

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B] – Racial Justice Day

Saturday January 27th	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs Moira Pryke
Sunday January 28th	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	D/Rels: Caldeira Family
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Professor Alan Sinfield RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Bridget Lloyd
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Douglas and David Finch RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Celestine Tighe RIP [A]

Monday, January 29th	Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Conal McGinley & Mary O'Connell
<i>Mersea</i>	11:00 am REQUIEM – Francis [Frank] Campbell RIP

Tuesday, 30th	Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Margaret Murray

Wednesday, 31st	St John Bosco, Pr
Y4 - STM	<i>Church</i> 9:30 am The Clarke Family
	<i>Church</i> 12:15 pm NO MASS

Thursday, February 1st	Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Friday, 2nd	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am V. Rev. Canon Joseph Whitfield
<i>Church</i>	11:00 am FUNERAL – Barry Matthews RIP

Saturday, 3rd	St Anne Line, M
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Juana Fermin RIP+

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday, February 3rd	6:15 pm	Margaret Wheeler RIP
Sunday, February 4th	8:00 am	David Anthony Hill RIP
	10:30 am	Rose Robinson
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Mrs Mary O'Riordan RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Peter McCartney 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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A couple of years ago I was fortunate to be able to walk part of the Camino Frances which goes to Compostela in Spain. One aspect of the experience came to mind when I read this Sunday's Gospel. The overwhelming majority of the walkers are not religious (it is estimated that about 1% are pilgrims as such). A phrase I heard constantly was, 'I'm not religious, I'm spiritual'. After hearing this several times, I began to respond, 'Which spirit? I follow the Holy Spirit', which reply usually led to momentary confusion in the other and an opportunity to talk more seriously. St. Mark's Gospel, in the early chapters, frequently recounts Jesus casting out unclean spirits, so we can confidently say that Jesus took the existence of evil spirits seriously and to end their influence over people was at the centre of why he came. Many in society today, having rejected the Holy Spirit, are still fascinated by the spiritual (cinema and TV testify to that) and readily fall for unclean spirits. Their malign influence will rarely be manifested in a dramatic way yet it remains real. A call to us to renew our commitment to the Holy Spirit.

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

N.B. NO 12:15 MASS ON WEDNESDAY

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:50am

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.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY– RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: “... *for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...*” For more information on the work for Racial Justice, please visit catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2018

100 CLUB RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AT MERSEA AND MONKWICK: Take place this Sunday.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Charlotte and Jack Luttmann**. God bless these children and congratulations to their family.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Francesco Scannelli and Dave McLoughlin who have recently died. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families. .

RCIA MEETING: Thursday, February 1st , in the Crypt between 7pm and 8:30pm.

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.

OFFICE VACANCY: The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are looking for a flexible part-time Bookkeeper/Financial Administrator for their Charity to be based at Colchester. For full details, please visit crssuk@canonesses.co.uk . *Closing date 8th February.*

VACANCY: HR/Operations Officer (Payroll experience essential) required to support the Finance Office at Cathedral House, Brentwood. The role is part-time, working three days a week (21 hours). If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please first contact finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org for a copy of the job description. Closing date for CVs/applications is Friday 2nd February 2018. Interviews week commencing 12th February 2018.

HEALING MASS: Fr Eammon's Healing Mass resumes on Friday February 16th at 2pm. St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels, Kelvedon. For more information please contact Angie Hart mahart66@outlook.com

THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE invite you to a talk entitled 'Hope in times of vulnerability' which will take place on 18th February at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Melbourne, Chelmsford at 2pm for 2.15pm. The talk will be delivered by Dr Lea Verstricht, a Belgian theologian. To book a place at this event please visit the Community's Events Bookings page <http://www.canonesses.co.uk/event-bookings/> or call 01206-867296.

SPIRITUALITY SEMINARS: at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. *Saturday February 10th 10.30am-12.00pm.* Theme: **The Mass Explained.** Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon. *Saturday March 24th 10.30am-12.00pm.* Theme - **Lent and the call to holiness.** Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Cathedral Dean. Contact Details: Tel: 01277 265285. email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

EXHIBITION OF THE SHROUD OF TURIN: Will take place in Our Lady of Immaculate Church, Chelmsford, CM2 0AR, from 5th to 11th March. More information on the poster in the porch.

THE FRIENDS OF PERU IN COLCHESTER: After 30 rewarding years, the Friends of Peru are now retiring. We want to thank all our wonderful supporters and friends who have enabled us to support the Sisters of Mercy Mission in Peru by helping us raise funds to realise urgent projects for the poor. The Misericordia Workshop, which produced exquisite handmade Peruvian Crafts, is now closed. Sister Mildred McNamara however, who first arrived in Peru in 1969, is still working devotedly to combat tuberculosis in one of the poorest areas. Please remember Sister Millie in your prayers, We remember with love and prayers, the dear friends in our Group who have passed away over the years.

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CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: *Monday , 29th January; Team 1.*