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CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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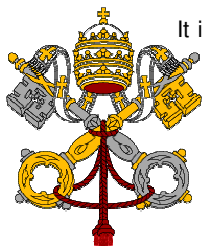
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

Sunday – 17th March 2013

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Pastoral Statement on The Election of Pope Francis



It is with real warmth and a sense of excitement that I welcome the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Francis.

As a bishop in South America he has been remarkable for affirming the values of Catholic Social Teaching and then putting them into practice through his committed care of the underprivileged and the oppressed. Also the simplicity of his own personal lifestyle has made a deep impression on many people.

In his first appearance as Pope on the balcony of St Peter's we could feel the presence of a truly prayerful and humble pastor. In his choice of name, the Holy Father has indicated the central place of preaching the Gospel of Christ for both his own ministry and in the life of the Church today.

I am sure that all members of our Diocese will have a special place in their prayers for Pope Francis at a unique and important time for him and, indeed, for the Church worldwide.

+Thomas

Bishop of Brentwood.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

Sunday 17 th	8:00pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt
Wednesday 20 th	6:45pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
	7:00pm	SVP	
Friday 22 nd	12:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	St James the Great
Saturday 23 rd	10:00am	FHC Reconciliation Service	Church
	11:00am	Lent day of Recollection	CBH
	5:00pm	Lectio for Lent	Crypt
	7:30pm	Table Top Quiz	CBH
Sunday 24 th	8:00pm	Ratzinger Reader	Crypt

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 8pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Richard Cox, Stanley Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Denis O'Neill, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Patricia Roche, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White.

LENT DAY OF REFLECTION: 'Behold the Lamb of God' Saturday 23rd March in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. 11:30am – 3pm. The day will reflect on how Jesus was rooted in the Hebrew tradition of the Pascal Lamb and how he himself brought it to fruition. Talk, pictures, prayer and silent time. Poster in porch.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Tristan Doleman & Rai-Dean Makore. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday 26th April and Friday 3rd May 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]

1st CONFESSIONS: The children make their first confession next Saturday morning 23rd at 10am, so there will be no exposition after the morning Mass.

EASTER SERVICE TIMES: There are Easter cards to collect from your priests today with times of services for Holy Week and Easter.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME MASS: The 12:15pm Mass this Wednesday 20th, will be replaced by a morning Mass at 10:00am – because of the clergy deanery meeting.

2nd COLLECTIONS: This weekend there will be a collection for Easter Flowers; Priory St Only. On the 29th March (Good Friday) – there will be a collection for the

Holy Places after the Good Friday liturgy. Last week's Parish Development Fund collection raised £1,043. Thank you for your generosity. **THANKS:** also to the Union of Catholic Mothers for their donation of £300 to the parish.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday in Lent 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 22nd March at St James the Great - 7:30pm.

POLISH – ENGLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Tuesdays at 7pm – Priory Street

MERCY ASSOCIATES: meet at 7.30pm on Monday 18 March at 37 Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester.

QUIET DAY: at 74 Howe Close, CO4 3XD on Friday March 22nd. Starts 10.00 am ends 3.00 pm. Bring your own sandwiches for lunch. Tea and Coffee provided. Please let the Community know you are coming T: 01206 867296. Come for whatever length of time you can manage.

STUDENT CROSS: On Friday 22nd March a group of pilgrims will gather in Cardinal Bourne Hall for food and refreshments and sleep overnight before leaving with the cross to walk to Walsingham. Please contact Hywel & Pam Edwards on 867325 with any offers to help with refreshments on Friday night or Saturday morning. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: celebrations will take place on Sunday, 7th April. The novena in preparation for the feast occurs from Good Friday to Saturday, 6th April. Leaflets for the novena are available in the porch. Please take one. To pray the novena, recite the chaplet of the divine mercy daily along with the prayers corresponding to each day of the novena. The novena also carries a plenary indulgence with the usual conditions.

TABLE QUIZ: The KSC (Knights of St Columba) are holding a table quiz in the Cardinal Bourne Hall at 7:30pm next Saturday 23rd March. All proceeds will be donated to The Mary Barron Cancer suite at the Essex County Hospital, Lexden Road, Colchester. Light refreshments provided. Bar available (welcome to bring your own drinks). Tickets £5. Call Ron on 797850 to book or just turn up on the evening.

UCM: Easter/Spring Crafts (card making, spring bulb planting, egg decorating, Easter baskets etc) Easter chocolate hamper raffle. Refreshments available. Sunday 24th March 2 - 4pm Cardinal Bourne Hall, £3 per child.

LECTIO FOR LENT: Next Saturday 23rd March at 5 – 6 pm in the Crypt. This consists of a reflective reading of the scriptures for the following Sunday – with silence and prayer.

INVITATION: After the Easter Vigil on Saturday 30th March all are invited to join a parish celebration in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. If you would like to make a contribution in the style of "Bring a Plate" please drop off in the hall before Mass. For further details see Hywel or Pam Edwards.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: New envelope sets are available from the back of church. Please make sure you collect your supply.

CATHCOM REACH: Spring issue now available. A Catholic newspaper for all the family. Includes special article for children on the Papal conclave, the importance of Baptism and reports from the Vatican. Give it a go. Priced 50p.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 21st March – Team 1

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

17th March 2013

Saturday March 16th

6:15 pm Stephen Mooney RIP

Mile End

6:00 pm **KERALA MASS**

Sunday March 17th

8:00 am John Higginson RIP

10:30 am Rose & Patrick McAloon RIP

4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Beryl & Noel Blanchette RIP

8:30 am Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP

9:15 am Parishioners

10:15 am Joseph Hawken RIP

West Mersea

Mile End

Monkwick

Monday 18th

Feria

Church

7:30 am Ints: Barbara

Church

9:15 am Hector Silva RIP

Tuesday 19th

ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Church

9:15 am Ints: Maureen McElroy

Wednesday 20th

Feria

Church

7:30 am Ints: Harry Carlo

Church

10:00 am Theodora Osborne RIP

Thursday 21st

NB

Feria

Church

9:15 am Ints: Margaret Hilton

Friday 22nd

Feria

Church

9:15 am Nora Giblin RIP – **STM Yr 5**

Church

6:30 pm D/Rels: Herbert & Richards Families

Saturday 23rd

Feria

Church

9:15 am Eric & Mary Proudfoot RIP

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [C]

24th March 2013

Saturday March 23rd

6:15 pm Ann Herbert RIP

Sunday March 24th

8:00 am Parishioners

10:30 am In Thanksgiving

2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Catherine Libby RIP

8:30 am Brian McGurk RIP

9:15 am Ints: Joshua Ngeh

10:15 am Bernard Honeybun RIP

West Mersea

Mile End

Monkwick

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

At least six months notice is required

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