

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT [B]

Saturday December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:15 pm	Olive Crawford RIP
Sunday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Des Fuller RIP
	10:30 am	Tony Wright RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Derrick Foley RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Intentions: Hawken Family

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD *Feast*

Church	6:00 pm	Mary and Joe McGinley RIP
Monkwick	8:00 pm	Celestine Tighe RIP
Church	Midnight	Canon Anthony McKentey RIP

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION *Solemnity*

Church	8:00 am	Chrysopoulos Family
Church	10:30 am	Intentions: Caldeira Family
Church	6:30 pm	<b>NO MASS</b>
West Mersea	9:00 am	Maureen Keene-Millar RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Maureen Sheeran RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	<b>NO MASS</b>

#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> ST STEPHEN, The First Martyr *Feast*

*N.B.* Church 10:00 am Donald H Sutcliffe RIP

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> ST JOHN, Ap, Evangelist *Feast*

Church 12:15 pm Margaret Wheeler RIP

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Mm *Feast*

Church 9:30 am Thanksgiving [O'Dwyer]

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, Bp, M *National Feast*

Church 9:30 am David Wilson RIP [Kemp]

*N.B. CGH* Chapel 12:00 pm Intentions; Dolores Payne

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas

Church 9:30 am Charles Taylor RIP

#### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH [B] *Feast*

Saturday December 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Jadwiga Pauk RIP
Sunday December 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 am	John Lowe RIP
	10:30 am	Margaret Wheeler RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving & Intentions [Norton]
West Mersea	8:30 am	Anthony Brookes RIP [A]
Mile End	9:15 am	Intentions: Kathleen Payne
Monkwick	10:15 am	Parishioners

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

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required**

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT [B] AND THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

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We, your priests, look forward to celebrating the Feast of Christmas with you. Whether you are here in the parish or elsewhere, we hope you have a joyful celebration. Let us also share this spirit with our brothers and sisters, especially those who have no-one and nothing to celebrate with.

Happy Christmas to one and all!

Fr Chris, Fr Alex and Fr Philip



**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

**[Mass at 10am on 26<sup>th</sup> ; Hospital Mass on 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon**

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am  
Mass  
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm  
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy  
8:50am  
FILMS FOR FAITH: Details to follow

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, John Ashdown-Hill, Pat Banks, Frank Campbell, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Teresa Emoli, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Roger Kemp, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Bernadette McLean, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Elizabeth Pace, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Alice White, Patricia Wiltshire.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING:** The Offertory at all the Christmas Masses is, by tradition, the parishioners' personal gift to the Clergy. In this parish, Fr Chris and Fr Alex are the beneficiaries, since this collection forms the main part of their personal annual income. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS :** During the 6pm Family Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve we would encourage the children to come dressed in Nativity costume - we are looking to fill the church with Marys, Josephs, Donkeys, Angels, Innkeepers, some travelling kings and characters of all kinds to add to our celebration. There will also be the chance for children to read and take part in the Mass - come early! We are also looking for musicians and narrators ... please see Hywel after the 10:30 Mass.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** A special collection will be taken during the 6pm Vigil Mass to be added to the Crib Collection. During the days of Advent children, young and old, have been saving their change, and wrapping as presents to be brought forward during Mass.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jan Paduch who has recently died. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family. His funeral will take place here on the 26<sup>th</sup> January at 11am..

**YOUTH 2000:** "Chosen" is a four-day retreat for young people and young adults (16-35) run by Youth 2000 at St Bonaventure's school, Forest Gate. This takes place over the New Year bank holiday weekend - 29th Dec to 1st Jan. Dynamic talks, creative workshops, friendship, adoration and worship, reconciliation and healing. Visit: [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org)

**MILE END COFFEE MORNINGS:** Take place on the first Sunday of the month in the Dog & Pheasant p.h. following Mass at St Joseph's at 9:15am. The first one of 2018 is on 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Recommences on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> , in the Crypt between 10am – 12pm.

**NEWSLETTER ON LINE:** Our weekly Newsletter is available on the Parish website [www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](http://www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org) If you would like a copy by email, please email your request to [colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Save paper – save the planet!

**CHALICES AT PRIORY STREET;** Thanks for the response. Several people have offered to pay for chalices. No comments have been received about the design. I hope to order the chalices shortly. People can still donate

**NEW HALL SCHOOL VACANCIES:** Teacher of Theology; Class Teacher; Head of Drama; Head of Psychology; Head of Geography. For full details visit [www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities)

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) 07758 805263

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday December 28<sup>th</sup> – Team 1.**