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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK



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My dear friends,

“So Eastertide ends”, these are the words that come after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday in the Divine Office. I am sure we can look back on a very special Easter season. These were fifty treasured days of grace. Thanks be to God.

Thanksgiving to our great God is the theme of this Trinity Sunday, as we give thanks for the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, whose love for us was played out in the great Paschal mystery we have recently celebrated. God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange. *Catechism 221*

Today, the first of our First Communion Masses takes place. We have just over 50 children who will receive Our Lord for the first time over the next two Sundays. We pray that they will grow in the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit who invites them to share in his divine life.

On Wednesday this week, the term of Office of Madam Mayor, Theresa Higgins, comes to an end. As her Chaplain, I will be there as she hands over to her successor. We give thanks for Theresa's year as our Mayor and for all the good things that have been achieved.

May Almighty God bless you all on this special Feast.

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Saturday May 21 st	6:15 pm	Amanda Louise Harris RIP
Sunday May 22 nd	8:00 am	Joseph and Bridget Loftus RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions of the Sykes Family
	2:00 pm	First Holy Communion Mass [1 of 2]
Monkwick	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
West Mersea	8:30 am	Maria Aganon RIP/Analiza Cagadas RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Clyde Jardim RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Intentions: Olive & Bert Hewitt

Monday 23rd *Feria*
Church 9:15 am James Patrick McShane RIP

Tuesday 24th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Wednesday 25th *St Bede the Venerable, Pr, D*
N.B. NO 12:15pm Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP

Thursday 26th *St Philip Neri, Pr*
Church 9:15 am Rev. L Matthews RIP

Friday 27th *ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bp*
Church 9:15 am Intentions: Samantha Hume & Family
C.G.H. Chapel 12:00 pm Intentions: Patients and Staff

Saturday 28th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST [C] Holiday of Obligation

Saturday May 28 th	6:15 pm	Una Close RIP
Sunday May 29 th	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Jonathan Atkin RIP
	2:00 pm	First Holy Communion Mass [2 of 2]
Monkwick	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Athene Jones RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Athene Jones RIP [JH]
Mile End	9:15 am	Ray, Rita and Janet Small RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Suzanne Till RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy and Rosary	Following 8am
Mass		
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	
8:35am		
MEDITATION	GROUP:	Tuesdays - Crypt
8:00pm		

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Lorraine Belmonté, Frank Campbell, Vicky Culhan, Margaret Eddis, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Mercedes, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Jordi Fleix Pujol, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Aimée Stammers, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend for the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund.

“FRIENDSHIP PICNIC”: The English Defence League will be marching in the streets of Colchester today. As a peaceful response, several civic institutions of Colchester are organising a “Friendship Picnic” in Castle Park today, 22nd of May, at 15:30, in order to demonstrate the spirit of respect, tolerance and community that we all wish to preserve in our town.

BAPTISM TODAY: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Nathaniel Wampamba**. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Jackson who has recently died. May she rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of her bereaved family. Details of her funeral will be announced in due course. The Requiem Mass for Athene Jones has been arranged for Wednesday, 8th June, at 11am.

KSC - ROSARY IN MAY: The rosary will be said at St Teresa’s, Lexden, on the the remaining Tuesdays, 24th, 31st May, at 7:30pm.

FILMS FOR FAITH IN MAY: Wednesday, 25th May “Fatima – Part 2”; 8th June “The Miracle of Marcelino”. The showing commences at 1:30pm in the Crypt. All welcome.

CHANGES: No 12:15pm Mass on Wednesday and there is Hospital Mass on Friday.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 28TH MAY 2016: Transport has been arranged and will leave East Hill at 8:30am. For more details and to book, please contact Theresa Higgins on 523501.

MEXICAN NIGHT IN AID OF RALEIGH INTERNATIONAL: A Mexican buffet meal, cooked by Juan Zepeda, will be held in the Cardinal Bourne Hall on Saturday, 28th May, at 7pm. Tickets: Adults £10; children £5. Contact Caroline Higgins on 01206 523501 or caroline.bridget789@gmail.com All proceeds to Raleigh International.

BCYS – EVENTS & PILGRIMAGES CO-ORDINATOR: Do you have experience in running large events, and a heart for Catholic Youth Ministry? The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service seeks an Events & Pilgrimages Co-ordinator, 28 hours/week. September start. Full details www.bcys.net/job-opportunities

YEAR OF MERCY EVENTS: All at Cathedral House Hall, Brentwood. All at 10,30-12.00. Saturday, 4th June; **“Laudato si” and the Year of Mercy:** Speaker: Fr Martin Boland. Saturday, 25th June: **“Amoris Laetitia” [The Joy of Love]:** Speaker: Fr Martin Boland. To book, contact BRES Office on 01277 265285 or email: lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org

YEAR OF MERCY MASSES AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: The next Sunday Mass during this Year of Mercy at the Cathedral takes place on June 12th at 6:30pm welcoming those who are unemployed or have been made redundant and are struggling to find work and make ends meet. *Preacher: Fr James Kennedy CMF.*

KSC DAY PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD PRIORY: The Knights of Saint Columba are holding their annual pilgrimage on Sunday 12th of June. Cost: £16 per adult, children ½ price. A coach will be leaving Colchester East Hill @ 9.am, with pickups @ London Road, Stanway & Witham High Street. Bring a packed lunch or there is a Restaurant on site. Folding chairs will be useful, as bench seats are quickly taken. There will be Mass, Confessions and a Rosary Walk around the garden. To book and arrange a pick up, please contact: - Stewart Taylor 01206-271606, Mobile 07545829333; Justin Nathan on 01206-241317, Mobile 07845 392684.

RONNIE HAMMOND’S SPONSORED WALK FOR BCCS: If you sponsored Ronnie, please settle up with him by June 1st. Walk successfully completed!

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED FOR SATURDAY SOUP RUN: For full details, please contact Armando on 01206 854921

DIARY DATE – JUNE 24th: Filipino Foods Dinner. Full details to follow.

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: There are *still many boxes uncollected*. If yours is among them, please collect it from the porch in Priory Street. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS ROTA: Thursday, May 26th – Team 1.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL: To book: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263