

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	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
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Ss Cornelius, P + Cyprian, Bp, M</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Hildegard of Bingen, v, D</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Sarah Betts
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Theodore of Canterbury, Bp</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Thanksgiving (P.O)
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Pr, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang + Comps, Mr</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Marisa
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>			<b>ST MATTHEW, Ap, Ev</b>
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Tadeusz

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Church	8.00 am	Bernard Shand RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Christine Mary Lucas RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Fr Cedric Stanley RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Andrew Morton 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).
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch

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# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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**WEEK COMMENCING 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

A key point in Martin Luther's theology was/is, 'faith alone', good works don't count towards salvation. He believed, wrongly, that the Catholic church teaches that our own good works add something missing from faith. He really didn't like the letter of St. James and wanted it thrown out of the Bible along with the books of the Old Testament that he had already rejected. His followers persuaded him that messing with the New Testament was a step too far and the letter remains as a clear rebuke to Luther's ideas. St. James is not arguing that we earn our way into heaven, winning points by doing good, he is pointing out the need for a conversion of life as Jesus himself says time and again. A true, living faith must result in precisely that, a living faith which is expressed in a person's words and deeds. The passage we hear today is crystal clear, living faith leads to action. We might recall a question often used in youth work, 'If you were accused of being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you? '. A final observation about Luther's position, is it not ironic that so many of the protestants who follow his ideas end up doing precisely what he disliked, the famous protestant work ethic?

*Fr. Chris*

**PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES**

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



**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.

**MARRIAGE BLESSING: To all those getting married - married - celebrating an anniversary:** *"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."* - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.

**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 Fadugba and Maureen Ramsey who have both recently passed away. The Parish community offers Nicholas and Maureen's family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Nicholas funeral service will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am. Maureen's Funeral service will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am.

**DIOCESAN 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** After all Masses this weekend a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be taken for Evangelii Gaudium Day to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,"* the Lord commissions, as we hear in Matthew 28:19. Inspired by our ongoing Synodal process, Scripture, and Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, have chosen the theme *'Growing as missionary disciples'*. On the day itself, we can encourage the faithful to pray for our parish communities, that they would become intentionally missionary in their life and witness. Please hold this important work in your prayers.

**NEXT 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS** CAFOD Harvest Fast Day on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**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.

**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.

**MISSIO VOLUNTEER PARISH REPRESENTATIVE (Missio Red Boxes):** We are currently looking for a volunteer to take on the role of the Missio representative for this Parish. For further details on this position, please speak to Fr Chris.

**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.

**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



➤ **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.

**BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVERS' MASS** is scheduled for **2pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> October from 11am (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](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Refreshments available. Please bring a packed lunch.

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

Friday 20/09/24: **Team 5** / Thursday 26/09/24: **Team 1** / Monday 30/09/24: **Team 2**

**COFFEE MORNING ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

15/09/24: Diane + Adrian 22/09/24: The O'Sullivans / 29/09/24: Peggy + Anne