

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT [B]

Saturday March 10th	6:15 pm	William Christopher Grahame RIP
Sunday March 11th	8:00 am	Teresa Hanley RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5:00 pm	Holy Hour
	6:30 pm	Private Intention
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	John Hopwood RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Dave McLoughlin RIP
Monday, March 12th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	R. Barker RIP
Tuesday, 13th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	Patricia Urquhart RIP
<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross – Polish/English
Wednesday, 14th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm	Des Fuller RIP
Thursday, 15th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	Patricia Urquhart RIP
Friday, 16th		Feria
<i>Mersea</i>	9:30 am	Stations of the Cross
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	John and Julie O'Connor RIP
<i>Church</i>	12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
<i>Church</i>	7:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 17th		ST PATRICK, Bp, Apostle of Ireland
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	Patrick and Roseanne McAloon RIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT [B]

Saturday, March, 17th	6:15 pm	Douglas and David Finch RIP
Sunday, March, 18th	8:00 am	Maureen Sheeran RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Monica Galvin & Family
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Brian Cooke RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken 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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Every now and then the media report the sale, at a very high figure, of a piece of art; records are broken. The majority of people are doubtless left wondering how anyone has enough money to pay such sums, and also asking if the work can possibly be worth so much, both good questions. How do we value a piece of art? It is not exactly the same as judging whether or not the piece has artistic merit, though that raises further questions about merit. One might argue that if a piece has real merit, and is rare/unique, then it becomes more valuable in the sense that people may be prepared to pay more for the item. Our questions continue to multiply! Why do people pay more? Often it's pride, I think, in various forms. For many centuries artists were anonymous, glorifying God in their work. Could we not say that a work is good if it reflects and celebrates the goodness of God who is the Creator Artist par excellence?

Each of us is invited to be, 'God's work of art'. We're made in the image and likeness of God, purchased by the blood of Christ so that we might become true images of God's Son.

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, Tony Allen, 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, Jason McLean, 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday, 12th March at 7pm in the Crypt. Please do attend and participate

MILE END NEWS: Volunteers required to join the cleaning rota at St Joseph's. If you can help, please contact Ken Chapman 07730 523282 or talk to either Ken or Brenda after Mass.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS: For your information collections will be taken up for the Parish Development Fund *this weekend, 11th March*; for church flowers *at Priory Street and Mile End only on 18th March*; the annual collection for the SVP on Maundy Thursday, 29th March, and on Good Friday there will be a collection for the upkeep of the places in the Holy Land, Thank you.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Noah Jennings and Alexander Lee**. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the repose of the soul of Stuart Johnston and Marion Drake who have recently died. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families. Stuart's funeral takes place here on 11th April at 11am and Marion's funeral has been arranged for 10:15am on April 11th at Colchester Crematorium.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT: Each Friday in Lent Stations of the Cross take place at **12 noon and 7:30pm** here at Priory Street and also at Mersea at 9:30am.

LECTIO DIVINA: Praying the Sunday Scriptures in Lent. Let us come to Mass with hearts open to the Word of God. Fridays 6.30-7.15pm in the Crypt, before Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN REFLECTION on the theme of **LOSS**. Loss in the Gospel and how we deal with the many losses in our lives. **Thursday 22nd March**. [Starting with coffee at 10.15am](#) in the Crypt. **NB Change of date..**

RESCHEDULED DATE FOR WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Please note: this is now 16th March, 2pm, at both St Cedd & St Gregory, West Mersea, and also at Mile End Methodist Church, Nayland Road. Prayers, readings and refreshments.

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. Contacts: Norah on 503410 or Frances on 369568 .

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: The next meeting of the UCM will take place on Friday, 23rd March, in the Crypt between 8:15-9:15pm. New members will be most welcome.

SPIRITUALITY SEMINAR AT CATHEDRAL HOUSE: Saturday, March 24th 10:30am-12 noon. Title: LENT. Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Cathedral Dean. For more information, contact jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org or Tel: 01277 265285.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL CHOIR EASTER PERFORMANCE: On Tuesday, 27th March here in the Church at 6pm. Parishioners are warmly invited.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS once again this will start in Essex St, off Headgate, at 11.45 am, and finish in Lion Walk, where **Father Chris** will lead the final prayer. Please let's show our witness to Christ's crucifixion by taking part in the walk. Poster in Porch.

POURED OUT FOR MANY is the theme of the **Good Friday** service in the **Mercury Theatre** at 7.30pm. The poster in the porch features Sr Mary Stephen's artwork.

EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT for those aged 19-27. Experience the Holy Week liturgies in the tranquil and beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. [From the stillness of Adoration on Holy Thursday evening to an Easter Vigil finishing with champagne and chocolates, we hope this will be a Triduum celebration to live in the heart and mind for the year ahead.](#) £30 covers meals and accommodation 7.30pm Thursday 29th March – 9.00am Easter Sunday morning. Maximum 35 places. Closing date 20th March. Full details & online application at www.bcys.net

100 CLUB DRAW WINNERS: **January:** 1st - David Shand; 2nd – Richard Bruce; 3rd – Judith Cooper. **February:** 1st- Andrew Johnson; 2nd - Grace McCartney; 3rd - Eillen Shewan. Congratulations to all!

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) : Telephone number .- **07493 439427**.

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CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday March 15th: Team 4.