

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday August 26th	6:15 pm	Julie Hykiel RIP
Sunday August 27th	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Intentions of Kathleen Payne
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Bert Hewitt RIP

Monday 28th **St Augustine, Bp, D**
Bank Holiday N.B Church **10:00 am** Holy Souls RIP

Tuesday 29th **The Passion of St John the Baptist**
Church **9:30 am** Thomas & Bridget Lohan RIP

Wednesday 30th **Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward, Mm**
Church **12:15 pm** Colin Taylor RIP

Thursday 31st **S Aidan, Bp and the Saints of Lindisfarne**
Church **9:30 am** Sean Lohan RIP

Friday Sept 1st **St Sebbi, King of the East Saxons**
Church **9:30 am** Pat Lohan RIP

Saturday 2nd **Feria**
Church **9:30 am** Victor Hurley RIP
Church **2:00 pm** **Wedding – Carl and Marie**

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday September 2nd	6:15 pm	Sr Eileen Healey RIP
Sunday September 3rd	8:00 am	Joseph & Bridget Loftus RIP
	10:30 am	Thanksgiving [LS]
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Victor Payne RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Holy Souls RIP

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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In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus went to the region of Caesarea Philippi and there asked his disciples "who do people say that the Son of Man is? Or for you, my disciples, "who do you say that I am?"

This question is very direct and so it requires a direct answer as well. Considering the circumstances, obviously the answer given by his disciples was not as Jesus wanted to hear. According to the people, they said he is only a prophet. Furthermore, the Q&A did not end then and there. Jesus addressed therefore the same question to his disciples and Peter (the enlightened one) gave an excellent answer when he said: you are the **'Messiah, the Son of God'**.

Brothers and sisters, we too can easily answer this question but it depends on how we know Jesus is in our lives. Many a time, due to our weakness of faith and worldly affairs, we are misled to give the right answer. The truth that we believed in at times is not the way it is. More often than not, we entertain a shallow understanding of our faith which leads us to miss the point of our following. Peter, after he revealed who Jesus really was, has been entrusted the "keys to the kingdom of heaven", a responsibility that any human being couldn't imagine. Why? Because of his great faith and convinced knowledge of his Master, who is Jesus the Messiah, the one who is to come, Peter, then was chosen to lead the ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC and APOSTOLIC Church established by Christ here in earth.

Lastly, St. Cyprian has this beautiful note for us to ponder upon. He said in simple

terms: "No one can have God as a Father who does not have the Church as Mother" (De unit.6:PL4, 519). Thus, I conclude that WE, Christians, must be knowledgeable enough of our doctrine of faith so that we can always follow what the Pope and our leaders tell us to do. For Ignorance of Christ's law, excuses no one. Amen.

Fr. Alex, rcj

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes
[N.B. Mass on [Bank Holiday] Monday – 10am]

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, Margaret Doorish, Margaret Griffin, 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, Maureen Sheeran, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Mariann and Michael; Cael and Samantha** married here last week.

COLLECTION FOR FR TONY: A Leaving Collection for Fr Tony will be taken up on two Sundays: today, 27th August and 3rd September, after all Masses.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR TONY: This will take place on his last Sunday with us – 10th September at 6:30pm, followed the social get-together in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

MILE END COFFEE MORNING: Next Sunday at the "Dog & Pheasant" after Mass.

FILMS FOR FAITH: On 6th September we start an 8 week Course on the Catholic Faith called "*Chosen*". It is designed to deepen our relationship with God. Each session is approximately 90 minutes long and uses DVDs and printed material. All are welcome, and refreshments will be provided. We will meet in the crypt at 1pm for a 1:15pm start.

ENGLISH HERITAGE WEEKEND 9/10TH SEPTEMBER [CATHOLIC HERITAGE GROUP]: Volunteers are required for Saturday, 9th September, at the Gatehouse; an hour or two will be fine. Open from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Priory Street is also in the programme, so if anyone would like to get involved please leave a message for Jenny Guthrie-Stevens via the Parish Office or have a word with Pauline Rook.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: The next baptism Course for newborns up to age six will take place on the 14th and 21st September here in the Crypt from 7:30-9pm. No appointment is necessary but both Sessions must be attended. The dates of the baptisms will be arranged during the Course.

PROLIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Takes place on Sunday, 17th September, led by Rt Rev Robert Byrne CO, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. For full details call 01858 571242 or visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org

JOURNEY IN FAITH - RCIA 2017/18: Journey in Faith or RCIA is the process developed by the Catholic Church for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, teachings and practices with a view to becoming Catholics, or for those who have a background in the Catholic Faith but who have not yet been confirmed, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Sessions are held weekly from 7pm to 8.30pm on Thursday evening in the Crypt of the church. They will run from October until Easter. The start date will be published in the parish newsletter in due course. **To register your interest please give your name and contact details to one of the priests or contact Cathy O'Connor 01206 735623 or cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org**

PARISH COUNCIL AGM: Will take place on Sunday, October 15th at 7:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY EXHIBITION: This touring exhibition of the Archives of the Diocese will be visiting our Parish on the weekend of the 14/15th October.

SOUTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY: Is the journal of the Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society). The articles in the journal are transcripts of the lectures given at the Society's meetings and there are also several book reviews. If you are interested in purchasing a copy (£5) please contact Tony Galcius (01708 346219) or from the Brentwood Diocesan Archives (01277 265238).

STUDY DAY AT CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST GIDEA PARK: The next study day at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, will be led by Mgr David Manson, former Vicar General of the Diocese of Brentwood and expert in Liturgy. He will take as his topic 'The Significance of Sunday', and will explain the contents of Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter *Dies Domini* (The Day of the Lord). The study day will take place on **Saturday 28th October**, with coffee available from 10.30 and ending at 3 p.m. Please make your booking by email to gpstudydays@gmail.com There is no charge for the day. You are invited to bring a packed lunch.

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CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: August 31st – Team4.