

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

Monday 11th			St Martin of Tours, Bp
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas

Tuesday 12th			St Josephat, Bp, M
	Church	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield

Wednesday 13th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Sidney Finch Castell + Rose Jane Castell

Thursday 14th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Maureen Jobber RIP

Friday 15th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Ann De Smith RIP

Saturday 16th			St Edmund of Abingdon, Bp
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Maja Borow


THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) World Day of the Poor

Saturday 16th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Rev. Cedric Stanley RIP
Sunday 17th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	November Dead List
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Michael Dawborne 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
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Remembrance Sunday

Week Commencing 10th November 2024



The widow of Zarephath in the first reading and the widow in the gospel exemplify true generosity and profound trust in Gods ability to provide for us. Despite her dire circumstances, the Zarephath woman obeys the prophet Elijah and shares her meal. She shares with the prophet the last she and her son had to eat. Her selfless generosity leads to the multiplication of her oil and flour as promised by the prophet. In the same vein, the widow in the gospel, despite her poverty, offers all she had to live on. She gave little but was valued by Jesus, who recognised her and praised her generosity above that of others who put in much more. Both passages emphasise that true generosity is measured not in terms of the amount or quantity given by the spirit of the giver. It is through giving that we receive even more.

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 Saturday 30th November – If you think you can help, please contact us. Please see Itinerary of Events in Church porch and please save the dates.

† 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: (Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44) ***Giving from what little we have.*** Considering the context of today's readings, we see the 'holiness' inherent in the 'sacrifices' of all those involved. The reality of life's experiences indicates that it is through giving that we receive. The small things we do each day produce wonderful and fruitful consequences in our marriage. Our graced daily 'yes' to one another is what ultimately 'makes us holy'.

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 Geraldine De La Nougerède, who have all recently passed away. The Parish community offers Graham's, Geraldine's family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Graham's funeral mass will be here on Friday 22nd November at 12.30pm. Geraldine's funeral mass will be here on Thursday 21st November at 10.45am. May they rest in peace. **Amen.**



2nd COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend there will be a 2nd collection taken for World Day of the Poor. This year's theme is ***"The prayer of the poor rises up to God."*** Please click on the link to read Pope Francis message [Pope Francis Re World Day of the Poor](#) (As per previous years we will split the proceeds of this collection between the SVP & Josie's Kitchen, both of whom play such a vital role in our Parish with assisting those in need).

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken for 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.

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.

GAMES CAFE! Come and try a game at our Games Café in Cardinal Bourne Hall, **Saturday 23rd November 2.30-5pm.** All types of games for all ages! *Jenga, Draughts, Snakes & Ladders, Musical Statues to Pass the Parcel* and more! Please do join us for a fun afternoon! Free Entry! Drinks and cakes.

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.

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. Filipino Children's Christmas party on 21st December 2-8pm; On 28th December Filipino Mass at 12.30pm followed by Christmas Party til 10.00pm.

VOCATIONS: The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 12th November at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Mgr Gordon Read. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

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 11/11/24: **Team 3** / Monday 18/11/24: **Team 4**

COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 10/11/24: The O'Sullivan's / 17/11/24: Peggy & Anne