

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) PRISONERS SUNDAY

Saturday 12th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 13th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Our Lady of Fatima Procession +Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Ints: Altar Servers
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
KSC Rosary after Mass	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Paul Borow

Monday 14th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield
† Reception into Church		4.00 pm	Miss Manal N. H. Sheeka RIP

Tuesday 15th			St Teresa of Jesus v, D
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Margaret Murray
†	<i>Church</i>	11.00 am	Funeral Mass: Miss Manal N. H. Sheeka RIP

Wednesday 16th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	John Melvin RIP

Thursday 17th			St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp, M
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Gilian Vernon RIP
† Reception into Church		4.30 pm	Thomas Joseph McElroy RIP

Friday 18th			ST LUKE, Ev
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Alphonse Knapp RIP
†	<i>Church</i>	11.00 am	Funeral Mass: Thomas Joseph McElroy RIP

Saturday 19th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Brother Ragu

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Saturday 19th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Holy Souls	
Sunday 20th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Raymond & Helen O'Neill RIP	
	KSC Rosary after Mass	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: Chantel + Hugh Doherty + Family
		<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
		<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Donors Intention
		<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Bridget Ann Irvine 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).

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@brcdt.org
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WEEK COMMENCING 13TH OCTOBER 2024

'I prayed, and understanding was given me'. We might think this is an odd statement since we go to school, university and work to gain understanding, those are the sort of places where we learn things. We can distinguish between our capacity to understand and the content, what it is we understand. The capacity to understand varies from person to person in a morally neutral way; what we understand also varies significantly, depending much on what interests a person. Where does prayer come in? To some extent prayer can impact capacity but largely I would suggest it is focussed on content. The prayerful person recognises the existence of God and a Catholic would also have the aid of grace in understanding the meaning of their life, of creation, of the Church and Sacraments, of scripture (in no particular order). It is all very well a person understanding much of the natural world, but that is no good if there is no understanding of truly spiritual matters. We are created to know, love and serve God in this world, grasping that is true understanding. Faith is a grace, it transforms our understanding, broadening our horizon we could say.

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 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.

PARISH MISSION on Sun 24th November to Sun 1st December (*the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham*). We will need volunteers to help behind the scenes, e.g. setting up, donations of food & preparation of food as well as clearing up afterwards. If you can support our mission in any way, please add your contact details to the clipboard in Church porch. More info will follow over the coming weeks. Please save the dates in your diaries.

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: (Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30) ***The call to change:*** no his or hers. Today, the Gospel calls us to share ALL that we have. We promised to do this on our wedding day when we said that we would change the things that come between us and develop the things that bring us together. It is this journey of change that makes our marriage the sign of Jesus' love for us all.

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 Irvén, 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



2ND COLLECTION: After all masses this weekend a collection will be taken for PACT Re Prisoners Sunday. 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.'

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTION: World Mission Sunday on 20th October 2024: World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

† 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.

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.

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

PRIORY STREET GOOD FILM CLUB: Every Tuesday at 8pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall with the next screening on Tuesday 15th October. If interested, text "film" to 07757 828649 to get details of the films. All are welcome, especially new visitors. No charge but donations always welcome!



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. Chilli-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, scarfs, 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. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



➤ **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.

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. Ends Sunday. Thank you

GET EQUIPPED - LIKELY VOTE ON ASSISTED SUICIDE IN PARLIAMENT BEFORE CHRISTMAS: Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, Better Off Dead? where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. **Watch for free online** (you do not need a TV licence): righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: We are celebrating the Annual Mass for our deceased relatives and friends, in particular those buried in our cemetery, on **Saturday 2nd November** (All Souls' Day) at 2pm at New Hall in the School Chapel. The Mass will be followed by visits to the cemetery for those who wish and tea. All welcome. For purposes of catering, please let us know if you will be with us by emailing crssuk@canonesses.co.uk.

THE NEXT MARANATHA AT THE SION COMMUNITY, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX, is on **Thursday 17th October.** The evening begins with Mass at 7pm followed by Prayer and Praise and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and our Celebrant is Fr. Paschal Uche. Everyone is very welcome to come and join us.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 14/10/24: **Team 4** / Friday 25/10/24: **Team 5**

COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 13/10/24: SVP / 20/10/24: Matthew + Mariamma