

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday November 4th	6:15 pm	Edward Lenton RIP
Sunday November 5th	8:00 am	Dec/Rels: Farrell & Fuller Families RIP
	10:30 am	James, Mary and John Galvin RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Maria Adelaide & Antonio Alfana RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Sheila Kittell RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken RIP

Monday 6th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am November Dead List
	<i>Church</i>	4:00 pm Reception of Coffin
Tuesday 7th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Dec/Rels; Betts Family
	<i>Church</i>	12:30 pm REQUIEM – TONY WRIGHT RIP

Wednesday 8th	Feria	
STM – Y6	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Intentions: Mary O'Toole
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm The Jackson Family RIP

Thursday 9th	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	Feast
	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Tony White RIP

Friday 10th	St Leo the Great, P,D	
	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am November Dead List

Saturday 11th	St Martin of Tours, Bp	
	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas

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	[Remembrance Day]	
Saturday November 11th	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs F Milford RIP
Sunday November 12th	8:00 am	Miriam Murray RIP
	10:30 am	Derek Harvey RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Bernardine Boyle RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Yadi Khodaverdi RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Bert Hewitt 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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Today's Gospel may be seen as a challenge to clergy, and teachers we could add. Jesus is, of course, addressing the religious leaders of his day so it is not correct just to apply his words indiscriminately to the present. After all, there are many teachers in the schools of this country; is Jesus saying we shouldn't call them teachers? Of course not.

What about the clergy of today? Here it gets more interesting, as clericalism is a real danger. I'd like to consider the difference between power and authority, a distinction which applies in many walks of life. A person may have power but no authority, in which case they are a tyrant and their actions are illegitimate; the Pharisees are an example. Conversely, someone may have authority but no power. Jesus has both authority and power, so his exercise of power is legitimate. An individual priest or bishop in this country arguably has power, they also need authority, which comes from who they are and how they strive to live and not just the position they occupy.

Fr Chris

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – **SEE BELOW RE 7/11/17**
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,, 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.

MILE END NEWS - COFFEE MORNING: This Sunday, 5th November, we will meet for coffee in the Dog & Pheasant Public House after the 9:15am Mass.

BAPTISM TODAY: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Genevieve Nicole Murrant**. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernadette Sloman who has recently died. May she rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of her bereaved family. Her funeral has been arranged for Monday, 27th November here at St James the Less, at 12 noon.

CHRISTMAS MARKET NOVEMBER 25th: This week we are requesting flour and dried fruit for cake making, as well as other items previously requested. Thank you. Norah 503410

FILMS FOR FAITH: The next showing – “St Francis of Assisi” is this Wednesday, 8th November. All are welcome and refreshments will be provided in the Crypt at 1pm for a 1:15pm start. Each session lasts for approximately 90 minutes.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: On the 7th November this practice of contemplative prayer celebrates 20 years in our parish. We shall meet at 21 Greyfriars instead of the Crypt, for Meditation followed by party.

CAFOD will be holding a Memorial Mass at Brentwood Cathedral on Thursday 9th November at 9.15 am. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Alan Williams. A Book of Remembrance will be presented and blessed by Bishop Alan at the Mass. If you would like to add a name to the Book of Remembrance you would be very welcome, whether or not you can attend the service itself. Please get in touch with our Volunteer Centre at brentwood@cafod.org.uk or call 01277 218730 if you'd like to know more. Refreshments will be provided after the service.

MEETING THE LIVING GOD AUTUMN SEMINARS: The second of three Seminars takes place on November 11th in Cathedral House Conference Centre, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT, 10:30am-12noon. Topic: *Endings and Beginnings*. Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon. For more info: 01277 265285; jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

HEALING MASS OF THE FAMILY TREE– To be held at Our Lady of Canvey Church, 224 Long Road, Canvey Island, Essex SS8 0J on Tuesday 14th November starting with Rosary at 7pm & Mass at 7.30pm. For more information please call 01268 682 599 or email: ourladyofcanvey@gmail.com

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL invites you to a special Mission and an opportunity to renew your faith. Monday 20th - Friday 24th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral every weekday evening. For more information go to www.cathedral-brentwood.org. Everybody welcome.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST from all four Mass centres are invited to attend a meeting in the Church at Priory St. on Saturday December 2nd, 4pm. There will be some spiritual input and also discussion on practical matters. The gathering will end by 5pm, probably earlier. I hope that as many Ministers as possible will attend

Fr Chris

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN ADVENT: Lectio Divina from Saturday 2nd December at 5pm in the Crypt.

Day of Reflection: Saturday 9th December in Bourne Hall. Last year we reflected on the material circumstances of Jesus' birth and the outcasts and foreigners who were its witnesses. This year the focus is on Jesus, the Eternal Word.

NOVENA MAGAZINE: There are 6 copies for sale at £3.50 per copy of the Autumn/Winter edition of this magazine of Catholic devotions.

MISSION TODAY: Please take a free Mission Today 2018 calendar from the church porch. Yes, they are FREE! If you would like a Missio Red Box and don't yet have one, please contact Ron Griffin after Saturday evening Mass or phone 571590.

CATHOLIC AND STUDY OR WORK AT UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX?: There is Mass each Sunday - and many other events - for University students and staff. For more information: www.EssexCatholic.org.uk

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: THURSDAY, November 9TH – Team 2.