

**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	For the sick
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Joan Donnelly RIP [D&JH]
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Ints: Sagnella Family
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Parishioners
Monday 5th	Feria of Christmastide	
	Church 7:30 am	
	Church 9:15 am	In thanksgiving [MW]
	Church 11:00 am	REQUIEM MASS – Roger Munson RIP
Tuesday 6th	Feria of Christmastide	
	Church 9:30 am	Margaret Power RIP
Wednesday 7th	Feria of Christmastide	
	Church 9:15 am	Ints: Anne O'Keefe
	12:15 pm	Mr Mary Sebastian RIP
Thursday 8th	Feria of Christmastide	
	Church 9:15 am	
Friday 9th	Feria of Christmastide	
	Church 9:15 am	Seamus Power RIP
	Church 11:00 am	REQUIEM MASS Marianne Parsons RIP
	Church 6:30 pm	Maureen Allen RIP
Saturday 10th	Feria of Christmastide	
	Church 9:15 am	Private Intention [MW]

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD [B]

Saturday January 10th	6:15 pm	Ron Wheeler RIP [MW]
Sunday January 11th	8:00 am	Geoffrey Foley RIP
	10:30 am	Mr & Mrs Abraham RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Margaret Brown RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Celestine Tighe RIP

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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My dear friends

A Happy New Year to everyone as we come together on the first Sunday of 2015 to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Traditionally on this day, the feasts of the year are solemnly proclaimed:

Know, dear brethren that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the 18th day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 5th day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 17th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 24th day of May, the feast of Pentecost

On the 7th day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 29th day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen

May God bless you all throughout the coming year.

Fr Tony McKentey.

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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
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, Roger Munson and Marianne Parsons. Mr Munson's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 5th January at 11am. Mrs Parson's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 9th January 11:00am. Mrs Donnelly's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 12th January at 11am at St Cedd & St Gregory – Mersea. May they rest in peace.

SINCERE THANKS: from Fr Tony and Fr Neil for your very kind and generous Christmas offerings and gifts.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Slight change this week. Tuesday 6th January at 9:30am and Wednesday 7th January at 9:15am as well as 12:15pm. Fr Tony will be celebrating the whole school Mass at St Benedict's on Thursday morning 8th January.

PROPHET, PRIEST, KING: Explore the biblical archetypes and see how Jesus is the fulfilment of each one. This DVD-based study programme starts on Friday 16th at 7:30pm in the crypt. You can sign up and receive your study guide now by calling at the presbytery. There are 6 sessions and each should finish by 9 o'clock. Refreshments will be provided. We aim to have covered the course by March 6th. A donation of £15 is requested from those who are able to pay.

THE CALL, THE JOURNEY AND THE MISSION: There are further copies of this discussion document from the bishops available today. It is an invitation for couples to reflect and pray about the gift of marriage and family life. You can also download this from: catholicnews.org.uk/reflect-on-marriage-and-family-2015: This reflection is to prepare for the Synod in Rome in October 2015 on The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: The final result of the Christmas Market, Christmas Draw and Curry Night is £3,889.09. Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this great

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]

SECOND COLLECTIONS: White Flower Appeal 10 / 11th January. Help support SPUC's important work of defending life from conception. The Scottish midwives legal battle cost SPUC £406,000. Also, as the case was recently lost in the Supreme Court, there may be costs awarded against the two Midwives. Your money will help SPUC shoulder this burden and help them seek to redress this ruling. It will also help promote the pro-life message to young people in schools and colleges and fund other vital pro-life campaigns.

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.**

TAIZE: A workshop open to all. 3pm on Sunday 25th January at St Lawrence, Rowhedge CO5 7EB. A service will be held at 6pm with music learnt from the workshop and dramatic readings. Followed by a bring-and-share tea. Suggested donation is £6.50 if booked in advance - £7 on the door. Contact Eunice Broom T: 01206 728596 E: Eunice.broom@cantusfirmus.org.uk

CHURCH FOOTBALL TEAM: St James the Less Football Team are now one game away from winning their first ever inter church league championship. A draw or victory against Frinton Free Church on Saturday 10th January will see us win our first title in over 20 years. The church team are unbeaten all season and have been a credit to the league and our church. The final game will take place at Shrub End playing fields kick off at 10 am. Anyone who wishes to come along and support the team are very welcome.

THE UNIVERSE: Weekly Catholic newspaper available now - £1.30

New Year Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.

Numbers 6:22-27 – First Reading on the Feast of Mary, Mother of God – January 1st

