

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – YEAR A**

<b>Saturday December 31st</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Estelle Winton RIP
<b>Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	John Lowe RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Chris Byrne 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>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Deacon Yves Ferriere RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Carmen Bonnici RIP

**Monday 2nd SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

*Church* **10:00 am** Bridget Lathan RIP

**Tuesday 3rd Feria**

*Church* **9:15 am** INTS: Fr T. Coffey

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feria**

*Church* **12:15 pm** INTS: Philip & Alice White

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feria**

*Church* **9:15 am** INTS: Maura & Frank Maguire

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Feria**

*Church* **9:15 am** Elizabeth 'Lil' Condon

**Saturday 7th Feria**

*Church* **9:15 am** Mary Sebastian RIP

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – HOLD DAY OF OBLIGATION**

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Pam Andrews RIP
<b>Sunday January 8th</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	INTS: The Lavelle family
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	D'sed members of Healy & Barr families
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Angela Jardin RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Ted Wilding & Maria Lumsden RIP

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My dear friends,

A very Happy New Year to you all. 2017 is a special year for our Diocese of Brentwood as it marks the centenary of our foundation in 1917. The Diocese of Brentwood was an offshoot from the Archdiocese of Westminster and comprised the county of Essex and the London Boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Newham Redbridge and Waltham Forrest. The town chosen for the centre of this new Diocese was Brentwood so as to differentiate us from the Anglican Diocese of Chelmsford. The new Diocese was erected by Pope Benedict XV in the Papal Bull *Universalis Ecclesiae Procuratio*.

The principal patroness of the new Diocese was to be Our Lady of Lourdes with other patron saints: St Edmund of Canterbury, St Erconwald and St Cedd. We look forward to all the special events that will take place during this Centenary Year a list of which you can see in this newsletter.

Let us pray for our diocese, that it will continue to be faithful to the gospel of Christ over the next hundred years.

May God bless you all throughout the coming year,

Fr Tony

**Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes**

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass  
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am  
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00 pm  
FILMS FOR FAITH: To be Advised

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Lorraine Atkin, Pat Banks, Frank Campbell, Olive Crawford, Vicky Culham, Margaret Doorish, Margaret Griffin, Ronnie Hammond, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Kay Knight, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Canon Anthony McKentey, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White,

**CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION IN AID OF THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY :** In accordance with new Diocesan policy, our Crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord [February 2<sup>nd</sup>] and these offerings will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEWBORNS UP TO AGE 6:** Will take place on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in the Crypt from 7:30pm to 9pm. There is no need to make an appointment, **but both sessions** must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church.,

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** A programme for children in Year 3 and above will start in the New Year- an information pack is available after all Masses at the back of the church. Please take one per child. If you have any questions, please contact Hywel and Pam Edwards on 01206 867325.

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:** The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) are holding their annual appeal this weekend. In 2017 SPUC is commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion in the last 50 years. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC and help save mothers and babies from abortion.

**ST THOMAS MORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 2017-8 INTAKE:** The final date for form signing will be on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> between 4pm-6pm. Please contact the Parish Office to book.

**DIOCESAN CENTENARY DATES:**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – Annual Lourdes Mass, Celebration of the Patroness of

the Diocese and event for the sick. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead, 3pm.

**Saturday 11 February** – (Feast of Our lady of Lourdes, Principal Patron of the Diocese): Inauguration of Centenary Celebrations with Day of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in every parish church; Inauguration of Schools' Competition

**Wednesday 22 March** – (Formation of the Diocese of Essex): Mass in the Cathedral with the Cardinal, Nuncio and Bishops at 7pm

**Wednesday 22 March to Thursday 29 June** – Exhibition of History of the Diocese in the Conference Hall foyer. The exhibition will then travel to several locations throughout the Diocese including Colchester, Chelmsford, Leigh-On-Sea, Ilford, Upton Park and Harlow

**Saturday 29 April** – International Choirs' Concert, St Antony, Forest Gate, at 5pm, ending with 6:30pm Mass

**Friday 12 May** – Clergy lunch at Chigwell Convent, 12:30pm for 1pm

**Thursday 1 June** – Closing date for entries in Schools' Competition

**Wednesdays 7, 12, 21, 28 June** – Centenary Lectures in Conference Hall, Cathedral House at 7:30pm. Speakers: Fr Stewart Foster (Foundation & Early Years), Canon Brian O'Shea (Bishops Beck, Wall & Casey), Fr Martin Boland (the Modern Era) and Dr Paul Docherty (Patron Saints of the Diocese).

**Thursday 22 June** – Schools' Mass in Cathedral at 11am

**Saturday 22 July** – (Erection of Diocese of Brentwood 20 July): Centenary Celebration at Walsingham beginning at 12 noon and ending with Mass at 3pm

**Monday 4 to Friday 8 September** – Clergy Retreat in Ars, France

**Saturday 28 October** – (26 October is the Feast of St Cedd, Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese): Centenary Music Concert at 7pm in the Cathedral

**Thursday 16 November** – (Feast of St Edmund of Canterbury, Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese): Closure of Centenary Celebrations with Pontifical Mass at St Edmund's College, Ware, at 12 noon

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017:** Bishop Alan will lead our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 23 - 28 July. The cost per person - full board and flights - is £695. Booking information will appear very soon.

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**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** TBA