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CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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There are some inspiring words in the Catechism (from paragraph 964 on), drawn primarily from the Second Vatican Council, which I would commend to you on this great Solemnity of the Assumption.

"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." (Lumen Gentium #59) The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

"In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death." (Byzantine Liturgy, Feast of the Dormition).

"This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace continues uninterruptedly from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfilment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix." (Lumen Gentium #62). Holy Mary, our hope! Pray for us.

ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M. [HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION]

Saturday August 15 th	6:15 pm	Marie Bastiampillai RIP/Xavier Swampillai RIP
Sunday August 16 th	8:00 am	D/Relatives: O'Grady Family RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions: Sykes Family
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Kathleen McCarthy RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Theo Tinneveld RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners

Monday 17 th	Feria	
Church	7:30 am	Canon Patrick Carey RIP [N'Hampton Dioc]
Church	9:15 am	Nisha Jacques RIP
Church	11:00 am	REQUIEM – MARY DUNCAN RIP

Tuesday 18th ST HELENA, PATRONESS, SOLEMNITY

Church	9:15 am	Intentions of Brenda
Church	6:30 pm	Parishioners

Wednesday 19th Feria

Church	7:30 am	Bridie Aycliffe RIP
Church	12:15 pm	Clarke Family

Thursday 20th St Bernard, Ab, D

Church	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP [FG]
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Friday 21st St Pius X, P

Church	9:15 am	Alfred & Ursula Harrison RIP
Church	6:30 pm	Melody Jeantet RIP

Saturday 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Church	9:15 am	Daniel Florence RIP & Danny Farrell RIP
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday August 22 nd	6:15 pm	Lyn & Richard Cooke RIP
Sunday August 23 rd	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Stephen Ginns RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Edward Lenton RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Theo Tinneveld RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Ints: Catherine Spicer

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (see newsletter)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE At least six months notice is required

My dear friends

Fr Neil's last weekend with us will be the 29th / 30th August. We would like to make a presentation to him after the Sunday evening Mass that weekend. If you would like to be associated with this presentation, there will be a retiring collection at all Masses on the previous weekend 22nd / 23rd August. You can also send contributions via the presbytery in an envelope marked "Fr Neil's Presentation". Cheques should be made payable to "Catholic Church Colchester".

Fr Tony

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:	Church	Fridays at 6pm
PRAYER GROUP:	Crypt	Mondays at 7:45pm
MEDITATION GROUP:	Crypt	Tuesdays at 8pm
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, John & Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Tony Ferrick Charlie George, Bill Graves, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, **Joan Jeal**, Mary Jose, Pat Keene, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merces, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Olive Newland, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Stephen and Sabina Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Aimée Stammers, Catherine Spicer, **Colleen Thurlow**, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorsey Young.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Helen and Anare. Married here yesterday.

WE WELCOME Diakon Wojtich who will be here for a few days.

FEAST OF ST HELENA: This coming Tuesday, 18th August, is the feast of our Patroness, St Helena. We will celebrate with Mass at 6:30pm.

CHURCH FAMILY BBQ: NEXT Saturday, 22nd August, 3-5pm. In the Church Garden and Cardinal Bourne Hall. Good food, tea, coffee, soft drinks. Live entertainment, raffle. Play area available for children in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Admission: Adults £6; Children [aged 5-12yrs] £3. Contact: Nora 503410; Frances 366895 for tickets.

NEWLY BAPTISED: We welcome into the church family through the Sacrament of Baptism, Lester Igarta, Samuele Yarboye and Callum Mooney. May God bless them and congratulations to their families.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? You will need to attend the next Baptism Course which will take place on **Friday 18th September** and

Friday 25th September in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm (new borns up to age 6). There is no need to make an appointment – just turn up but both sessions must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. [These Baptisms will take place between October and mid December and will be booked during the Course].

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Monica Pierce, a parishioner of Brightlingsea parish, who may be known to you. Her Requiem will take place at St Sabina's, Brightlingsea, on 25th August at 10:30am. The Requiem for the late Mary Duncan will take place here on Monday at 11am. May they rest in peace.

FILIPINO MASS: The next Filipino Mass will take place on Sunday, 30th August at 4pm.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is looking for individuals to represent their parish and to take part in our 'Run for a Child' 5K run on Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm. The run, organised by Pitsea Running Club, takes place at Westley Heights Country Park, Basildon. There is no need to book, just turn up and run; under 16s are welcome as long as they are accompanied by an adult. The entry fee is only £2 to cover the costs of running this event, so any additional sponsorship money you are able to raise will allow us to continue to support the children and families who need us, so please do your best. For further information or to request a Sponsor Form please contact Julie 01268 784544 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

PARISH A.G.M: Will take place on Sunday, 6th September, at 7:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

ASSISTED SUICIDE: On Friday, 11th September, the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP, via the Catholic Bishops@ Conference website – www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide or send a letter by post, the draft of which can be found at the back of the Church.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY [Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society]; If you are interested in becoming a member there are a few copies of the Society's Journal, priced at £6 each, in the Porch. The Society regularly meets at Brentwood for talks from a variety of Historians and Lecturers.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday, 20th August: Team 1

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL:
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To book:

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