

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT [B]

Saturday February 21st	6:15 pm	Dr Halley Mathew RIP
Sunday February 22nd	8:00 am	Harry Brady RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Maureen & Peter Ahern
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Norah Hewitt RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Norah Hewitt RIP [MF]
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Norah Hewitt RIP [PC]
Monday 23rd	Feria	
	<i>Church</i> 7:30 am	Norah Hewitt RIP [E & IH]
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Desmond Boyden RIP
Tuesday 24th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Margaret Murray RIP
Wednesday 25th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i> 7:30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<i>Church</i> 9:30 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
	<i>Church</i> 10:30 am	REQUIEM MASS
		Margaret Saunders RIP
	<i>Church</i> 12:15 pm	Rose Donovan RIP
Thursday 26th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Ints: Philippe Aurand
Friday 27th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	STM – Whole School
		Ints: Bridget McAloon
	<i>Church</i> 12:00 pm	HOSPITAL MASS – Special Intention
	<i>Church</i> 6:30 pm	Jean Coia RIP
Saturday 28th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am	Margaret Barker RIP

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT [B]

Saturday February 28th	6:00 pm	KERALA MASS
<i>Mile End</i>	6:15 pm	Tommy Close RIP
Sunday March 1st	8:00 am	Ints: Keenan Family
	10:30 am	Ints: Mr & Mrs Mathew
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Michael Keenan RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Departed parishioners of West Mersea
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Mary 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
Cardinal Bourne Hall cb.hall@btinternet.com

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My dear friends

Thanks to everyone, young and old, who made Ash Wednesday such a special day of prayer and penance as we all embarked on the Season of Lent. Today we have a pastoral letter from Bishop Alan. St Thomas More school will all come to the Mass on Friday morning this week. I commend to you all the special events at this time.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 27th February 2015

Storms, droughts and floods are having a devastating impact on our poorest brothers and sisters around the world right now. CAFOD works with local expert organisations to ensure affected people are not only able to survive, but also thrive.

Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week, and don't forget to hold your fast on Lent Fast Day!

There is good news: the UK Government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent up to the value of £3.5m.

Please give as much as you can in next week's collection, so that long-term, deep-rooted devastation from extreme weather doesn't become a fact of life.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday in Lent continuing this Friday 27th 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 27th at 7:30pm here at Priory St. Next Friday – at St James the Great, East Hill.

LECTIO DIVINA: reflective reading of the Sunday scriptures for Lent. Saturdays 5-6pm in the Crypt continuing Saturday 7th March.

LENT DAY OF REFLECTION: Saturday 28th March in the Crypt – more details later.

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, Bert Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Theresa Hogan, Janet Irvén, 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, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Stephen and Sabina Rhatigan, **Margaret Scammel**, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ada Mahoney & Margaret Saunders.

Ada Mahoney	Monday 23 rd February	11:00am	Colchester Crematorium
Margaret Saunders	Wednesday 25 th February	10:30am	Priory St

May they rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: Thank you for your generous donation of £609 to the St Barnabas Society from Priory St. This weekend, William Johnstone from the society will be visiting Mersea and Monkwick. The society supports convert clergyman from different denominations who need help when they come into the Catholic Church. The next second collection will be for the CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day – Friday 27th February; the collection will be taken that weekend 28th / 1st March. Envelopes are available from this weekend. For more information on CAFOD's Lent appeal visit

www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Lent. There will be a collection for Easter Flowers at Priory St on the 21st / 22nd March.

TRAFFIC ISSUES PRIORY ST: The Priory St Residents Association are meeting at St Botolph's Church (adjoining hall) on Tuesday 24th February at 7:30pm to discuss the unpopular scheme to reverse the one way system along Priory St. Potentially, a serious safety issue for church users and school children. Please support the resident's association. You can also sign the e-petition at www.38degrees.org.uk/campaigns

NEW CANDLE STANDS FOR LADY CHAPEL: Two new stands have been placed in the Lady Chapel. These stands comply with our fire safety requirements and ensure that the correct spacing is maintained between candles. A kindly reminder that only candles provided should be used (these are safer for church use). Do not place candles anywhere other than on the individual spaces provided (fire risk). Thank you for your support in keeping our church safe.

100 CLUB: Join in February and pay only £11. For more details contact John Sales T: 795623

PRIEST, PROPHET & KING: A reminder that our next meeting is on Wednesday 25th of February at 7:30pm in the crypt. Plenty of time to read the fourth lesson.

DESERT ISLAND DISCIPLES: at Brentwood Cathedral. Fr Martin Boland will interview a Cardinal, an Abbot, an Archbishop and a Bishop about their faith and lives. Wednesday evenings, beginning on 25 February at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral parish hall, with Abbot Cuthbert Madden of Ampleforth Abbey. For more details go to www.cathedral-brentwood.org or phone 01277 265235.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT DANCE: Saturday 14th March 7:30pm 11:00 in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Irish dances from local school of dance. Also, live dancing and singing by Steve Williams. Home cooked food, desert, teas / coffee. Vegetarian option. Raffle. Bring your own drinks. Adults £12. Children 6-12 £6.00. Contact Frances 369568 or Norah 503410.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Will now meet on Thursday 26th March at 7:30pm in the Crypt. The meeting on the 5th March has been cancelled.

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 30th May. A 16 seat minibus will be leaving East Hill at 8:15am. For more details contact Theresa Higgins on 523 501.

IN COVERSATION WITH FR CHRISTOPHER JAMISON OSB: What inspired Fr Christopher to become a Monk and a Priest? Come and hear his story. Fr Jamison is well known for his broadcasts on Radio 2. He served as Abbot of Worth Abbey and was responsible for the BBC series "The Monastery". Open to everyone ages 17-35 and especially those discerning a vocation to Priesthood and the Religious Life. Tuesday 31st March 7:30pm – 10:00pm at St Margaret's Church Hall, 79 Barking Road, Canning Town.

E16 4HB. www.brentwoodvocations.org.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday morning's 9:45am – 10:30am with Eucharistic Adoration and 5:30pm – 6:00pm.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 26th February – Team 4