

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT [B]

(‘Laetare’ Sunday)

Saturday March 14 th	6:15 pm	Stephen Mooney RIP
Sunday March 15 th	8:00 am	Mrs Kitty Keane RIP
	10:30 am	Teresa & Michael Hanley RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Beryl & Noel Blanchette RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Ada Mahoney RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick	10:15 am	Martin Hutchinson RIP
Monday 16 th	Feria	
Church	7:30 am	Caroline Smith RIP
Church	9:15 am	John & Julie O’Connor RIP
Tuesday 17 th	ST PATRICK, Bp, Patron of Ireland – National Feast	
Church	9:15 am	Patrick & Rosanne McAloon RIP
Church	7:30 pm	
Wednesday 18 th	Feria	
Church	7:30 am	Anna Norfolk RIP [SVP]
West Mersea	9:30 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Church	12:15 pm	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
Thursday 19 th	ST JOSEPH	
	HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Solemnity	
Church	9:15 am	Ints: Farrell family
Friday 20 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP – STM Yr 5
Church	6:30 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Saturday 21 st	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Ints: Bill de Smith

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT [B]

Saturday March 21 st	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs Frank Milford RIP
Sunday March 22 nd	8:00 am	Mike Hanley RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Union of Catholic Mothers
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	4:00 pm	FILIPINO MASS
	6:30 pm	
West Mersea	8:30 am	Ada Mahoney RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Parishioners
Monkwick	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken 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

The fourth Sunday of Lent marks the half-way point of our Lenten journey: in twenty days or so, we will be celebrating Easter. This Sunday is called “Laetare” from the Latin meaning to rejoice, as we contemplate the joy of our salvation in Christ that we are soon to relive and celebrate. This weekend always coincides with Mothering Sunday and we wish all our mothers a very special day. Today you will receive an Easter card from your priests wishing you a very happy Easter and containing all the times of the Holy Week services.

May God bless you all

Fr Tony McKentey

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday in Lent continuing this Friday 20th at 12 noon, followed by soup and bread in the Crypt - in aid of the Colchester Soup Run. Donations welcome.

EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Friday 20th at 7:30pm St James the Great, East Hill. Next Friday – here at Priory St.

LECTIO DIVINA: reflective reading of the Sunday scriptures for Lent. Saturdays 5-6pm in the Crypt continuing Saturday 21st March.

LENT DAY OF REFLECTION: Holding Jesus, Carrying Christ. From Simeon’s prophecy to Mary, to the Passion itself, we can identify with pain, grief and loss in the Gospel... but there is also the hope of the Resurrection...Saturday 28th March 10:30am – 3pm in the Crypt.

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, Teresa Hall, Bert Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Ronald Jay, Mary Jose, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Lawrence Larkin, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, baby Bradley Moore, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Stephen and Sabina Rhatigan, Margaret Scammell, Aimée Stammers, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Tim Williamson, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorsey Young.

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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday May 8th & 15th 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]

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Theresa Hogan (West Mersea) and Maureen McCarthy. Mrs McCarthy's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 1st April at 10.30am Priory St. May they rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: The next second collection will be for the Easter Flowers at Priory St on the 21st / 22nd March. On Good Friday, 3rd April – there will be the traditional collection for the Holy Places. The Franciscans have been caring for the holy sites there since 1209. They also assist the poor, run schools, provide scholarships, and conduct pastoral ministries to keep Christianity alive in the land where it originated; more important in recent times than ever before.

ST PATRICK'S DAY: There will be an extra evening Mass at 7:30pm.

SVP: The next meeting will be Wednesday 18th March at 7:00pm in the Crypt.

FILIPINO MASS: The next Filipino Mass will be Sunday 22nd March at 4pm.

CHRISM MASS: A minibus will be running to Brentwood Cathedral on the Wednesday 1st April, leaving Napier Road Car Park at 5:30pm. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

ASK THE SAINT: On the 3rd Sunday of each month (this Sunday) there is Veneration of the Relic of St. John Paul II in our Parish during the 3 o'clock Sunday Rosary. This is an excellent opportunity for parishioners to ask for the intercession of St. John Paul II on our behalf. Please bring your petitions and place them in the box provided at the back of the church. They will be read out on the 3rd Sunday during the Rosary and please do come in person if you can. "St. John Paul II, pray for us."

MISSIO: Spring 2015 Missio magazines are available at the back of church FREE. Please take one. Missio is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission. Collection boxes for your home are available and are known as "Red Boxes". If you are not a Missio Red Box holder, but would like to become one, please speak to Ron Griffin after Mass or by phone 571 590.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Priests are available for confession on the Saturdays of Lent at the usual times. Saturday morning from 9:45am – 10:30am during which there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There is Benediction at the conclusion of this time of prayer. There are also confessions on Saturday evening from 5:30pm – 6pm. There are some extra times which you will see on the notice board in the porch at Priory St.

CANONESSES: Bishop Stephen Cottrell will share his thoughts on social inequality. You are all welcome to the 3rd in a series of 'Living Easter' talks which will take place at New Hall on Saturday 11 April 2015. Doors open at 9am. Morning Prayer at 9.30am. Lecture begins at 10am and ends at 12:15pm. Please book via our website <http://www.canonesses.co.uk/event-bookings/>. Places are limited and free of charge.

QUIET DAY: Wednesday 18th March from 10am – 3:00pm. Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre at 74 Howe Close CO4 3XD. Please bring a packed lunch, coffee and tea provided.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM): Will celebrate their 6th Anniversary in our parish next Sunday 22nd March. The UCM's aim is to follow the full Christian ideal of marriage and family life, to offer friendship and support to its members and their families and to help those in need in our community. They meet regularly and hold various events throughout the year. Membership is open to all Catholic women, married or single. For more information, please contact Lenore Sykes T: 843 552. There are also posters in the porch at Priory St.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Will now meet on Thursday 26th March at 7:30pm in the Crypt.

POLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Tuesday at 6:30pm jointly with the Polish Community.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Places are filling up quickly but there are still places available. Booking forms and brochures giving details of hotels, flights and coach options are available at the back of church. Further details can be obtained from Cathy O'Connor, telephone 501146.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 23rd May. A 16 seat minibus will be

leaving East Hill at 8:15am. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 19th March – Team 3