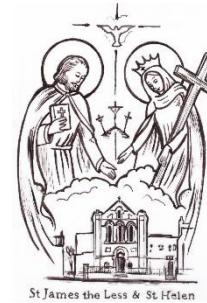


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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

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My dear friends

This year we are due for a Pastoral Visitation from our bishop, which occurs every three years. Bishop Thomas made his last visitation in 2012 and our new bishop Alan Williams, will be making his visit on Sunday 12th July, when he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:30am Mass.

We would like to invite all those young people in Year 10 and above to begin preparation for this sacrament. There will be a series of monthly meetings beginning next Sunday 8th February from 4:30pm - 6:00pm in the crypt. It is important to come next Sunday and register as a candidate for Confirmation and to begin this fairly short period of preparation. I have enlisted the help of St Benedict's College in making sure the young people know that the course is beginning. I would invite any young adult who has not received the sacrament to consider joining the programme as well. Please inform any one you know in this age group and encourage them to come forward and begin the preparation next weekend.

Last Saturday, it was good to see the children who have begun their journey to First Holy Communion. They will be formally inscribed as candidates for Holy Communion at the 10:30am Mass next Sunday February 8th. Please remember them in your prayers as they begin their journey of preparation.

Monday February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which will be forty days since our Lord's birth. We assemble before Mass with lighted candles to remember Jesus' entry into the temple in Jerusalem, when Simeon acclaimed him as the Light of the World. Masses on this Candlemas Day are 7:30am and 9:15am.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

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Saturday January 31st 6:15 pm Margaret Ratcliffe RIP
Sunday February 1st 8:00 am Maurice & Kitty Foley RIP
10:30 am Ints: Una & Finbar Nagle
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm
West Mersea 8:30 am Joan Donnelly RIP [JW]
Mile End 9:15 am Thomas, Mary & John Rutherford RIP
Monkwick 10:15 am Parishioners
Monday 2nd **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Feast**

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Church 7:30 am Mr Hilton Jr RIP
Church 9:15 am Private Intention
Tuesday 3rd **St Anne Line, M (St Blaise, Bp, M)**
Church 9:15 am Ints: Gilmore family
Wednesday 4th **Feria**
Church 7:30 am Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea 9:30 am **HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**
Church 12:15 pm Mrs Kathleen MacManus RIP
Thursday 5th **St Agatha, V, M**
Church 9:15 am John Wynne RIP
Friday 6th **St Paul Miki and Companions, Mm**
Church 9:15 am Ints: Carmel Stenson
West Mersea 9:30 am **REQUIEM MASS – John Wynne RIP**
Church 6:30 pm Ints: Margaret Hilton
Saturday 7th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Norah Hewitt RIP [BR]

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday February 7th 6:15 pm Jim Kennedy RIP [MW]
Sunday February 8th 8:00 am Mary Rafter RIP
10:30 am Ints: Sykes family
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**
6:30 pm Claire Lowry RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am Joan Donnelly RIP [A & MB]
Mile End 9:15 am Theo Tinneveld RIP [E&JM]
Monkwick 10:15 am Parishioners

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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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, Olive Crawford, Paul Crocker, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert 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 souls of Robert Bowers, Norah Hewitt, Martin Hutchinson, Thelma Stang & John Wynne.

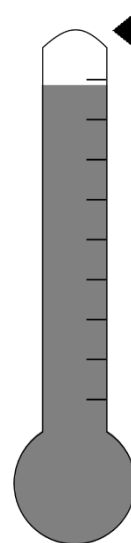
John Wynne	Friday 6 th February	9:30am	Mersea
Thelma Stang	Monday 9 th February	11:00am	Priory St
Norah Hewitt	Wednesday 11 th February	12:30pm	Priory St
Robert Bowers	Thursday 12 th February	11:00am	Priory St
Martin Hutchinson	Thursday 19 th February	11:00am	Priory St

May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: This weekend we welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Daniel Akubulio. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

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]

FIRE WARDENS: Thank you to all those who attended the Fire Warden's training evening on Thursday from this parish and all over the deanery.



Weekly Target

PARISH INCOME: We need to raise £1,560 each week from the collection bags. During the months of December and January, the money received on average was £1,390 – leaving us **short of £170 each week**. We are grateful for all that you give, please continue to do so generously as costs are rising, not going down. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: The next second collection will be this Sunday 1st February for the parish development fund; this vital fund helps support the repair and maintenance of all our church buildings. On the 15th February there will be a collection for the Lourdes sick and helpers pilgrimage fund.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: Commences on Sunday February 8th at 4:30pm in the Crypt. This is a monthly commitment. Also, the course includes a trip to Flame 2 in March.

CHURCH FOOTBALL TEAM: After more than 20 years the church football team has won the Colchester Inter Church Football League. A 3-1 victory over a very good Frinton team meant we went the whole season unbeaten and were crowned champions in style. We are looking to present the trophy to the church at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 15th of February. The salver cup starts in two weeks' time and we are looking to make it a league and cup double.

100 CLUB: 2015 subscriptions are now due (£12 an entry). Please contact John Sales T: 795623

PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA: Pilgrimage along the 'Camino' to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. April 2016 with the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre. This is a nine day pilgrimage which allows for walkers or coach travellers or a mixture of the two. If you would like to join this pilgrimage please phone 01206 867296 or email crssuk@canonesses.co.uk to request a brochure or it can be downloaded from our website www.canonesses.co.uk

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: Please join Bishop Alan and parishioners from across the Diocese at Brentwood Cathedral at 3.00pm on Sunday 15th February, for Mass to celebrate one of the Patrons of Brentwood Diocese, in the week of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Many hundreds take part in our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes each year – Cathy O'Connor, the pilgrimage administrator, will be on hand to answer any queries you have, and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service

will also be assisting. This special celebration will include candles blessed in Lourdes, and everyone is very welcome. There will be refreshments after the Mass. For more information please visit www.brentwoodlourdes.org or call Cathy on 01206 501146.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 5th February – Team 1