

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 6th	6.15 pm	Valena McClafferty RIP
Sunday 7th	8:00 am	Private Intention
KSC Installation of Officers Mass	10:30 am	Thanksgiving
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Mr Tony Rodney RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Michael Hawken RIP
Monday 8th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ann Higgins RIP
<i>Church</i>	11.00 am	REQUIEM MASS (Elsie) Esther Margaret Souter RIP
Tuesday 9th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Edward + Catherine McElroy
	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross – Polish
Wednesday 10th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	D. Lebeau RIP + Fam
Thursday 11th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Della + Denis O'Connor
Friday 12th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Christine McElroy
<i>West Mersea</i>	9.30 am	Stations of the Cross
<i>Church</i>	12.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 13th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Bridget Frawley RIP

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)

Saturday 13th	6.15 pm	George Downes RIP
Sunday 14th	8:00 am	Brian Jackson RIP
KSC Installation of Officers Mass	10:30 am	Private Intention
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5.00 pm	Holy Hour
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Harry Kerr RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Ints: Ngeh Family
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Private Intention

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 under Events where a list of course dates is 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 patients 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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One clear message runs through all the Scripture readings this Sunday, that God is a God of mercy and forgiveness. This message should not be a surprise as it has been preached for so long. Nevertheless, it can be hard to accept, which seems surprising. What I am thinking about is the tendency in most people to have a little doubt, rooted in pride. To fully accept God's mercy, we need to put aside ourselves and be completely transparent to the grace of forgiveness; to be humble. In practice, many of us find it difficult to really let go, we cling to the idea that our salvation depends to some degree on our own efforts in addition to what Christ won for us on the Cross. The Pharisees took this idea to an extreme but there is a little of it in almost everyone. Jesus points to young children as having the necessary openness.

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 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: *Doctors & their Collaborators in War Zones.* For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Let joy fill our hearts* Today is the first day of the rest of our lives! It is vital that we don't carry past hurts with us, and are able to forgive and move on. We need to look at our faults and failings and seek forgiveness of each other first. This gives life and hope for our relationship. Let us strive for perfection – together.

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

LENT TALK 6: Father John Victor Drabeesan gives our final Lent Talk on 'The Love of God & Love of Man' on Friday 12th April in the Crypt. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE due to the annual use of the Hall by the Student Cross. Please round off this series of talks by giving Fr John good support. Admission Free. All are welcome.

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: Please can you collect your new box sets from the church porch. Box sets are laid out in alphabetical order. Thank you.

THE **GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS** gathers at 11.45am in Essex St. More info on posters inside and outside the church.

MILE END NEWS: Coffee Morning today after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome. **Stations of the Cross** on Good Friday at 10am.

MONKWICK NEWS: Confessions will be held at Monkwick before and after mass **today**.

DEACON GARY DENCH: The Ordination to the Priesthood of Gary Dench by Bishop Alan will take place on **Saturday 22nd June 2019 at 11.30am** in Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Collier Row, RM5 2AP. A coach is being arranged to take parishioners who would like to attend with seats costing approx. £10-£15per person and will depart at 9.20am. Please add your name to the list in porch. Everyone is welcome to attend Gary's special day.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on Wednesday, **10th April**, with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening "*God is not dead*". All Welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

RACE NIGHT: the SVP are holding a Race Night on **Saturday, 27th April** from 7.30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Bar and free buffet! Tickets £5.00 pp accompanying children free. Tickets must be purchased in advance, not at the door and will be sold following each mass on Saturdays and Sundays leading up to the event. Details available on Parish Website. All welcome.

WALK WITH ME (EASTER EDITION): Now available in church porch at £1 a copy.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2019

Monday 15 th April	9.30am	Mass & Confessions	Priory Street
Tuesday 16 th April	9.30am	Mass & Confessions	Priory Street
Wednesday 17 th April	12:15pm	Mass	Priory Street
	7:00pm	Chrim Mass	Brentwood Cathedral

EASTER TRIDUUM

18th April:	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
9:30am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
8.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watching until Midnight	Priory Street

19th April:	GOOD FRIDAY	
9:30am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
10:00am	Stations of the Cross	Mile End
10.30 am	Children's Stations	Priory Street
3:00pm	Liturgy of the Passion	Priory Street

20th April:	HOLY SATURDAY [NO CONFESSIONS]	
9:30am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
8:00pm	Solemn Vigil of Easter	Priory Street



21st April:	EASTER SUNDAY	
	Masses at usual Sunday times	
	[including 6:30pm evening Mass at Priory Street]	

22nd April:	EASTER MONDAY	
10:00am	Mass	Priory Street

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21- 26 July, under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams. Places still available. Booking forms at the back of church, contact Cathy O'Connor: cathy_oconnor83@hotmail.com or Tangney Tours:01732 886666.

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP are performing Godspell the musical in September. If you are interested in joining us please contact Lesley on 07886672394(m) or 01206 628003 for more info.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: QUIET DAY Wednesday 10th April 2019 10:00am to 3:00pm at 74 Howe Close, CO4 3XD. Please come for the day or part of the day. Please call: 01206 867296 or email crssuk@canonesses.co.uk to let us know if you are coming. Bring lunch. All welcome.

(BCCS) BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on **Monday 27th May 2019**. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further info, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.

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

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: cb.hall@btinternet.com

or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message with contact number].

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 8th April: **Team 1**