

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 2nd	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Alphonse + Moira Knapp RIP
Sunday 3rd	Church	8.00 am	Thanksgiving (EP)
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	November Dead List
	Mile End	9.30 am	Michael + Bridget Brady RIP
Monday 4th			St Charles Borromeo, Bp
	Church	9.30 am	Ken Evans RIP
Tuesday 5th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	John Smallwood RIP
Wednesday 6th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Mr. Yadi Khodaverdi RIP
	Church	11.00 am	Funeral Mass: Dean Crosdale RIP
Thursday 7th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	November Dead List
Friday 8th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Deceased Relatives of the Betts family
Saturday 9th			THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Milena Borow
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Remembrance Sunday			
Saturday 9th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Rosalie Sutcliffe RIP
Sunday 10th	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.30 am	Roger Kemp RIP

- ❖ 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).



- **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.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@brcdt.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com
- **KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA:** George Johnson (BEM, Grand Knight) 07476 781885; George Benedict (Membership Officer) 07834 725890; email: george.johnson@ksc.org.uk



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St James the Less and St Helen RC Church, Colchester

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Week Commencing 3rd November 2024

The message of Jesus, from the first page of Scripture to the very last, is love. Out of love, He came to us, lived among us, and preached love throughout His life. He died the most sacrificial death; He died for us. Indeed, love is the central message of Christianity, with all else as commentary. Therefore, the perfection of Christian life consists primarily and essentially in love/charity. Love is the foundation, centre, and goal of Christian life. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength... and you shall love your neighbour as yourself." Here, Jesus summarizes all the commandments into one: love. Love is the greatest and most powerful theological virtue, through which we seek the good of others and desire union with God. We are commanded to love one another. To love God, we must love our neighbour.

Fr. Philip

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 NOVEMBER: *For Those Who Have Lost A Child.* Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter, find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

PARISH MISSION on Sunday 24th November to Sunday 1st December 2024 (*the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham*). Theme: Be renewed in Hope. As we journey to Advent and the Jubilee year, come and discover how to live at a deeper level the hope that Christ brings! Inspiring talks, Prayer, Fellowship along with an Advent craft session and more besides! Whether you come along to just one of these events, or all of them it will be a great joy to welcome you! *Local accommodation will be needed for 2 nuns from Saturday 23rd November to Sunday 30th November – If you think you can help, please contact us.* Please see Itinerary of events in Church porch and remember to save the dates in your diaries.

† NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS. During this month, prayers and Masses are said for the Faithful Departed. *November Altar Lists of dead & Envelopes* are available in the Church Porch. Please put the names of your deceased family and friends on the list and place this in the envelope along with your donation and either hand the envelope to a priest or drop the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE We pray for the people of all worn torn countries, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide their choices and for the laying down of all weapons.



MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Jeremiah 31: 7-9 Hebrews 5: 1-6 Mark 10: 46-52) **Ask and you will receive.** The prophet tells us today that if we ask, the Lord will always comfort, lead and guide us, so that we will not stumble. Jesus' response to Bartimaeus – "*What do you want me to do for you?*" – points the way. In marriage we become mirrors of God's saving help, supporting each other and being sure guides for our children.

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. We also pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Graham Brunson and Diana Stuart who have all recently passed away. The Parish community offers Graham's and Diana's family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Graham's funeral service will be here on Friday 22nd November at 12.30pm. Diana's funeral details are to be advised. May they rest in peace. **Amen.**



UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken for World Day of the Poor on 17th November and Youth Sunday on 24th November 2024.

ALL READERS: There will be a gathering for all readers on **Friday 6th December at 7.30pm.** This will be mainly to introduce the new lectionary but also a refresher.

SAVE THE DATE! '*Fun and Games*' in Cardinal Bourne Hall, **Saturday 23rd November 2.30-5pm.** More details to follow from the SVP soon.

DAY OF MERCY: On **Friday 20th December 2024**, the Church will be open all day with Mass at 9.30am followed by Exposition & Confession all day; to finish with Benediction at 9.00pm. Please do try to attend at some point during the day.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL [ADMISSIONS FOR 2025/2026]: (Local Authority Closing Date 15/01/25). The signing of the "**Certificate of Catholic Practice**" forms will take place in the Church Crypt on the following dates: -

November 2024	December 2024
Monday 18/11/24 at 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Thursday 05/12/24 at 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Saturday 23/11/24 at 11.15am – 12.00pm	Sunday 08/12/24 at 3.00pm – 3.45pm

There is no need to make an appointment as parents/guardians and the child (with Baptism Certificate) applying to St Thomas, will be seen on a 1st come, 1st served basis.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Registration is now open for all children who are currently in years 3 and 4. Please complete an application form which are in the Church porch and drop the completed form through Presbytery door (*Red door*).

REPOSITORY: The Repository now has a selection of boxed sets and single Christmas Cards & 2025 Diaries available for sale in the Church Porch along with a new selection of Mass Intention cards. All monies go into Repository Box. Thank you.

JOSIE'S KITCHEN: Josie is looking for donations of various items to make her food + care packages for the Homeless at Christmas. If you can spare any of the following items: - General toiletries (shower gels, shampoo, deodorants + body sprays, toothpaste, razors, shaving foam), Cup-a-soups, sachets of coffee drinks, hot chocolate, long life milk. Tins of ready meals e.g. Chili-con-carne, casserole, minced beef, baked beans, tuna, corned beef or ham, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit + puddings, custard powder, mini boxes of cereal, pot noodles, crisps, biscuits, small multipack snacks. Socks, scarves, hats + gloves. These items make a big difference to their lives and show them that they are cared for in our community. Please drop your Donations into the Presbytery before 16th December. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

MARY'S MEALS would like to thank everyone in the parish for their generosity in response to their Foreign Currency initiative. It raised £156.09 which means Mary's Meals will be able to feed 8 children one good meal every school day for a whole year because of your support. Please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all.

POLISH ADVENT MASSES (Rorate): These will take place at 6.30pm on the following Thursdays in December: 5th, 12th, 19th at Priory Street.

FILIPINO SIMBANG GABI MASSES: These will take place at 8.00pm on the following dates in December: Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th at Priory Street.

KSC 1 IN 8 CAMPAIGN - NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS: On the 9th-10th of November the KSC will be collecting the following: Chocolate Advent Calendars - mince pies - Christmas Puddings - Other Christmas food. This will be for donation to the Foodbank to distribute to Children and Families over the course of Advent and in the run up to Christmas. Please bring and leave your donation at the back of the Churches on that weekend.

KSC 1 in 8 Campaign – October: Thank you to everyone who donated toys. They were donated to the Tots 2 Teens group at the foodbank and were gratefully received.

CAFOD-DEC MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL: The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon to provide essential food, water and shelter <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 04/11/24: **Team 2** / Monday 11/11/24: **Team3**

COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 03/11/24: Diane & Adrian / 10/11/24: The O'Sullivan's