

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

(Day for the Unemployed)

Saturday 2nd March**Sunday 3rd**

6.15 pm Sean Lohan RIP
8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am Mr Peter Egeolu RIP
2:00 pm Polish Mass
4.00 pm Filipino Mass
6:30 pm Mrs Molly Wilson RIP
8:30 am Maria Nila T. Aganon RIP
9:15 am Ronda Schuler RIP
10:15 am Private Intention

West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick

Monday 4th***Feria****Church***9.30 am** Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas**Tuesday 5th*****Feria****Church***9.30 am** Canon John Bloomfield**Wednesday 6th*****Ash Wednesday - Fasting & Abstinence***

West Mersea
Church
Monkwick
Church

9.00 am E.F. Rosser + Fam
12.15 pm Arthur Urquhart RIP
6.30 pm Polish Mass
7.30 pm Pat Lohan RIP

Thursday 7th***Thursday after Ash Wednesday****Church**** 9.00 am** Sinead Smith RIP**Friday 8th*****Friday after Ash Wednesday***

Church
West Mersea
Church

9.30 am Esther + Eamon Crowe RIP
9.30 am Stations of the Cross
12.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 9th***Saturday after Ash Wednesday****Church***9.30 am** Tommy Lohan RIP**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)****Saturday 9th****6.15 pm** William Christopher Grahame RIP**Sunday 10th****8:00 am** Alistair Wood + Anna-Maria Szekely**10:30 am** Private Intention**2:00 pm** Polish Mass**5:00 pm** Holy Hour**6:30 pm** Parishioners

West Mersea
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8:30 am Mr Braemar + Fam**9:15 am** James + Delia Reynolds RIP**10:15 am** Private Intention*** Please Note - Mass on Thursday is at 9.00am NOT 9.30am****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

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]**WEEK COMMENCING: 3RD MARCH 2019 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE144**

The first reading, taken from the Book of Sirach, teaches that what is inside us is revealed through our conversation - as the grain and husks are separated in a farmer's sieve, as the quality of the metal is revealed in the potter's fire, and as the size and quality of a tree's fruit reveal the care it has received from the planter. Sirach's teaching serves as an excellent preview for today's Gospel, which reminds us, when we're feeling judgmental, to think before we speak because what comes out of our mouth reveals our heart. Jesus condemns our careless, malicious and rash judgments about the behaviour, feelings, motives or actions of others by using the funny examples of one blind man leading another blind man and one man with a log stuck in his eye, trying to remove a tiny speck from another's eye. God as the planter, cares for the humanity. Do I take care of my fellow brethren?

Fr John Victor

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	following 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 MARCH: *Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities.* That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Praise and thanksgiving.* Actions speak louder than words! As married couples we rely on each other for help and support but sometimes we are not listening or paying attention. The Gospel today reminds us that to accuse each other is hypocritical, whereas when we encourage one another, we help each other to build up ...'that store of goodness in her/his heart'.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Lampitt and Esther (Elsie) Souter, who have both recently passed away. May they rest in peace. We also pray for the comfort of their bereaved families and friends. Michael's Funeral is at 11.45am on Friday 8th March at Weeley Crematorium and Elsie's Funeral details are to be advised.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: commencing on Friday 8th March this will take place here every Friday of Lent at 12pm (Noon), Mersea at 9.30am and also here, every Tuesday of Lent at 6.30pm from 12th March for our Polish Community.

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS: Church Lent + Easter Flowers (M.End + P.Street) on 10th March and Parish Renovation Fund (3 of 4) on 17th March.

CAFOD: A CAFOD representative will be giving a short talk about CAFOD at the end of the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 9th and 10.30am family mass on Sunday 10th. Family fast day on **Friday 15th March** with a 2nd Collection taking place on 1st April.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Will be held today after the 10.30am mass in Cardinal Bourne Hall.

FIRST LENT TALK: The 1st Lent Talk by **Sr Helen Costigane SHCJ - 'Giving Up or Taking Up?'** is at **7.30pm** in Hall on **Friday 8th March**. More details on poster at the back of the church. Also, volunteers needed to help with tea/coffee after the talk would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Valerie on 07941903227.

CHURCH CAR PARK: The Church car park is closed due to fire damage to the garages; Please **DO NOT** park across the entrance as priests require access at all times! **If** parking on the street, we ask you to kindly respect our neighbours and local residents drives and do not block them.

MISSIO TODAY NEWSLETTER (2019 Spring Edition): These are now available in church porch, please take a free copy. Ron will be happy to supply a Red Box to anyone who wishes to collect for Missio and he can be contacted on 01206 571590 or after the 6.15pm mass on Saturday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Parish Events): -

- **PRIORY THEATRE GROUP** are holding auditions for their September performance "*Thurpernatural hotel*" on the **5th March 2019** in the Cardinal Bourne hall at 7.00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please come along or contact Lesley (01206) 628003 for more details.
- **LENT TALKS:** A new venture this Lent: we have speakers on Lent-related themes every Friday evening in Lent. A poster with the programme is at the back of the church. Please do support this initiative of Father Chris. We need a good crowd in the hall at 7.30pm, to welcome our first speaker, **Sr Helen Costigane on March 8th**. Admission Free. All are welcome.
- **ST PATRICK'S DANCE: Saturday 16th March** from 7.30pm -11.00pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall with Good food, live entertainment, dancers, singing. Prize Raffle, tea and coffee provided; bring you own drinks. Tickets £12.00 Adults + £6.00 children aged 6-12years. For Tickets contact Frances - 369568 or Nora - 503420.
- **RACE NIGHT:** the SVP are holding a Race Night on **Saturday, 27th April** from 7.00pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall. All welcome. More info to follow.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is this Wednesday, **13th March**, with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening "*The Greatest Story Ever Told*" Part 1. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21- 26 July, under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams. For details see leaflet or contact Pilgrimage Administrator, Mrs. Cathy O'Connor (01206) 735623 or email cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: would appreciate the following items: tinned/dry goods incl. tinned tomatoes, fruit, soups, pasta, rice, jars of sauces, long life fruit juices, milk and squashes, tinned or packet custard, jam, peanut butter, multi-pack snacks, cleaning, hygiene & sanitary products and small packets of washing powder, liquid or capsules. **Thank you to all who donate**, we can advise that all goods are always greatly appreciated. Please keep donating much needed items and remember those we are helping in your prayers.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A PRIEST? There is a monthly vocations group for those who would like to find out more about a possible vocation to the priesthood. There will be a talk, time of prayer and some food. The sessions take place at St Edmund of Canterbury church, 9 Traps Hill, Loughton, IG10 1SZ. **Tuesdays: 5/3; 2/4; 7/5; 4/6; 2/7** Please contact Fr Mark Swires, Vocations Promoter for more information: voccprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

The Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team are organising A Day of Renewal themed '*The Love of Jesus*' which will be held on **Saturday 18th May 2019** at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford from 10am until 4pm. Our speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3pm. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 4th March: **Team 2**