

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)****(HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION)**

<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Margaret Murray
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Carmel Moulton RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Parishioners
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Filipino Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	John Prager RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Celestine Tighe RIP
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>Feria of Christmastide</i></b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Anniv: Mrs. Mary Sebastian
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>Feria of Christmastide</i></b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Una + Finbar Nagle + Fam
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>Feria of Christmastide</i></b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>12.15 pm</b>	Ints: David Hilton
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>Feria of Christmastide</i></b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>Feria of Christmastide</i></b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Bridget Lloyd
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>Feria of Christmastide</i></b>
<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Clarke Fam

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)**

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Fr Allen RIP + Fams
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Patrick, Miriam + Delores Murray RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Holy Hour
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Douglas & David Finch
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Wright & Wrobel Fams

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (confession):** Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** At least six months' notice is required  
**BAPTISM COURSE:** [www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](http://www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org) under events where a list of course dates are available

**COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL:** If you would like to arrange for a priest to visit a Catholic relative in hospital please contact the presbytery direct on (01206) 866317, we can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the patient so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

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### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD [C]

**WEEK COMMENCING: 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE 115**

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus. Yet a casual passer-by of the stable would only have seen an ordinary baby. Mary, Joseph and the shepherds knew differently because of the messages of angels, while the Magi were enlightened by the star. Jesus is still manifest today, if we have the eyes of faith. In the Mass when the Scriptures are read, Jesus the Word speaks to us if we are open to hear him. And what might appear to the casual passer-by (or careless member of the congregation?) to be merely bread and wine is truly the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine. A good new year's resolution would be to strive to be more open to the ways Jesus manifests himself to us in today's world; or to put it another way, to strive to grow in faith.

Fr. Chris

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00am Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

**MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Gifts to each other*** Epiphany means manifestation or revealing. The Wise Men brought Jesus gifts: gold, revealing his kingship, frankincense his Priesthood and myrrh his dying. On our wedding day, and every day since, we have 'gifted' ourselves to each other, and to others, unwrapping daily the 'gold' of our love, the incense of our prayers, and the myrrh of our dying to self.

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY:** Please join with Pope Francis in praying that young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Peter Ledgley, Hilda Morah

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Michael Richer who has recently passed away. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family. Roberts funeral service will be at Colchester Crematorium on Wed 16th January at 2pm.

**NEXT DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION: is PAX CHRISTI on 20<sup>th</sup> January:** The work of *Pax Christi – the Peace of Christ* – is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form. They support teachers, chaplains and youth workers in promoting a culture of peace in schools and amongst young people and develop solidarity between people who are working non-violently for justice and peace throughout the world.

**MILE END NEWS:** Our gratitude to Colin Whittle's family who have kindly donated his Organ to St Josephs Church to be played during Sunday Mass. **VOLUNTEER REQUEST:** We are looking for an organist (s) to play at the 9.15am mass every Sunday – Please can any volunteers contact Stewart on 07545829333 if they are able to volunteer their services. Thank you.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Thursday: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the Course. *[If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office].*

**CAN YOU SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS A MONTH TO CLEAN YOUR CHURCH? Reliable and committed** volunteers URGENTLY REQUIRED to help with cleaning the Church. Please contact the Presbytery on (01206) 866317 if you would like to volunteer. Also looking for a Cleaning Team Leader.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** will resume on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at usual time of 8 pm. NB Church door locked by 8pm.

**WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Film showing for 2019 is on **16<sup>th</sup> January 2019** with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening "*Lady in Van*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates

**GIFT AID CO-ORDINATOR:** We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to John Sales for his sterling work and commitment in his role of Gift Aid Co-Ordinator over the last years. John now feels it is time for him to relinquish this role but will personally hand over to whoever takes this on. If you are interested in serving the parish in this role and would like to find out further details on what is involved- please speak to Fr Chris after mass or contact him on (01206) 866317.

**100 CLUB:** The annual subscriptions (£12) for 2019 are now due. These can be renewed at Priory Street after all Masses this weekend. Arrangements for renewal of subscriptions at Mersea, Mile End and Monkwick to be advised.

**PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP:** presents their annual pantomime *Cinderella* written by Justin Rowan, on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 3pm & 7.30pm** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, Colchester. Admission: Adults £5.00, concessions £2.50. For more information contact Lesley 01206 628003.

**BRENTWOOD LOURDES PILGRIMAGE,** 21- 26 July, under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams. For details see leaflet or contact Pilgrimage Administrator, Mrs. Cathy O'Connor (01206) 735623 or email [cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org](mailto:cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org)

**RCIA** restarts on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm.

**ANNUAL LOURDE'S MASS** will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh on Sea, on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm.** All welcome.

**CLERGY JUBILEES 2019:** We pray for our priests: *Diamond Jubilee:* Bishop Thomas McMahon *Gold Jubilee:* Fr Gerard Gostling *Ruby Jubilee:* Mgr John Armitage; *Silver Jubilees :* Fr Britto Belevendran, Fr Philip Denton, Fr Jean Laurent Marie

**COLCHESTER FOOD BANK:** As more working families turn to Foodbanks for assistance in feeding their families we would like to thank everyone who donates and kindly request that you please keep donating items of tinned/dry goods along with cleaning products & long life milk and fruit juices, squashes, hygiene & sanitary products, small multi-pack snacks, small washing powder/liquids, tea + coffee, peanut butter + jams. All goods are always greatly appreciated by those in need and remember these people in your prayers.

**SITUATION VACANT: SVP,** London Office have a fixed term contract for an Administration Assistant. For an application pack and further details please contact Moira Dawe on 0207 703 3030 or E-mail: [moirad@svp.org.uk](mailto:moirad@svp.org.uk). Closing Date: 08/01/19.

**NEW HALL SCHOOL: 1: Head of Economics 2: Head of French 3: Head of Biology. 4: Class Teacher** please visit: [www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities) for details.

**MESSAGE FROM SVP:** Turning concern into action - If you know of someone who is lonely, housebound or simply in need of a friend, please contact us, using the details below. If you would like to join us the details of our next meeting are at the back of the church, along with a collection box.

❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427  
or email: [colchestersvp@gmail.com](mailto:colchestersvp@gmail.com)

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com)  
or Tel: 07758 805263 [**answerphone only** – please leave a message]

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019: Team 3.