

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)

Feast

<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Peter Ledgley RIP
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Betty Sands RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>2.00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	<b>5.00 pm</b>	Holy Hour
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Private Intention
<i>West Mersea</i>		<b>8:30 am</b>	Dec. Members: Murray Family
<i>Mile End</i>		<b>9:15 am</b>	Alan Dunn RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>		<b>10:15 am</b>	Celestine Tighe RIP

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Mrs Chachy Joseph RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>2.30 pm</b>	St Thomas More School Liturgy
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Ints: Castro Family
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>* 9.30 am</b>	Canon Thomas Clarke
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Norah Hewitt
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St. Anthony, Ab</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Ints: of Donors

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Peace Day

<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	Douglas + David Finch RIP
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	<b>8:00 am</b>	David Anthony Hill RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	<b>2.00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Private Intentions
<i>West Mersea</i>		<b>8:30 am</b>	Private Intentions
<i>Mile End</i>		<b>9:15 am</b>	Gloria & Declan McCambridge
<i>Monkwick</i>		<b>10:15 am</b>	Michael Hawken RIP

<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b>	(confession):	Saturday 9:45am -10:30am; 5:30pm -6.00pm
<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:</b>		At least six months' notice is required
<b>BAPTISM COURSE:</b>		<a href="http://www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org">www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org</a> under where a list of course dates are available

**\*Please note that Mass on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> January is at 9.30am, and NOT 12.15pm.**

**COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL:** If you would like to arrange for a priest to visit a Catholic relative in hospital please contact the presbytery direct on (01206) 866317, we can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the patient so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

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WEEK COMMENCING: 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE 118

Some people, seeing the word, 'Baptism' in the name of today's feast, make the quick but false assumption that Jesus being baptised is the same as anyone getting baptised here in our parish. Jesus takes the baptism of John, which is really a confession of sins without any sacramental character, and lays the basis for the sacrament itself in which the Spirit is given. So, in our case we need baptism because we are wounded by original sin and (if older) personal sin, the baptised person is reborn in Christ with the gift of the Spirit. Jesus is sinless; in his baptism, he begins to create the sacrament itself with the Resurrection and then Pentecost completing his work. In our baptism we become new creatures in Christ, the beginning in us of the new creation in which we are united with God in Christ. Jesus is the firstborn of that new creation.

Fr. Chris

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15 <sup>am</sup>
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35 <sup>am</sup>
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00 <sup>am</sup> Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00 <sup>pm</sup> - 6.00 <sup>pm</sup>
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00 <sup>pm</sup>

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: *Promotion of World Peace.*** We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS: *You are my chosen one.*** Today, Isaiah and Matthew talk of Jesus being 'the Chosen One' and 'the Beloved'. So often, we are aware of the times when our partner annoys us. We need to develop a sensitivity so that, when we are tempted to be critical, we remember that this is my 'chosen one' and look for ways to affirm our partner, our 'beloved'.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah. Valerie Thurston

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Today there will be a second collection taken for the White Flower Appeal (*SPUC the Society for the protection of Unborn children*). On 21st October 2019 the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on the people of Northern Ireland by the government at Westminster. Abortion will now be permitted for any reason up until at least 24 weeks, and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to introduce this in England and Wales. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

**NEXT DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION:** Pax Christi (World Peace Day) on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020**: This year's theme is '*Peace as a Journey of Hope*'. 75 years ago Pax Christi was started by two people who obeyed the gospel challenge to love their enemies even in the bitter context of the Second World War. Today Pax Christi is active in 50 countries - a grassroots movement supporting 'ordinary' people in their 'everyday' peacemaking. To read the message of his holiness Pope Francis for the celebration of the 53<sup>rd</sup> world day of peace : - [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco\\_20191208\\_messaggio-53giornatamondiale-pace2020.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20191208_messaggio-53giornatamondiale-pace2020.html) A hard copy is available to read in the Church Porch.

**CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION IN AID OF THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** In accordance with Diocesan policy, our Crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord [February 2<sup>nd</sup>] and these offerings will go to the (BCCS) Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020** here in the Crypt from 7:30<sup>pm</sup>-9.00<sup>pm</sup> (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of course. [If you would like to present a child for Baptism aged 7 or older, please email the Parish Office].

**WANTED – CATECHISTS:** With young people preparing for sacraments of Initiation throughout the parish if you have ever wanted to know more, or are willing to share your faith with our young people please contact Hywel Edwards at [Edwards.hywel@btinternet.com](mailto:Edwards.hywel@btinternet.com) or after the 10:30<sup>am</sup> Mass. The numbers of children we can prepare is dependent on the availability of catechists to prepare them - so please don't be shy!

The **SVP Cuppa Club** is running every Thursday morning from 10<sup>am</sup> to 12<sup>noon</sup> in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games and craft. If you know anyone who would like to come but needs a lift, please get in touch, using the contact details below.

**WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP:** The next Film showing is on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** with a **start time of 1.15<sup>pm</sup>** screening "*All Saints*". Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard in porch for future films and screening dates.

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES** copies are on sale at the back of the church. These are very useful as they contain the liturgical calendar for the church year and information about all parts of the Diocese including Diocesan contact details, parishes, schools, prayer groups and other organisations and societies. Priced at £2.80 per copy (money to go in "*Repository*" Box in church porch).

**100 CLUB:** The annual subscriptions (£12) for 2020 are now due. These will be collected from Priory Street this weekend and next weekend. Dates for subscription collection from Mile End + Mersea + Monkwick to be advised.

**THE ANNUAL LOURDES MASS** will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 3<sup>pm</sup>. This is an opportunity to give thanks for graces received in Lourdes and to seek prayers for the sick. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated.

**BCCS:** The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding its **Annual Charity Ball** at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March** from 7<sup>pm</sup>. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and 3 course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues, have a fantastic night out whilst at the same time raising vital funds for bccs. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544 or 07912277413 [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** Bishop Alan, supported by our Youth Service, will lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26 - 31 July, flying from Southend Airport. This is a wonderful opportunity, including for the frail and those with needs, to pray at the Grotto, grow in faith, and enjoy the company of fellow pilgrims. Some brochures and booking forms are available in the parish or you can contact the tour operator, Tangney Tours, directly: [www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood) or 01732 886885

**SPIRITUALITY MORNING:** On **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January**, 10.30<sup>am</sup>-12.00<sup>noon</sup> at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Topic: **The Spirituality of St John Henry Newman**. Speaker: Msgr David Manson Tel. 01277 265285 email: [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**SVP: "*turning concern into action*".** Do you have a spare hour or so in the week to visit someone who is lonely and housebound or to visit a care home? As the requests for our support have increased, we need people who are willing to give up their time to help others. What does membership of the SVP involve? Really as much or as little as you can offer – we are a friendly group who meet twice a month on a Monday evening. Some of us distribute food to the homeless while others carry out visits and make new friends.

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January: **Team 3** (2020 Rota available in porch)