

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT [B]

Saturday February 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Richard Lambe RIP
Sunday February 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Ron Kernott RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Una and Finbar Nogle & Family
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls
Mile End	9:15 am	Margaret Wheeler RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Donald Studd RIP

Monday, February 26 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Feria</b>
Church	9:30 am	Roseanne Lynch RIP
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Feria</b>
Church	9:30 am	Intentions: Jean and Brian Bacon
Church	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross – Polish/English
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Feria</b>
Church	12:15 pm	Margaret Barker RIP
Thursday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>ST DAVID, Bp, Patron of Wales</b>
	9:30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>Feria [Women's World Day of Prayer]</b>
Mersea	9:30 am	Stations of the Cross
Church	9:30 am	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
Church	12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
CGH	Chapel	12:00 pm Bob Wilson RIP
Mersea	2:00 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer Service
Church	7:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>Feria</b>
Church	9:30 am	Holy Souls RIP

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT [B]

Saturday, March, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:15 pm	Canon Tony McKentey RIP
Sunday, March, 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Miriam Murray RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Fr Gordon Cordy RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Mile End	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Intentions: Mary Davis

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The Transfiguration of Jesus is a glorious moment, on the way to the Cross. It is a promise of what will be won through Jesus' Passion and Death. Still, why does Jesus have to suffer? Some people have the image of an angry God with Jesus punished in our stead. Is it not more truthful to see it as a matter of Love? In order to understand this, we need to grasp the seriousness of sin. Sin is the word we use to describe the breakdown of our relationship with God, when through our own choice we choose pride and selfishness instead of love of God. Our rejection of God leads to our exclusion from heaven – how can someone who rejects God be happy with God for eternity? In mercy and love, the Son of God enters into his own creation, as man, in order to open up a way to life. This is the way of obedience (ie. love) and in a world full of sinful people naturally leads to his destruction because evil hates goodness. The Resurrection is God's answer to mankind's hatred, and through faith in the Risen Son a person can now hope to enter into life and share in the glory of God revealed in the Transfiguration.

**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  
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.

**CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY:** A second collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. There are envelopes at the back of the church this weekend if you prefer to use them. Donations will be matched by the UK Government, pound for pound, up to a total of £5 million. *“You have been a bride from a place of suffering to a better world.”*

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

**BAPTISMS THIS SUNDAY:** We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Mollie Louise Zammit and Teddy Carmelo Zammit**. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**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.

**HOSPITAL MASS:** The Hospital Mass will take place on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 12 noon in the Chapel at Colchester General Hospital, which is situated on the first floor between the Main Block and Gainsborough [behind the MacMillan Pod]. All are most welcome.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** At St Cedd & St Gregory, West Mersea on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm. Theme: All God's creation is very good". Prayers, readings, and refreshments. Also at Mile End Methodist Church, Nayland Road, at 2.00pm. Refreshments will be served after the service.

**MILE END COFFEE MORNING:** Takes place after Mass at Mile End next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, at the Dog & Pheasant Public House.

**PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK:** On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:d.bates966@btinternet.com)

**ST PATRICK'S DANCE:** Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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 on 369568 to express your preference.

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

**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 29<sup>th</sup> March – 9.00am Easter Sunday morning. Maximum 35 places – apply soon. Full details & online application at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**THE BILLERICAY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** invite you to a day of devotion to the Divine Mercy at Walsingham House, Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, CM14 5SH, on Mercy Sunday, 8th April 2018. Arrival from 10.30 am for an 11 start. Confession available. Mass 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Ring Claire Wallis 01277 658783 for more information. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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

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**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February Team 2.