

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 23rd		6.15 pm	Ann Herbert RIP
Sunday 24th		8:00 am	William Herlihy RIP
		10:30 am	Parishioners
		2:00 pm	Polish Mass
		6:30 pm	Private Intention
<i>West Mersea</i>		8:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>		9:15 am	Private Intention
<i>Monkwick</i>		10:15 am	Catherine Spicer RIP
Monday 25th			THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Margaret Barker RIP
Tuesday 26th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Richard Brown RIP
		6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross – Polish
Wednesday 27th			Feria
<i>School Mass</i>	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	The Madden Fams RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	Ints: Barnes Family
Thursday 28th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Madge Power RIP
Friday 29th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Jacob & Joseph O'Hara RIP + Fam
	<i>West Mersea</i>	9.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	<i>Church</i>	12.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
<i>Colchester Gen - Hospital Mass</i>		12.00 pm	I. Bovskill RIP + Fam
Saturday 30th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Tony Dutton RIP + Fams

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

('Laetare' Sunday)

Saturday 30th		6.15 pm	Douglas Finch RIP
Sunday 31st		8:00 am	Penny Bloomfield RIP
		10:30 am	Parishioners
		2:00 pm	Polish Mass
		6:30 pm	Private Intentions
<i>West Mersea</i>		8:30 am	Private Intentions
<i>Mile End</i>		9:15 am	Marie Adrianssens RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>		10:15 am	Jean Ollieveri RIP

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

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 patients 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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In today's Gospel passage we are presented with the killing of several Galileans in the temple, on the orders of Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor. Jesus challenges the easy conclusion that some reached at the time about such misfortune, which was that suffering and tragedy were direct punishments for personal sins. "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered thus? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." He overturns this conventional wisdom and uses it as an opportunity to encourage his listeners to a new a way of life – a conversion from old ways. Rather than blaming the victims of tragedy as being deserving of misfortune, Jesus demonstrates the precariousness of human existence and seeks to challenge the illusion that somehow we can live without God. With the Lord's help we can turn away from sin and embrace the values of the Christian life. When we fail through weakness or deliberate fault, God always shows Himself to be full of mercy and eager to welcome us back as his children.

Deacon Gary

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: *What's in a name?* Yahweh means 'I am who I am'. Names bring to mind the person, and what they mean to you. Our God – Three Persons, created me, loves me, redeemed me, makes me holy, and is compassionate, merciful and forgiving. Just as MY Jack, MY Jill has shown me the same love, we have tried to show it to our children.

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

UPCOMING DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTIONS: A 2nd collection will be held for CAFOD Lent Fast Day on Sunday 1st April.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Winifred Sursey & Esther Margaret Souter (known as Elsie) who have recently died. We also pray for the comfort of their bereaved families and friends. Elsie's Requiem Mass has been arranged for 11.00am on Monday, 8th April, followed by cremation at Colchester at 12.30pm and Mary's service took place last Thursday. May they rest in peace.

LENT TALK 4 will be given by our second outside speaker, **Dr Kate Stogdon**, a Cenacle Sister. Her theme is '**Giving and Receiving in Lent: the sacred art of surrender.**' Please give her the same *excellent* support you gave Sr Helen, our first speaker. **Friday 29th March, 7.30pm in the Hall.**

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on Wednesday, **27th March**, with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening "*The Greatest Story Ever Told*" Part 2. All Welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

MILE END NEWS: Coffee Morning on **7th April** after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Parish Events): -

- **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. Admission Free. All are welcome.
- **RACE NIGHT:** the SVP are holding a Race Night on **Saturday, 27th April** from 7.30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Bar and free buffet! Tickets £5.00 pp accompanying children free. Tickets will be sold following mass next Sunday. All welcome.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended and supported the St Patrick Night celebration this year it was a great success and enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Frances and Norah for their hard work in organising the evening and to all the volunteers who manned the event. We are happy to advise that £321 was raised for Parish Funds.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT: All Welcome! St. Thomas More's School PTA. Come along & enjoy a Family Bingo afternoon to help raise money for the school. **Sat 30th March 2-4pm** at the Cardinal Bourne Hall, £3 entry includes bingo cards for all games. Refreshments available, any enquiries to the PTA via the school.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from **12th to 14th April 2019** at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21- 26 July, under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams. Places still available. Booking forms at the back of church, contact Cathy O'Connor: cathy_oconnor83@hotmail.com or Tangney Tours:01732 886666.

ORGAN RECITAL: Peter Crompton will be giving an Organ Recital at the Church of the Sacred Heart and St Francis, Frinton on Sea on **Sunday 7th April at 2.30pm**. Entrance £7.50.All Welcome.

THE BILLERICAY PADRE PIO PRAYER invites you to a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, CM14 5SH on Mercy **Sunday, 28th April 2019**. Arrival from 10.30 am for 11 am start. Mass will be at 12 noon. Confession available. The day will end at 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Ring Claire Wallis on 01277 658783 if you require further information. ALL ARE WELCOME.

SHARING HOPE IN CRISIS: Do you have a team in your parish that supports your Parish Priest with Pastoral Care, do you think they would benefit from some training? The Sharing Hope in Crisis team are offering a day for you to hear how they approach situations. The event takes place at the Conference Centre, Brentwood Cathedral on **Saturday 18th May** from 9 am – 4.30 pm. Only 80 places available so please do sign up asap. Go to Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sharing-hope-in-crisis-seminar-tickets-58994806053 or email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Refreshments provided, please bring a packed lunch.

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, breakfast cereals, 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.

PARKING REMINDER: Further to receiving several residents' complaints, **if** parking on St Augustine Mews, we ask you to kindly respect our neighbours and local residents drives and **do not** obstruct them. **Please consider using the public car park on Priory Street opposite the church.**

SVP: If you know of someone who is lonely, housebound or simply in need of a friend or to join our group, please contact us on the number below. To support SVP in their work a collection box is situated at the back of the church. A 2nd collection will also take place on Maundy Thursday to support the SVP with their worthy causes.

❖ 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 25th March: **Team 2**