

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B] – [Peace Day]

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| Saturday January 13th | 6:15 pm | Mrs Maureen Clarke RIP |
| Sunday January 14th | 8:00 am | Teresa Hanley RIP |
| | 10:30 am | Antoinetta Caldeira RIP |
| | 2:00 pm | Polish Mass |
| | 5:00 pm | Holy Hour |
| | 6:30 pm | Parishioners |
| <i>West Mersea</i> | 8:30 am | Patrick Brennan RIP |
| <i>Mile End</i> | 9:15 am | Canon Tony McKentey RIP |
| <i>Monkwick</i> | 10:15 am | Tony Wright RIP |

Monday, January 15th *Feria*
Church **9:30 am** Margaret Wheeler RIP

Tuesday, 16th *Feria*
Church **9:30 am** Norah Hewitt RIP

Wednesday, 17th *St Anthony, Ab*
Church **12:15 pm** Pat Joe McGinley

Thursday, 18th *Feria*
Church **9:30 am** Canon Anthony McKentey RIP

Friday, 19th *Feria*
Church **9:30 am** Seamus Power RIP

Saturday, 20th *Feria*
Church **9:30 am** John and Julie O'Connor RIP

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

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| Saturday, January 20th | 6:15 pm | Paul Healey RIP |
| Sunday, January 21st | 8:00 am | Ron Kernott RIP |
| | 10:30 am | Parishioners |
| | 2:00 pm | Polish Mass |
| | 6:30 pm | Lilian Southon |
| <i>West Mersea</i> | 8:30 am | Bridie Smith RIP |
| <i>Mile End</i> | 9:15 am | Theo Tinneveld RIP |
| <i>Monkwick</i> | 10:15 am | Michael Hawken RIP |

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St. John, in his Gospel, uses deceptively simple language. This Sunday's passage is a good example. Consider Jesus' question to the two disciples of John the Baptist, 'What do you want?' This could be taken in a very limited sense (rather like ordering food in a restaurant) or it could be taken more seriously and refer to their deeper desires, or indeed it could have both meanings. As a question it challenges each one of us, inviting us to look into our hearts and discern what it is we really want; this in turn raises the question, 'What ought we to want?' At this time of year many people make resolutions, aimed at changing an aspect of their lives but usually remaining as something superficial eg losing a few pounds. Jesus today asks us to confirm that we are his disciples, that we desire union with him. In the words of the penny catechism we could say we want to know, love and serve God in this world and be happy with him for ever in the next; a truly good new year's resolution.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

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
FILMS FOR FAITH: Details to follow

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, Pat Keene, Roger Kemp, 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.

THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: All enquiries regarding the next Baptism Course are to be emailed to Fr Chris at colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: This special collection continues until the Presentation of the Lord [Candlemas] on 2nd February in order to aid the splendid work done by the Society with families in our Diocese who are struggling with difficult situations.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS: *This weekend* -Pax Christi; January 28th - Racial Justice Sunday; February 11th – Lourdes Sick & Helpers Fund; February 23rd – CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

AN APPEAL BY THE SOCIETY OF MARY [MARISTS]: Will take place in the parish on the 20th/21st January.

RECENTLY DECEASED: The funeral of Mary Beattie has been arranged for Wednesday, 24th January, at 1:30pm here at Priory Street, with the reception of her coffin into church at 4:00pm on Tuesday, 23d January. The funeral of Jan Paduch has been arranged for Friday, 26th January, here at 11am. The funeral of Frank Campbell will take place at St Cedd & St Gregory, West Mersea on Monday, 29th January at 11am.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Recommences on Wednesday, January 17th, in the Crypt between 10am – 12pm. Topic from January to March; The Weakness of God. Exploring some of the Hebrew Prophets and the Christian Scriptures.

RCIA MEETING: Thursday, January 18th, in the Crypt between 7pm and 8:30pm.

GIDEA PARK STUDY DAYS: UNDERSTANDING THE CREED On Wednesdays 24th and 31st January from 7 p.m. until 8.30 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Nicene Creed recited at Sunday Mass. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' 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.

100 CLUB RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AT THE MASS CENTRES: Will take place at Mile End on 21st January; and at Mersea and Monkwick on 28th January.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): the next meeting will be held at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY on Saturday 27 January at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Rev. Dr Ken Carleton (Permanent Deacon, Elm Park) on 'Cardinal Pole and the Progress of the Catholic Reformation.' All are welcome.

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP: present their annual pantomime Dick Whittington in the Cardinal Bourne Hall on Friday 26th January 7.30 p.m. doors open 7.00 pm and Saturday 27th January 3 pm doors open 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm door open 7.00 pm. Tickets £5.00 for adult and £2.50 children and concessions. For further details contact Lesley 01206 970960.

MASS FOR THE SICK: Our Lady of Lourdes is both the patroness of our diocese and the sick. **At 3 pm on Sunday 4 February, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass in her honour at Brentwood Cathedral.** This is a diocesan celebration; all are invited. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are unwell. This Mass is also an opportunity for those who attended the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2017 to give thanks for graces received.

THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE are delighted to invite you to a talk which will take place on 18th February at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Melbourne, Chelmsford, 2pm for 2:15pm. The talk entitled 'Hope in times of vulnerability' will be delivered by Dr Lea Verstricht, a Belgian theologian, who facilitated their General Chapter and also spoke at their Reflection Days. To book please visit <http://www.canonesses.co.uk/event-bookings> or call 01206-867296.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: Please visit their website for details of the many events organised during 2018 and into 2019 - www.bcys.net

SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) – turning concern into action We are here to help and support anyone in need – the sick, the disabled, the lonely and the homeless. New members are welcome. If you feel able to help, please see the dates of our next meetings on the noticeboard at the back of the church where there is also a collection box. If you know of anyone who needs befriending irrespective of religion, race or lifestyle, please contact us. We have a mobile number where you can leave a message. (07775 545894)

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018: Advance notice of the date of the 2018 Diocesan Pilgrimage: 23rd-28th July 2018. Further information to follow.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263
2018 CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, 18th January; Team 4.