

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD [B]		
Saturday May 16th	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs Milford RIP
Sunday May 17th	8:00 am	D/Rels: Hoareau Family
	10:30 am	Ints: Maurice Highfield [KSC]
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Critchley family
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Liza Cagadas & Nila Aganon RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Ints: Catherine Spicer
Monday 18th	Feria	
	Church 7:30 am	Ints: Mary Wynne
	Church 9:15 am	Eric Naisbett RIP
Tuesday 19th	Feria	
	Church 9:15 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Wednesday 20th	Feria	
	Church 12:15 pm	D/Rels: Critchley family
Thursday 21st	Feria	
	Church 9:15 am	Teresa Hogan RIP
	Church 6:30 pm	DIACONAL ORDINATIONS
Friday 22nd	Feria	
	Church 9:15 am	Mary Tyrrell RIP
	Church 6:30 pm	Ints: Bridget Goldsmith
Saturday 23rd	Feria	
	Church 9:15 am	Delia Kerrigan RIP
	PENTECOST [B]	
Saturday May 23rd	6:15 pm	Ints: Sykes family
Sunday May 24th	8:00 am	Maureen O'Connor
	10:30 am	In thanksgiving – Sykes family
	2:00 pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Michael & Annie O'Reilly RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Restituta Tavera RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Michael & Bridget Brady RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Parishioners

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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World Communications Day

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation' (Lk. 16:15).

The words of Jesus to his disciples at his Ascension resonate in a particular way at this time when the 'whole world' searches for meaning, identity, truth and justice sometimes in the most conflict ridden situations. The inspiration of Pope Francis over the past year has continued to preoccupy the media, not least through his initiatives on tackling human trafficking, peace in the Middle East, rapprochement between Cuba and the United States of America. All these, and many more, Good News stories have been explained and made accessible to the media in this country through the work of the Catholic Communications Network of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The coming months will see increased focus on the forthcoming 'Synod on Marriage and Family Life', the Holy Year of Mercy and the anticipated encyclical on the environment. One reason why the World Communications Day is kept on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is that it expresses a commitment to the mandate to '...proclaim the Good News to the whole world'. The CCN website contains updated news and information on this mission. Please visit and encourage others to visit www.catholicnews.org.uk

World Communications Day Prayer

O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image. Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity. Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace, Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Cafod's Nepal Earthquake Appeal

A second collection will be taken this weekend 16 / 17th May. Fr. Pius Perumana S.J., Director of Caritas Nepal, who is in Kathmandu, said: "It was the worst earthquake I have ever experienced in my life. The aftershocks are still strong. The indications so far are that this is a major emergency. Lots of houses have fallen down and there are lots with cracks. Thank God it was during the day and on a holiday as many people were outside when the quake happened. Rescue is the first priority. Lots of people have lost their homes and are out on the street or in open spaces, so we will be looking to provide them with food and temporary shelter."

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, John & Olive Crawford, Paul Crocker, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Ronald Jay, Mary Jose, Pat Keene, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, Eileen McGee, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Olive Newland, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Stephen and Sabina Rhatigan, Margaret Scammell, Aimée Stammers, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Brian Baggiony, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Salvatore Esposito and Stephen Hill of Mersea. Mr Esposito's Funeral Service will be on Wednesday 20th May at 1:15pm Colchester Crematorium. Mr Hill's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 28th May at 11am St Cedd and St Gregory, West Mersea. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Millie Finch. May God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

SECOND COLLECTION: On the 6th / 7th June there will be a collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul and their charitable work in the parish and further afield.

MASSES THIS WEEK: There will be no 7:30am Mass on Wednesday 20th May.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE WEST MERSEA: There will be **no service** this coming Wednesday 20th May. **WEST MERSEA COFFEE MORNING:** Thank you to Margaret

Ashmore and her son Barry for hosting the West Mersea coffee morning last Tuesday. Also to all those who supported it, setting the season off so well.

SVP SUMMER PARTY: for Parishioners on 20th June in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. The Party will commence with a Healing Mass at 1pm followed by Afternoon Tea and Entertainment. There will also be a raffle. Tickets for the Afternoon Tea and Entertainment are £5.00 per person. Apply to Jennifer Bebb for Tickets on 07970 408 707. **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please let Fr Tony know if you would like to be anointed at the 1pm Mass on the 20th June or if you are bringing one of our housebound parishioners along.

FRIENDS OF PERU: Spring Fair. Saturday 6th June from 10am – 2pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Free entry. Refreshments on sale. Proceeds to church funds and Friends of Peru.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: 13 sets of gift aid envelopes for 2015-16 remain to be collected. Is yours among them? They are to be found on the left-hand side of the porch at Priory St as you enter.

ORDINATIONS HERE AT PRIORY ST: The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham will be celebrating ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate here at Priory St this Thursday 21st May at 6:30pm. Bishop Alan Williams will be presiding. Richard Cerson, parishioner of Benfleet and chaplain to St Benedicts College Colchester will be one of those being ordained. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: are hosting an evening of classical music in the beautiful surroundings of Ingatestone Hall on Saturday 23rd May at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £22 and include wine and nibbles. For tickets or further information, please call Amy Pether on 01268 784544 or email apether@bccs.org.uk

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP: The St John Bosco Centre provides an opportunity for children to have an exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in a countryside setting. The site is set in over forty acres of Essex countryside and is owned and maintained by SVP volunteers. Activities include football, cricket, netball, swimming (supervised in a pool), climbing, archery (instructor led), mountain biking, fishing, art and crafts, table tennis, basketball etc and many other games. A cooked breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snacks are provided, and all activities are also included in the cost. Boys (8 – 13 yrs) and Girls (9 – 12 yrs). Week one of camp for the boys begins on Saturday 25th July followed by week two for the boys and then week three for the girls. Cost is £145. www.svpboscocamp.org.uk bookings@svpboscocamp.org.uk

EAST MEETS WEST: A Fundraising concert in aid of the Mathieson Music Trust. Saturday 13th June at 6:45pm at Christ Church, Ireton Road, Colchester. CO3 3AT. Suggested donation £10 (before) or £12 on the door. Poster in porch. For more information on the trust and to RSVP before 10th June T: 01206 618 944 E:patfoley12@icloud.com
W: www.mathiesonmusictrust.org

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 21st May – Team 4

