

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [B]**

<b>Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Caroline Long RIP
<b>Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Margaret Barker RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Parishioners
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Maria A. A. Alfama RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Catherine Spicer RIP

**Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** **MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

*Church* **9:30 am** Joan O'Connel RIP

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup>** **TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

*Church* **9:30 am** Brigid & Arthur Weale RIP

*Church* **6:00 pm** STM School Choir Performance

**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup>** **WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

*Mersea* **9:00 am** Mass - Holy Souls RIP; Confessions

*Church* **12:15 pm** Verity Turner RIP

**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup>** **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*Church* **9:30 am** Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

**EASTER TRIDUUM** *Church* **8:00 pm** Mass of the Last Supper/Watching- till M/Night

Holy Souls RIP

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>** **NO MASSES** **GOOD FRIDAY – Fasting & Abstinence**

*Church* **9:30 am** Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

*Church* **10:30 am** Children's Stations of the Cross

*Church* **3:00 pm** Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>** **HOLY SATURDAY**

*Church* **9:30 am** Office of readings & Morning Prayer

**NO CONFESSIONS**

*Church* **3:00 pm** Polish Blessing of Food

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD [B]**

**Saturday, March, 31<sup>st</sup>** **8:00 pm** **The Easter Vigil**

Holy Souls RIP

**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** **8:00 am** Parishioners

**10:30 am** Maureen & Peter Ahern & Family

**2:00 pm** Polish Mass

**4:00 pm** Filipino Mass

**6:30 pm** Private Intention

*West Mersea* **8:30 am** Private Intention

*Mile End* **9:15 am** Marc De Lobel RIP

*Monkwick* **10:15 am** Dave McLoughlin 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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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [B]**

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O wonderful power of the cross! O indescribable glory of the passion! There is the tribunal of the Lord, and the judgment of the world, and the power of the crucified one. Lord, you drew all things to yourself so that all the nations everywhere in their dedication to you might celebrate in a full, clear sacramental rite what was done only in the Jewish temple and in signs and shadows..... All the more wonderful is the mercy of God towards us, because Christ died not for the just or the holy but for the wicked and the impious. And although the divine nature could not admit the sting of death, by being born from us he took what he could offer for us.....For by dying he submitted to the laws of the underworld, but by rising again he destroyed their power; so he broke the uninterrupted sequence of death and made temporary what was eternal. 'For as all die in Adam, so all shall live in Christ.' Pope St.Leo

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

**No Polish Stations of the Cross on Tuesday evening**

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

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2018**

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Mass & Confessions	Priory Street
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass & Confessions	Priory Street
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	12:15pm	Mass	Priory Street
	7:00pm	ChrisM Mass	Brentwood Cathedral
<b>EASTER TRIDUUM</b>			
Maundy Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
	8.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper; Watching til Midnight	Priory Street
Good Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
	10:30am	Children's Stations	Priory Street
	3:00pm	Liturgy of the Passion	Priory Street
Holy Saturday [NO CONFESSIONS] 31 <sup>st</sup> March	9:30am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Priory Street
	8:00pm	Solemn Vigil of Easter	Priory Street
Easter Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Masses at usual Sunday times [including 6:30pm evening Mass at Priory Street]		
Easter Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> "	10:00am	Mass	Priory Street

**EXTRA MASS & CONFESSIONS AT MERSEA IN HOLY WEEK:** Will take place at 9am on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**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, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Pat Keene, 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.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** on Maundy Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, Maundy Thursday is traditionally a time when we think about the needs of the poor. There will be a collection with these proceeds going to help the work of the SVP. Your generosity is much appreciated. On Good Friday there will be a collection for the upkeep of the places in the Holy Land.

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

**CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY:** Particularly focused for the children, Stations of the Cross will take place here at Priory Street at 10:30am on Good Friday.

**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

**VACANCY– Education Office in Brentwood.** PA/Executive Assistant required (PA or Senior Secretarial experience essential) required to support the Director and Deputy Director in the Education Department. The role is for 35 hours a week, working five days a week over 42 weeks a year. If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please first contact: [recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org) for a copy of the job description and person specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role as per the job description and person specification. Closing date for CVs/applications is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Interviews and tasks to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**ROSARY ON THE COAST:** For faith, life and peace in the British Isles. 40 Days of spiritual preparation which started last Monday, the feast of St Joseph and finishes on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Visit [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk) for more information.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** Mass here at 2pm. The Novena in preparation for the Feast starts on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Prayer Leaflets will be available at the back of church. A Plenary Indulgence is now available. Confessions in both Polish and English.

**GIFT AID BOXES FOR THE NEW TAX YEAR:** Are now available in the church porch, *in surname order*. Those contributors from the Mass Centres will find their boxes in the "diplomatic bags".

**PROCEEDS OF RECENT SECOND COLLECTIONS:** Crib Offerings £493; Pax Christi £579; Racial Justice Sunday £551; CAFOD Lenten Fast Day £1441; Lourdes Sick & Helpers Fund £742. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Team 3.