

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) ('Laetare' Sunday)

Saturday 30th	6.15 pm	Douglas Finch RIP
Sunday 31st	8:00 am	Penny Bloomfield RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Private Intentions
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Private Intentions
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Marie Adrianssens RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Jean Ollieveri RIP
Monday 1st April	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mr & Mrs Thomas RIP
	4.00 pm	Reception into Church: John Hickmott RIP
Tuesday 2nd	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	REQUIEM MASS: John Hickmott RIP
	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross – Polish
Wednesday 3rd	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	Gregory Paul RIP
Thursday 4th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Edward Carey RIP
Friday 5th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Seamus Power RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	9.30 am	Stations of the Cross
<i>Church</i>	12.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 6th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 6th	6.15 pm	Valena McClafferty RIP
Sunday 7th	8:00 am	Private Intention
KSC Installation of Officers Mass	10:30 am	Thanksgiving
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Mr Tony Rodney RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Michael Hawken RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (confession): Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE: www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org under Events where a list of course dates is available

COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL: If you would like to arrange for a priest to visit a Catholic relative in hospital please contact the presbytery direct on (01206) 866317. We can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit patients so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK
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'Laetare' Sunday (Mothering Sunday)

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Today's Gospel includes one of the most famous parables of Jesus. It is commonly known as, 'The Prodigal Son' though that title itself raises questions. Why not, 'The Forgiving Father' (sometimes used) or, 'The Unforgiving Brother'? The parable is full of all sorts of details on which it is fruitful to meditate. Yet there is one short phrase which is often overlooked despite its importance in understanding the principal thrust of the story. Think for a moment yourself, which phrase would you give prominence? I would suggest the opening five words, 'A man had two sons', Jesus is emphasising the key relationship which we need to be aware of, that we are sons and daughters of God our Father. As it happens, neither of the two sons truly appreciate this, even the prodigal if you consider the text carefully.

Fr Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00am Mass
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: *Doctors & their Collaborators in War Zones.* For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *The need for gratitude and trust.* The Gospel illustrates the Father's amazing forgiveness but the elder brother reacts angrily and is resentful and self-righteous. At times when we feel hurt and resentful and life seems unfair, and tensions rise, we can blame each other. Jesus' message is to trust in our husband/wife, to look for their loving ways and to ask forgiveness for our own faults.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Peter Ledgley, Hilda Morah

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: After all masses this Sunday a 2nd collection will be held for CAFOD (Re: Lent Fast Day).

CHURCH FLORAL TEAM: Would like to extend their gratitude to all who donated towards the Church Flower Fund. Thank You

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: Please can you collect your new box sets from the church porch. Box sets are laid out in alphabetical order. Thank you.

LENT TALK 5 will be given by **Fr Mark Swires**. His theme is '*Confession and the Life of Grace*'. **Friday 5th April, 7.30pm in the Hall.** A poster with the programme is at the back of the church. Please do support this initiative of Father Chris. Admission Free. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on Wednesday, **10th April**, with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening "*God is not dead*". All Welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

MILE END NEWS: Coffee Morning on **7th April** after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

MONKWICK NEWS: Confessions will be held at Monkwick before and after mass on **Sunday 7th April**.

RACE NIGHT: the SVP are holding a Race Night on **Saturday, 27th April** from 7.30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Bar and free buffet! Tickets £5.00 pp accompanying children free. Tickets will be sold following each mass on Saturdays and Sundays up to the event. Details available on Parish Website. All welcome.

BRENTWOOD E-BULLETIN: Vision Document for the Diocese. The latest update on the planning for the future of the Diocese and the progress with the Parish Partnerships is now available on the Parish Website.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2019

Monday 15 th April	9.30am	Mass & Confessions	Priory Street
Tuesday 16 th April	9.30am	Mass & Confessions	Priory Street
Wednesday 17 th April	12:15pm	Mass	Priory Street
	7:00pm	Chrism Mass	Brentwood Cathedral

EASTER TRIDUUM

18th April:	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
9:30am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
8.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watching until Midnight	Priory Street

19th April:	GOOD FRIDAY	
9:30am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
10:30am	Children's Stations	Priory Street
3:00pm	Liturgy of the Passion	Priory Street

20th April:	HOLY SATURDAY [NO CONFESSIONS]	
9:30am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
8:00pm	Solemn Vigil of Easter	Priory Street



21st April:	EASTER SUNDAY	
	Masses at usual Sunday times	
	[including 6:30pm evening Mass at Priory Street]	

22nd April:	EASTER MONDAY	
10:00am	Mass	Priory Street

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21- 26 July, under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams. Places still available. Booking forms at the back of church, contact Cathy O'Connor: cathy_oconnor83@hotmail.com or Tangney Tours: 01732 886666.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: QUIET DAY Wednesday 10th April 2019 10:00am to 3:00pm at 74 Howe Close, CO4 3XD. Please come for the day or part of the day. Please call: 01206 867296 or email crssuk@canonesses.co.uk to let us know if you are coming. Bring lunch. All welcome.

(BCCS) BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Children and families are now able to access direct therapeutic support in one of our clinics. Sessions take place after school or at an evening clinic at our counselling suites in Rayleigh. Our highly experienced counsellors provide support directly to the whole family or to children and adolescents on a 1:1 basis. If you are concerned that your child may need someone to talk to, please contact Catherine on cmunns@bccs.org.uk. There is a sessional charge, so please enquire.

CALAIS LIGHT: On **21- 23 June**, the car-sharing convoy which takes a bunch of like-minded, friendly volunteers to Calais to work with refugee charities - sets off again. So come with us! Sign up for a convoy at www.calaislight.com or donate by emailing: calaislight@yahoo.com

❖ SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society): Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com
❖ CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: email: cb.hall@btinternet.com or Tel: 07758 805263 [<i>answerphone only</i> – please leave a message with contact number].

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 1st April: **Team 3**