

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING [A]

[National Youth Day]

Saturday November 25th	6:15 pm	Olive Crawford RIP
Sunday November 26th	8:00 am	D/Rels: Fuller & Farrell Families RIP
	10:30 am	Antony Southorn RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Julietta Seewoonyndun RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Douglas and David Finch RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	November Dead List

Monday 27th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am November Dead List
	<i>Church</i>	12:00 pm REQUIEM – Bernadette Sloman RIP

Tuesday 28th	Feria	
STM School	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Mary Atkin RIP
	<i>Church</i>	11:00 am REQUIEM – Maureen Sheeran RIP

Wednes 29th	Feria	
	<u>N.B.</u> Church	10:30 am November Dead List

Thursday 30th	ST ANDREW, Ap	Patron of Scotland	Feast
	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	Selwyn Caldeira RIP

Friday Dec 1st	Bl John Beche, Ap, M	
	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

Saturday 2nd	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Ray, Rita and Janet Small RIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT [A]

[Migrants Day]

Saturday December 2nd	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs R Pryke RIP
Sunday December 3rd	8:00 am	Private Intention [CC]
	10:30 am	Special Intention [Sykes Family]
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Timothy English RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Mary Staunton RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Oreste Meles RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	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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“Jesus of Nazareth...is so intrinsically king that the title ‘King’ has actually become his name. By calling ourselves, Christians, we label ourselves as followers of the king....God did not intend Israel to have a kingdom. The kingdom was a result of Israel’s rebellion against God... The law was to be Israel’s king, and through the law, God himself...God yielded to Israel’s obstinacy and so devised a new kind of kingship for them. The King is Jesus; in him God entered humanity and espoused it to himself. This is the usual form of the divine activity in relation to mankind. God does not have a fixed plan that he must carry out; on the contrary, he has many different ways of finding man and even of turning his wrong ways into right ways... The feast of Christ the King is therefore not a feast of those who are subjugated, but a feast of those who know that they are in the hands of the one who writes straight on crooked lines”.
Pope Benedict XVI

Canticle of Zechariah

Set your hearts on {God’s} kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. [Mt 6:33]

the Certificates of Practice will be announced in this Newsletter in due course. Please then contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes
[n.b. Mass on Wednesday is at 10:30am NOT 12:15p.m]

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: Please see below

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, 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, Canon Anthony McKentey, 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, Patricia Wiltshire.

WEDNESDAY MASS: Is at 10:30am. There is no Mass at 12:15pm.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: The final Diocesan Second Collection for 2017 will take place this Sunday – National Youth Sunday and Feast of Christ the King.

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE in Catechesis & Youth Ministry [BC]: is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of youth leaders in parishes and catechists involved in preparing young people for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills and the deepening of theological knowledge. The course fee is £25 which includes access to all online videos and downloadable resources accessed through a personal login via the website. There is also a requirement for students to attend 2 study days, normally on a Saturday. The first year of the BC will serve as a pilot and, as such, only able to have an intake of 20-30 people. The first cohort begins in January 2018; the second cohort can begin in April 2018. Application form – brendenthompson@dioceseofbrentwood.org or download – www.bcys.net/bishops-cert The application form will need a letter from your Parish Priest in support of your application.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND DIARIES: On sale in the Repository after the 10:30am Sunday Mass.

ADVENT 2017 – WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS: Are now available at £1 each. The Advent Calendars are 50p each.

ST THOMAS MORE – 2018 INTAKE: The dates when Fr Chris will be signing

HEALING MASS: The next Mass is on Friday 1st December at 2pm at St Mary Immaculate and The Holy Archangels, Church Street, Kelvedon. Refreshments available after Mass. For more information please contact Angie Hart on 07719-577923 or email mahart66@outlook.com All welcome

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST from all four Mass centres are invited to attend a meeting in the Church at Priory St. on Saturday December 2nd, 4pm. There will be some spiritual input and also discussion on practical matters. The gathering will end by 5pm, probably earlier. I hope that as many Ministers as possible will attend

Fr Chris

LECTIO DIVINA: From Saturday 2nd December at 5pm in the Crypt.

DAY OF REFLECTION: Saturday 9th December in Bourne Hall. Last year we reflected on the material circumstances of Jesus' birth and the outcasts and foreigners who were its witnesses. This year the focus is on Jesus, the Eternal Word.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Next Sunday, 3rd December at Priory Street and Mile End there will be a collection for Christmas Flowers. Thank you.

FILMS FOR FAITH: The next showing "The Bishop's Wife" will be on Wednesday, 13th December. All are welcome and refreshments will be provided in the Crypt at 1pm for a 1:15pm start.

CHRISTMAS CURRY NIGHT: On Saturday 16th December in the Cardinal Bourne Hall from 7:30pm. Includes your choice of one curry – lamb, chicken, prawn or vegetable – plus dessert and tea or coffee. [Bring your own drinks]. "60's" Music and Grand Raffle tickets will be on sale and drawn on the night. Adults - £10; Children [age 5-12] £5. All proceeds to the Church Fund.

UNDERSTANDING THE CREED: On Wednesdays 24th and 31st January from 7 p.m. until 8.30 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Nicene Creed recited at Sunday Mass. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

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CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: THURSDAY, November 30th – Team 1.