

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B] –

Saturday February 10th	6:15 pm	Noreen Downes RIP
Sunday February 11th	8:00 am	Mike Hawley RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions: D Fordham
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Margaret Murray
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Canon Anthony McKentey RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	D/Rels: Wright & Wrobel Families RIP

Monday, February 12th	Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am V. Rev. Canon Joseph Whitfield RIP

Tuesday, 13th	Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Matt Foley RIP

Wednesday, 14th	ASH WEDNESDAY – Fasting & Abstinence
<i>Mersee</i>	9:00 am Holy Souls RIP
<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Margaret Barker RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	6:30 pm Polish Mass
<i>Church</i>	7:30 pm Esther & Eamonn Crowe RIP

Thursday, 15th	Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Michael & Ellen Kate Condon RIP

Friday, 16th	Feria
<i>Mersee</i>	9:00 am Stations of the Cross
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Holy Souls RIP
<i>Church</i>	7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 17th	Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [B]

Saturday, February 17th	6:15 pm	Oksana Zakhleniuk RIP
Sunday, February 18th	8:00 am	Ron Kernott RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Fr Tony RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Holy Souls
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Intentions: John Brady
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Margaret Wheeler 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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For most of human history, and sadly still for many today, sickness has been a constant threat. Medical science has advanced enormously in relatively recent times, though not everything can be cured of course. In Old Testament times, what was termed ‘leprosy’ covered the disease itself and many other sicknesses. The community response was drastic, isolation. Lepers were cast out, literally becoming outlaws (outside the law). From the community point of view this made sense, it was for the greater good of the whole people. In today’s Gospel, Jesus does the unthinkable when he touches the leper because Jesus himself then becomes ritually unclean. St. Mark subtly alludes to the consequences, since the leper’s praise leads to Jesus being ‘outcast’, unable to enter villages (presumably for a short time only). Taken as a whole, the passage tells us that Jesus has come to carry our burdens and it also points to the Cross when Jesus is cast out of Jerusalem and Israel while bearing all our sins, for our healing. Jesus is known as the heavenly physician for good reason.

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:50am
SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY Eucharistic Adoration 5-6pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, John Ashdown-Hill, Pat Banks, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Teresa Emoli, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend there will be a second collection for the *Lourdes Sick and Helpers Fund*.

MARIST MISSION APPEAL: Fr John McAllister writes: "Please pass on to all parishioners there our heartfelt thanks for your tremendously generous cheque of £1,257.08 plus Gift Aid for the Marist Mission Appeal, which arrived today. It is very heartening for me personally and I enjoyed visiting, so once again thanks for all the friendliness and personal hospitality.....With best wishes, and every blessing, John sm. "

THANK YOU to all those who attended the Parish Meeting last Sunday to discuss the [Diocesan proposals for Renewal and Restructuring](#). It is not too late to contribute; the stewards will be going to a meeting at the end of February. If you want to give your views send a letter via the presbytery to the Stewards of the Gospel.

BAPTISM TODAY: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Halle Rose Finch**. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the repose of the soul of Yvette Kurmi who has recently died. May she rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of her bereaved family.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT: Each Friday in Lent Stations of the Cross will take place at 7:30pm here at Priory Street and also at Mersea at 9:30am.

LECTIO DIVINA: Fridays of Lent at 6:30pm in the Crypt, prior to Stations of the +

INVITE FROM THE CANONESSES to pop in for pancakes anytime from 2:30 - 4pm on Tuesday 13 of February. Any of the Parish are welcome at 74 Howe Close CO4 3XD

WORLD YOUTH DAY, January 16th – 30th 2019. Travel with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service to Costa Rica and Panama; gather with over a million young people from across the world, together with our Pope. Age 17(school year 12)-27 when we travel. Cost £1,750. More details of this "once in a lifetime" opportunity at www.bcys.net, email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org or come to the information evening **on Sunday 18th February 5.00-8.00pm, Walsingham**

House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Nr Brentwood, CM14 5SH. **Places are very limited.**

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK: Please pray for all couples across the diocese preparing to get married in the coming year, and pray also for all couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. If you would like to find out about opportunities to help with marriage preparation, relationship counselling or helping young people explore what marriage is about, please contact the marriage and family life department on marriage@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Follow us on Twitter @BrentwoodMandFL. If you are experiencing difficulties in your own marriage, Marriage Care may be able to help – call 0800 389 3801.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: At St Cedd & St Gregory, West Mersea on 2nd March at 2pm. Theme: All God's creation is very good". Prayers, readings, and refreshments.

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK: [On Wednesday 7th March from 7 p.m. until 8.30 pm Fr David Manson will be presenting a talk entitled 'Preparing for Holy Week'](#). This 'Gidea Park Faith Evening' 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.

CATENIAN QUIZ is being held at St John Payne Parish Hall on Thursday 08 March. They are a friendly lot and invite parishioners and friends to join them for the quiz. All profits will go to a Youth Fund. It starts at 7:30pm, cost £8.50 which includes a Fish & Chip Supper. Bring your own drinks, glasses will be provided. Booking is essential: contact David on 863067 or d.bates966@btinternet.com

ST PATRICK'S DANCE: Saturday, 17th March 7:30-11pm. Good food, Irish dance music and singing. Raffle, tea and coffee provided; bring you own drinks. Adults £12; children aged 5-12 £5. Venue: Cardinal Bourne Hall. Some of our supporters have requested live music on the night but due to hiring costs, we would have to increase the entry fee to £15. Your opinion on this issue would be much appreciated. Please ring either Norah on 503410 or Frances o 369568 to express your preference.

DIARY DATE: Lesley Williamson writes: "The Parish is holding a Road Show on Saturday and Sunday June 2/3 2018.It is expected that every group in the parish will take part. It is an opportunity to have a 'stall' and tell others about your organisation. I am co-ordinating the event so please could each organisation contact me, let me know who you are and I will explain more about it. My telephone number is 01206 970960 or lesowill@ntlworld.com "

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) : Correction to telephone number .- **07493 439427.**

PALM CROSSES: We would be grateful if people could bring their old palm crosses back to us. A red box is situated in the church porch for these.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263
CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday 15th February, Team 4.