

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

Saturday 7th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Tony Dixon RIP
Sunday 8th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Grace O'Connor RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Fr Brian McGilloway RIP
	Mile End	9.30 am	Private Intention
Monday 9th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	For all God's Blessings for Tadeusz on his birthday
Tuesday 10th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Fr Brian McGilloway RIP
Wednesday 11th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Thanksgiving (BJ)
Thursday 12th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Mr. Jacob + Mary RIP
Friday 13th			St John Chrysostom, Bp, D
	Church	9.30 am	John Mager RIP
	Church	6.30 pm	Our Lady of Fatima Procession+ Polish Mass
Saturday 14th			THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

Saturday 14th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 15th	Church	8.00 am	Daniel Farrell RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Parishioners
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Maureen Jobber RIP
	Mile End	9.30 am	Thanksgiving, Marco

- ❖ 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

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) EDUCATION SUNDAY WEEK COMMENCING 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus healing a man who was deaf and could barely speak. Jesus leads the man away from the crowd, showing a personal connection to him. He touches the man's ears and tongue, using simple, symbolic gestures to express His care and understanding of the man's struggle. When Jesus says "*Ephphatha*", meaning "*Be opened*", the man is not just physically healed; he also experiences a deeper spiritual renewal, an experience he could not keep to himself alone but published it everywhere. This passage serves as a reminder that true openness involves not only physical hearing and speech but also a willingness to listen to God's word and share it with others. Our hearts are opened every Sunday to the mysteries of the Holy Eucharist and word of God. We are expected, at the end of each Mass, to take the message of Christ to the world and to witness His love to the world.

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 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: (Isaiah 35:4-7 James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37) **Healing and wholeness may take time.** Criticism, intended or not, can lead to harsh words or painful silences. When trying to talk, the hurts can be so deep, they seem too big a block to overcome. To leave space or do something we enjoy doing together, and then trying to talk, can often enable us to open our ears to listen and our hearts to love.

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.



RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nicholas Olawande Fadugbawho has recently passed away. The Parish community offers Nicholas family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Bernard's funeral service will take place on Monday 7th October at 11.00am.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend a 2nd collection will be taken for Education Sunday. 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.

NEXT 2nd COLLECTIONS: Evangelii 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

KSC 1 IN 8 CAMPAIGN – WINTER COATS AND CLOTHES: This weekend the Knights of Saint Columba will be collecting Winter Coats and Clothes for children in the city. We will be taking donations for all ages, and some of the coats will be donated for use by the Primary and Secondary Schools. We thank you in advance for your support!

MISSIO MAGAZINES FOR AUTUMN 2024: These are available free in the Church Porch.

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.

MARANTHA MASS: The next Maranatha Mass celebrated by Fr. Paschal Uche, followed by Prayer and Praise, will be held at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX on **Thursday, 19th October, at 7pm** - an evening of hope and joy to which everyone is welcome.

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE: 2025 will be a Holy Year for the whole church. Pope Francis has invited us to promote the rights of refugees in the Jubilee Year and beyond. On Saturday 12th October from 11 am (coffee available from 10.30) Victoria Firth and Liam Allmark of the Jesuit Refugee Service UK will discuss how we can take up Pope Francis' invitation. The event will take place at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Live participation is encouraged, but the day can also be followed live or accessed later on www.whatgoodnews.org Refreshments available. Please bring a packed lunch.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

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

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