaza supporting our fellow Christians in their need. Anything we can give financially will help them in their work. Please give generously to those who have lost everything. Keep your-self up date by visiting www.acnuk.org

MONKWICK NEWS: Many thanks to everyone who supported Mike's Coffee Morning; we all had a great morning. Our last date this summer will be on Saturday 27th September at Joyce Wrobel's from 10am till noon at 25 Queensland Drive. Everyone welcome.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: Will re-start on Wednesdays from September 10th 6:45 – 8:45pm in the crypt. Meets most weeks (please keep an eye on the newsletter for breaks). It will begin with the study of the first five books of the Bible - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, which introduces us to the foundation of our own Christian Faith. Why not take this opportunity to enrich your faith?

MERCY ASSOCIATES: meet next Monday 8th September 7:30pm at Mary Jay's.

SVP: Next meeting will be Wednesday 17th September at 7pm. **REGIONAL MEETING:** Will be on Monday 22nd September with Mass at 7pm followed by a meeting afterwards.

HELP GOVERNMENT UNDERSTAND ISSUES THAT CHRISTIANS FACE: The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has launched a call for evidence as part of a major research project concerned with freedom of religion and belief in the UK. They want to hear how religion or belief (or that of other people) has affected experiences in the workplace and in using the services and facilities needed in everyday life. You can help the EHRC better understand the issues involved in protecting freedom of religion and belief. The research will inform future advice to employers and government. So please participate if you can. The EHRC is seeking information about actual experiences since 2010 rather than general opinions or viewpoints. However, these experiences could include occasions where you have 'self-censored' (e.g. kept quiet or changed job) because of concerns about how you would be treated as a result of your Christian identity. It is important that the EHRC builds an accurate picture of both current challenges and good practice. You can find details at: www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/our-work/key-projects/religion-or-belief-tell-us-about-your-experiences where you can respond on line. If you prefer, Fr. Neil can help you by printing out the form for sending off by October.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Will next meet Thursday September 25th at 7:30pm in the Crypt.

RIDE AND STRIDE: Saturday 13th September. Cycling or walking between as many local churches or chapels as you can, raising money for our church funds (half to us and half to "Friends of Essex Churches Trust"). Sponsor forms and a list of participating churches & chapels are at the back of church. For more details visit www.foect.org.uk/rideandstride/ or contact Helena Gibson 794636.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 6th September – Team 6

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Saturday August 30th 6:15 pm Anna Norfolk RIP [MW]

Sunday August 31st
8:00 am Joseph & Raymonde Horeau RIP
10:30 am Ints: Sykes Family
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm Margaret Warren RIP
West Mersea **8:30 am** Parishioners
Mile End **9:15 am** Michael Byrnes RIP
Monkwick **10:15 am** Joan Norman RIP

Monday 1st **St Sebbi, King of the East Saxons**
Church **7:30 am** Ints: Rebecca
Church **9:15 am** Tony Deed RIP

Tuesday 2nd **Feria**
Church **9:15 am** Anna Norfolk RIP
Church **7:45 pm** **KSC MASS**

Wednesday 3rd **ST GREGORY THE GREAT, P, D**
Church **7:30 am** Holy Souls RIP
Church **12:15 pm** **REQUIEM MASS - Colleen Mercus RIP**

Thursday 4th **Feria**
Church **9:15 am** Fr Andrew Hurley RIP

Friday 5th **Feria**
Church **9:15 am** Angela Udall RIP
Church **6:30 pm** Private Intention

Saturday 6th **Feria**
Church **9:15 am** Private Intention
Church **2:00 pm** **WEDDING – Sophie Blackham & Thomas Everett**

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Saturday September 6th 6:15 pm Roger Thurlow RIP [MW]

Sunday September 7th
8:00 am Ints: Hill family
10:30 am Ints: John Weston
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm Sheila Allen RIP

West Mersea **8:30 am** Deceased Parishioners
Mile End **9:15 am** Ints: Joshua Ngeh
Monkwick **10:15 am** Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm*
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter*
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE *At least six months notice is required*

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