

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) World Day of Prayer for Creation

Saturday 31st	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Pravin, Raymond, Andre, Jean RIP
Sunday 1st September	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Loudimer Firmanes RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Beverley Powell RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>		8.30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>		9.30 am	Private Intention

Monday 2nd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Manuel
	<i>Church</i>	11.30 am	Funeral Mass: Joan Slade RIP

Tuesday 3rd			ST GREGORY THE GREAT, P, D
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	May Russell RIP

Wednesday 4th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Cedric Stanley RIP

Thursday 5^h			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Blessings for Tadeusz

Friday 6th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas

Saturday 7th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Brother Ragu

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Education Sunday

Saturday 7th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Tony Dixon RIP
Sunday 8th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Grace O'Connor RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>		8.30 am
<i>Mile End</i>		9.30 am	Private Intention

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Baptism Godparents: A Godparent must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This means they have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. You only need one Godparent.
- ❖ Marriage Preparation: Please be aware that 6 months' notice of intention for Marriage is required especially if marrying outside the Parish. Couples who are planning to get married should contact us **at least 6 months** in advance. Thank you.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00pm Mass (Monkwick).
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@brcdt.org
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ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION
WEEK COMMENCING 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

It is easy for us to criticise the Pharisees, they are distant from us in time and 'other', so 'they' make a simple target. Are we justified in this? No. In today's Gospel Jesus does criticise what they do which is not the same as condemning them as persons. We must remember that on the Cross Jesus prayed for those persecuting him, 'forgive them Father they know not what they do'. As always we need to distinguish between judging a person and judging their actions, though the two are clearly linked. The question then arises, how do we look at ourselves? Do we ignore or dismiss our sinful deeds as not very serious/nothing to worry about/God will forgive me in any case? There is a real danger of becoming Catholic Pharisees if we are not careful, relying on outward rituals and ready to judge others as not meeting our standards. The renewal of the liturgy after Vatican II is test, does a person accept the authority of the church to make changes in liturgical matters or do they make the personal judgment that the old rites (which got their standing from the Church!) are better?

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY (Mon-Fri)	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
LEGION OF MARY	Fridays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 7.30 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: *For the cry of the Earth:* We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE. Lord, we ask for your divine intervention and peace to prevail in Ukraine, Palestine and in every land wounded by war. We pray for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We ask that you guide leaders and nations to work toward lasting peace and stability around the world. *Amen*



MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Deut4:1-2, 6-8; James1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk7:1-8 14-15,21-23) **Choosing what is best for 'us'.** Today, Jesus almost affirms His disciples' rule-breaking. He talks of people honouring Him with lip-service, with hearts far from Him. In marriage, it's the same when behaving 'husbandly' or 'wifely': saying/doing the right words/actions with hearts far from one another. Making listening to Jesus and each other a lifestyle choice enables us to choose what is best for 'us'.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Margaret Hawkins, Valerie Thurston, Jimmy Clarin, Grace McCartney, Diana Irven, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Jason Christopher McLean, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Maureen R. We also pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

KNIGHTS OF ST>COLUMBA: With 1 in 8 children in our area living below the poverty line our KSC decided to take action. Next weekend after all Masses they will be collecting winter clothes and coats for Tots to Teens and schools and will arrange for contributions to go where they are needed.

NEXT 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken for Education Sunday on 8th September. This takes place at the start of the academic year; and offers us an opportunity to pray to Almighty God for all people involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead.

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS: Evangeli Gaudium Day on 15th September and CAFOD Harvest Fast Day on 6th October.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: When we lose someone we have loved, a relationship where we felt safe, or a job where we felt fulfilled, we are left with grief that affects us emotionally and spiritually. Working together with two neighbouring parishes, we offer opportunities for support at a time of bereavement and loss: Group support at St Teresa's, Lexden and St. John Payne's Greenstead and one to one help in St James the Less, Priory St. The leaders are trained and experienced and are or have been part of St Helena's Hospice Counselling and Emotional Support Team. More details on Notice Board, website and Facebook.



➤ **CUPPA CLUB:** We meet every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am in the Hall.
➤ **SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING** after 10.30am Mass in Cardinal Bourne Hall.

NEW MASS BOOKS FOR THE CHURCH (Year C, Part 1): We are gradually having to replace all the parishioners' Mass books (*these are the Mass books on each of the benches in Church*). Parishioners may like to take this opportunity to sponsor new books on a smaller scale than the Lectionaries as each Mass book costs £5.95 (we will need a minimum of 300 books to cover all Parish Churches). If you would like to donate towards the Church Mass books, then please contact the parish office or put your donation in an envelope marked New Mass books. However big or small your donation it all helps! Thank you.

MARY'S MEALS APPEAL (SCHOOL + FOOD = HOPE): Please consider donating your leftover foreign currency to Mary's meals. Envelopes are available in the Church Porch, simply fill the envelope with your leftover foreign currency; UK coins and notes that are no longer legal tender and hand your sealed envelope into the Presbytery. Your kindness will help provide nutritious school meals to children living in some of the World's poorest countries and give desperately hungry children hope for the future. Thank you

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The next Procession is on **Friday 13th September** at **6.30pm** followed by mass in Polish + Rosary.

LEGION OF MARY: The Legion of Mary invites parishioners aged 18 and older to join our weekly prayer meetings which will be held in Cardinal Bourne Hall **every Friday at 7.30pm** offering a dedicated time for fellowship and growth. Membership in the Legion does not require specific skills or advanced spirituality. Please do join us in a meeting.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE STATE ROOMS + WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL DAY TRIP: Organised by St Teresa's, Lexden. Please let us know if you are interested in going to Buckingham Palace + Westminster Cathedral on **Friday 20th September 2024**. The full cost for both the Palace Ticket and coach seat are £60.00 per person. The coach will be leaving from St Teresa's Church Lexden CO3 9BE at 9am, with return from London about 4pm. Please contact the St Teresa's church office or Catherine Offord at 07971052441 to book your place on this trip.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVERS' MASS is scheduled for **2pm on Saturday 21st September 2024**, at Brentwood Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Helen.

"ADOREMUS" FESTIVAL, OSCOTT COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM on Sat 14th SEPT; The "Adoremus" National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage is taking place with representatives from dioceses across England and Wales. If you would like to attend please contact the Diocesan Co-ordinator, Father Dan Mason at: frdanmason@brcdt.org

BBQ AND MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS: Our Lady Immaculate, Chelmsford, **Sunday 8th September**. If you are 18+ and have left school, then you are very welcome to join a group of young adults for a **BBQ from 3pm with Mass at 7pm**, at Our Lady Immaculate Church in Chelmsford. No need to book, simply come along to meet other young adult Catholics and find out more about upcoming events just for you!

INSPIRE, NURTURE AND ACCOMPANY YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE EDGE OF EAST LONDON. The parishes in the Romford Parish Partnership are recruiting a **Parish Partnership Youth Coordinator**. Salary £30,000/year, closing date 10th September 2024, start date no later than January 2025. This is a new role, with amazing potential to bring young people into leadership in the Church. Full details: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Monday 02/09/24: **Team 3** / Monday 09/09/24: **Team 4** / Friday 20/09/24: **Team 5** / Thursday 26/09/24: **Team 1** / Monday 30/09/24: **Team 2**

COFFEE MORNING ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

01/09/24: Matthew + Mariamma / **08/09/24:** African Community / **15/09/24:** Diane + Adrian
22/09/24: The O'Sullivan's / **29/09/24:** Peggy + Anne