

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 5th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	1 st Anniversary: Roger Kemp RIP
Sunday 6th	Church	8.00 am	Kathleen McIntyre RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention (SF)
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Ints: Dr Usman Ojone Victoria
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Private Intention

Monday 7th			Our Lady of the Rosary
	Church	9.30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
†	Church	11.00 am	Funeral Mass: Nicholas Fadugba RIP

Tuesday 8th			St Osyth, Rel
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas

Wednesday 9th			ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Pr
	Church	9.30 am	Mary + John McGinley RIP

Thursday 10th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Bridget, Bridie + Sean Joyce RIP

Friday 11th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Private Intention (CR)
†	Church	11.00 am	Funeral Mass: Maureen Ramsey RIP

Saturday 12th			Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe and Cuthburga, Rel
	Church	9.30 am	Mr. Varghese RIP

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Prisoners Sunday

Saturday 12th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 13th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Ints: Altar Servers
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Mile End	9.30 am	Ints: Paul Borow

- ❖ 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).

- **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

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) WEEK COMMENCING 6th OCTOBER 2024

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a sacrament, a divine covenant that mirrors Christ's unwavering love for the Church. This sacred union transcends mere human agreement; it is a relationship blessed by God. Jesus' response to the Pharisees makes this truth very clear when He stated, *"From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. That is why a man must leave his father and mother and the two become one body"* (Mark 10:6-8). The permanence of the marriage bond necessitates love, sacrifice, and faithfulness, with God at the centre, guiding couples on their journey toward holiness. The Church firmly teaches that divorce contradicts God's design for marriage, which is intended to be a lifelong commitment. To emphasise the gravity of this sacrament, Jesus spoke against divorce with resolute clarity: *"What God has joined together, let no one separate"* (Mark 10:9). This statement emphasises the sacredness and indissoluble nature of marriage as ordained by God.

Fr. Philip

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

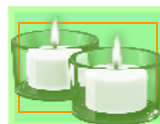
DAILY (Mon-Fri)	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
LEGION OF MARY	Fridays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 7.30 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: *For a shared mission.*

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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: (Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16) **Two in one flesh.** God said: *"It is not good that the man should be alone."* Do I value my husband, my wife? Do I really know you, my beloved and lifelong companion? When was the last time we were intimate or celebrated our sexuality; the essence of our being two in one flesh? How much of a priority are you in my life?

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.7



RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Thomas Joseph McElroy and Manal Najib Hermiz Sheeka who have both recently passed away. The Parish community offers Thomas and Manal's family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Thomas's reception into church will be on Thursday 17th October at 4.30pm, and the funeral mass will be on Friday 18th October at 11.00am. Manal's reception into church will be on Monday 14th October at 4.00pm, and funeral mass will be on Tuesday 15th October at 11.00am.

CAFOD 2nd COLLECTION: After all masses this weekend a 2nd collection will be taken for **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**. Please place your envelope or donation in the 2nd collection basket. Thank you

NEXT 2ND COLLECTION: A collection will be taken for PACT Re Prisoners Sunday on 13th October 2024. Pact is the national Catholic charity providing support to prisoners, people with convictions and their children and families. To find out more about Prisoner's Sunday here - <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/faith/events/prisoners-sunday/> People in prison and their families can easily be marginalised and isolated in our communities. Our work remains as important as it has ever been. We continue to respond to Jesus' challenge, *'I was in prison and you visited me.'*

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



➤ **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.

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.

PRIORY STREET GOOD FILM CLUB: Every Tuesday at 8pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall with the first screening on Tuesday 8th October. Each weekly screening will show a film without any graphic sex or violence. We aren't allowed to advertise publicly so, if interested, text "film" to 07757 828649 to get details of the films. The film on Oct 8 is a popular film starring Jim Carrey. It is 1 hr. 40 mins long. All are welcome, especially new visitors. No charge but donations always welcome!



PARISH MISSION: The sisters from the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham will be speaking at all Masses this weekend about the Mission they will be giving here in November (**Sun 24th to Sat 30th**). Please save the dates in your diaries. More information will follow over the coming weeks.

VOCATIONS: The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 8 October** at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Mark Reilly. For further info please contact Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

KSC OCTOBER ROSARY CRUSADE: Please join the Knights of Council 270 to pray the Rosary after the listed Mass on the following dates: **13th October, after 9:30am Mass** - St Joseph's Mile End + **20th October, after 10:30am Mass** - St James the Less and St Helen.

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

OPEN HOUSE BILLERICAY: SATURDAY, 12TH OCTOBER 2024: The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. The day will last from 9.30am to 5pm and the cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

YOUTH GATHER, ESSEX OUTDOORS, EAST MERSEA, 26th – 27th October: For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer, the chance to try archery or climbing, socialise with friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. Applications are now open and you can apply and find all information at www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/

VACANCIES - CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE:- 1: **Senior Carer** position for a Community of 9 religious sisters in their home in Colchester. For further details please see our website: <https://canonesses.co.uk/senior-carer-position-howe-close/> OR call Care Manager on 07394980188. 2: **Cook**. Two cooks required to work via a job share. Shift pattern: 12.00pm -7.00pm. 2 days p/w and alternate weekends. If this is of interest to you, please submit a CV and any enquiries to: caremanager@canonesses.co.uk or 07932657038. Application closing date: 15/10/2024. Interview date TBC.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 07/10/24: **Team 3** / Monday 14/10/24: **Team 4**
COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 06/10/24: Yolande + 1 / 13/10/24: SVP