

Saturday 9th
Sunday 10th

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

6.15 pm William Christopher Grahame RIP
8:00 am Alistair Wood + Anna-Maria Szekely
10:30 am Private Intention
2:00 pm Polish Mass
5.00 pm Holy Hour
6:30 pm Parishioners
8:30 am Mr Braemar + Fam
9:15 am James + Delia Reynolds RIP
10:15 am Private Intention

West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick

Monday 11th

Church

Feria
9.30 am Nina Long RIP

Tuesday 12th

Church

Feria
9.30 am Julie & John O'Driscoll RIP
6.30 pm Stations of the Cross – Polish

Wednesday 13th

Church

Feria
12.15 pm Tony Hornigold RIP

Thursday 14th

Church

Feria
9.30 am Graziano Rossini RIP

Friday 15th

Church

Feria [CAFOD LENT FAST DAY]

West Mersea

Church

9.30 am Ints: Edward Walsh
9.30 am Stations of the Cross
10.30 am **REQUIEM MASS:** Patricia Ann Morgan RIP

Church

12.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 16th

Church

Feria
9.30 am John and Julie O'Connor RIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 16th

6.15 pm Patricia Urquhart RIP

Sunday 17th

8:00 am Rose Ann & Patrick McAloon RIP
10:30 am Private Intention
2:00 pm Polish Mass
6:30 pm
8:30 am Parishioners
9:15 am Patricia Gibbs RIP
10:15 am Joseph Hawken RIP

West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick

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 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 temptation of Jesus in the desert is often considered in isolation, focussing on the temptations themselves, a fruitful exercise. Another way of thinking about the passage is to compare it with the temptation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. We can see in the comparison a whole series of contrasts, such as Garden and desert. We can think of what goes through Eve's mind as she looks at the Tree in the Garden, three things are mentioned. The Tree appeals to her physical appetite, her will and her desire for knowledge. The first temptation of Jesus appeals to his physical appetite, the second can be understood as a challenge to his will (love of God or love of the devil) and the third is to do with the order of creation, which is a visible expression of God's knowledge we can say. What fruit can you gain by comparing the two events and considering their implications?

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 MARCH: *Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities.* That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *We seek each other.* Today's Gospel reminds us that there is more to our life as married couples than we see. Our desire for each other has a deeper yearning – to be loved and accepted for who we are. In this season of Lent let us be led by the Spirit to resist the temptation to lead individual and separate lives within our marriages.

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

2nd COLLECTIONS: After all masses this weekend there will be a collection for Church Lent + Easter Flowers (M.End + P.Street) . A collection will also be taken for the Parish Renovation Fund (3 of 4) on 17th March.

CAFOD: A CAFOD representative will be giving a short talk about CAFOD at the end of the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 9th and 10.30am family mass on Sunday 10th. Family fast day on **Friday 15th March** with a 2nd Collection taking place on 1st April. *.did you want to mention that envelopes are provided this weekend for folk to use if they wish.*

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. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LENT TALK 2: The second Lent Talk on **Friday 15th March**, is by our own **Father Chris**, who will speak on the theme of '**Creation and Recreation**'. Please come and support him in the Hall at 7.30pm. You may be interested in some biographical details about Fr Chris on the poster at the back of the church.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is this Wednesday, **13th March**, with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening "*The Greatest Story Ever Told*" Part 1. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

100 CLUB WINNERS – FEBRUARY DRAW: And the Winners are... 1st prize [£25] John Mahoney; 2nd prize [£15] Mary Foster; 3rd prize [£10] Paul Davis. Congratulations!

CHURCH CAR PARK: The Church car park is closed due to fire damage to the garages; Please **DO NOT** park across the entrance as priests require access at all times! **If** parking on the street, we ask you to kindly respect our neighbours and local residents drives and do not block them.

SVP: If you know of someone who is lonely, housebound or simply in need of a friend or to join our group, please contact us. To support SVP in their work a collection box is at the back of the church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Parish Events): -

- **LENT TALKS:** A new venture this Lent: we have speakers on Lent-related themes every Friday evening in Lent. A poster with the programme is at the back of the church. Please do support this initiative of Father Chris. Admission Free. All are welcome.
- **ST PATRICK'S DANCE: Saturday 16th March** from 7.30pm -11.00pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall with Good food, live entertainment, dancers, singing. Prize Raffle, tea and coffee provided; bring you own drinks. Tickets £12.00 Adults + £6.00 children aged 6-12years. For Tickets contact Frances - 369568 or Nora - 503420.
- **RACE NIGHT:** the SVP are holding a Race Night on **Saturday, 27th April** from 7.00pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall. All welcome. More info to follow.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT: All Welcome! St. Thomas More's School PTA. Come along & enjoy a Family Bingo afternoon to help raise money for the school. **Sat 30th March 2-4pm** at the Cardinal Bourne Hall, £3 entry includes bingo cards for all games. Refreshments available, any enquiries to the PTA via the school.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE (CRSS): On 22nd March, the CRSS Community are visiting their African sisters, who work with migrants in the forested area around Dunkirk. The sisters have asked for sleeping bags, blankets, warm clothing such as jumpers, shoes, socks (they are mainly young men, so size 8+ shoes etc). We would be extremely grateful for any donations to be delivered to 74, Howe Close, Colchester CO4 3XD by 20th March.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 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

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: would appreciate the following items: tinned/dry goods incl. tinned tomatoes, fruit, soups, pasta, rice, jars of sauces, long life fruit juices, milk and squashes, tinned or packet custard, jam, peanut butter, multi-pack snacks, cleaning, hygiene & sanitary products and small packets of washing powder, liquid or capsules. **Thank you to all who donate**, we can advise that all goods are always greatly appreciated. Please keep donating much needed items and remember those we are helping in your prayers.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A PRIEST? There is a monthly vocations group for those who would like to find out more about a possible vocation to the priesthood. There will be a talk, time of prayer and some food. The sessions take place at St Edmund of Canterbury church, 9 Traps Hill, Loughton, IG10 1SZ. **Tuesdays: 2/4; 7/5; 4/6; 2/7** Please contact Fr Mark Swires, Vocations Promoter for more information: vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THE DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SERVICE Team are organising A Day of Renewal themed '*The Love of Jesus*' which will be held on **Saturday 18th May** at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford from 10am until 4pm. Our speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3pm. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

- ❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com
- ❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** cb.hall@btinternet.com
or Tel: 07758 805263 [**answerphone only** – please leave a message with contact number].

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 11th March: **Team 2**