

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]**

<b>Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Sr Eileen Healey RIP
<b>Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Joseph and Bridget Loftus RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Thanksgiving [LS]
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Filipino Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Victor Payne RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**      **St Cuthbert, Bp**  
*Church*      **9:30 am**      Canon John Bloomfield RIP

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**      **St Teresa of Calcutta, Rel**  
*Church*      **9:30 am**      Tommie Lohan RIP

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**      **Feria**  
*Church*      **12:15 pm**      Intentions of Hugh McGrath [CS]

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**      **Feria**  
*Church*      **9:30 am**      Norah Lohan RIP

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**      **THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Feast**  
*Church*      **9:30 am**      Michael and Ellen Kate Condon RIP

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>**      **Feria**  
*Church*      **9:30 am**      Alastair Cowden RIP

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]**

<b>Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Ints; Joe Parkinson – 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
<b>Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Caterina Gottifredi-Sabbadini RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Arthur & Patricia Urguhart RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Intentions: Fr Tony [MF]
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Intentions; Pauline Carter

**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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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]**

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Last Sunday, our reflection was focussed on the authority given to Peter. Jesus conferred onto him the leadership of the Church which he, Jesus, established for our salvation. Furthermore, Jesus at the end of his discourse strictly ordered them not to tell anybody that he is the Son of God.

Connecting this reflection with today's Gospel, there is a sudden twist that has happened here. Peter, after glorifying the Lord, turns into a devil by denying Jesus, as a suffering servant obviously he is referring to his passion, death and resurrection. Peter, at the moment, surely operates in a human way by trying to protect Jesus from imminent danger which, as we all know, was part and parcel of his mission to face, thus fulfilling his father's will... which is why Jesus rebukes him... go away..

Brothers and sisters, as we continue our journey in faith, we know that the Cross is part of it. Failure to recognise, and refusal to carry it, is not a Christian way of living. Because Jesus, himself, told us, "whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me".

On this note, we should remind ourselves, brothers and sisters, that as we continue to glorify and follow him in our lives, let us continue to give him thanks for all his goodness to us. Also, let us be humble and obedient in following his footsteps no matter what happens. For gold is tested by fire, as is our faith tested by the challenges we encounter daily. Thus, the virtue of perseverance is the only key in order to us to be faithful followers of Christ, most especially if we hold on until the end. Amen

Fr. Alex, rcj

**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: Please see below

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, John Ashdown-Hill, Pat Banks, Frank Campbell, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Margaret Doorish, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Roger Kemp, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Canon Anthony McKentey, 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, Maureen Sheeran, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Carl and Marie** married here yesterday.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Banks and Raymond Burrows who have recently died. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families. Mary's funeral takes place here at 12 noon on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, and Raymond's at 12 noon at the Co op Wimpole Road Chapel on Friday, 15th September.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND:** We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Jonathon and Elena Needs and Emilia Bagtazo**, God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**COLLECTION FOR FR TONY:** A Leaving Collection for Fr Tony will be taken up today, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, after all Masses.

**THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR TONY:** This will take place on his last Sunday with us – 10<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm, followed the social get-together in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

**FILMS FOR FAITH:** This Wednesday, **6<sup>th</sup> September** we start an 8 week Course on the Catholic Faith called "*Chosen*". All are welcome, and refreshments will be provide in the Crypt at 1pm for a 1:15pm start. Each session lasts for approximately 90 minutes.

**QUIZ NIGHT FOR CAFOD AT ST JOHN PAYNE HALL:** Friday 08 September, 7.30pm; Tickets from Ann and David Bates (01206 863067: [ann.bates36@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.bates36@btinternet.com)) Booking essential. Cost: £6 to include cheese and wine supper: bring your own drinks: glasses provided. There will be a raffle and prizes for this would be appreciated.

**ENGLISH HERITAGE WEEKEND 9/10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER [CATHOLIC HERITAGE GROUP]:** Volunteers are required for next Saturday, 9th September, at the Gatehouse; an hour or two will be fine. Open from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Priory Street is also in the

programme, so if anyone would like to get involved please leave a message for Jenny Guthrie-Stevens via the Parish Office or have a word with Pauline Rook.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** The next baptism Course for newborns up to age six will take place on the **14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September** here in the Crypt from 7:30-9pm. No appointment is necessary but both Sessions must be attended. The dates of the baptisms will be arranged during the Course.

**MUSIC GROUP:** The Music Group has recommenced after its summer break, but if you enjoy singing, or play a musical instrument, please contact Lesley on 01206 970960 for more information.

**PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP:** present The Great Disney Countdown in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street on Friday 15th September at 7.30 pm and Saturday 16th September 3.00 pm and 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5.00 for adults and £4.00 for children or concessions. If you enjoy Disney songs from the films, this is the show for you. For more information please contact Lesley on 01206 970960.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH - RCIA 2017/18:** Journey in Faith or RCIA is the process developed by the Catholic Church for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, teachings and practices with a view to becoming Catholics, or for those who have a background in the Catholic Faith but who have not yet been confirmed, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Sessions are held weekly from 7pm to 8.30pm on Thursday evening in the Crypt of the church. They will run from October until Easter. The start date will be published in the parish newsletter in due course. **To register your interest please give your name and contact details to one of the priests or contact Cathy O'Connor 01206 735623 or [cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org)**

**NEXT PARISH DAY OF REFLECTION:** On Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. More information on the Website now and the poster in the Porch. VQ

**MISSION TODAY:** [Missio] Autumn 2017 Newsletters are free in the church porch. Please take one. If you wish to become a Red Box Holder, please contact Ron Griffin at Priory Street after the Saturday 6:15pm Mass or ring 01206 571590.

**FOOD BANK:** An appeal for donations of tinned/dry goods for Colchester Food Bank. Thank you.

**APOLOGIES:** If you have requested, via email, an insert for the Newsletter and it has not appeared, we have been having IT issues, which are testing our patience. Thank you for yours!

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) 07758 805263  
**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** September 7<sup>th</sup>– Team 1.