

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

Saturday 16th	Church	6.15 pm	Heather & Frank Mills RIP
Sunday 17th	Church	8:00 am	
	Church	10:30 am	Mr Peter Egeolu RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	Parishioners
West Mersea		8:30 am	Pace & Angus Family
Mile End		9:15 am	Kathleen Payne RIP
Monkwick		10:15 am	

Monday 18th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Dr. Marioth Manché RIP
Tuesday 19th	Church	9.30 am	Feria Margaretta Wright
Wednesday 20th	Church	12.15 pm	Feria Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday 21st	Church	9.30 am	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Timothy English RIP
Friday 22nd	Church	9.30 am	St Cecilia, V, M Alice + Frank Waddell RIP
Saturday 23rd	Church	9.30 am	Feria M+C Paczon, F+B Dimatulac RIP

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (C)
(National Youth Sunday)

Saturday 23rd	Church	6.15 pm	Cecilia Uglow RIP
Sunday 24th	Church	8:00 am	
	Church	10:30 am	Mrs Aleykutty George RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6:30 pm	
West Mersea		8:30 am	10 th Anniversary: Norma Golding RIP
Mile End		9:15 am	Andrew Morton RIP
Monkwick		10:15 am	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession):	Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:	At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE:	www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org under Events where a list of course dates are available

COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL: If you would like to arrange for a priest to visit a Catholic relative in hospital please contact the presbytery direct on (01206) 866317. We can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit patients so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



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WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

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The culturally savvy will remember the 1980's Tears for Fears anthem. *"Everybody wants to Rule the World"* and it's lyrics *"Nothing ever lasts forever."* The lyrics are nearly true! The things of this world are temporary and finite, no matter how powerful they appear to be. Death, Decay and Destruction. These are inevitable fates of everything earthly. So, the inevitable conclusion for all thinking people is that we cannot live for this world, trusting in its power. So, Faith comes to our rescue that Christ is the answer. His Divine life within us is the only "commodity" on which we can rely with absolute trust. The Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist is an exclusive way in which God's grace is communicated to us as Food and Drink. At every celebration, we pray that God will strengthen in us the power of His life, never lose heart, persevere to the end and enjoy life in Him forever.

Fr. Nixon

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	following 8.00am Mass
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm - 6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East. That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: Go on quietly working at our marriage, stand before God together. In marriage, one partner can work hard at the relationship, the other take it for granted. When both work at it, marriage can be the most marvellous relationship possible. Today, take time to stand before God together and *'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'*. We all need this healing. Let us reaffirm our vows today.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Peter Ledgley, Hilda Morah.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Harrison who has recently passed away. May he rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of his bereaved family and friends. Funeral details to be advised.

DIOCESAN 2ND COLLECTION: After all masses this weekend, there will be a 2nd collection for World Day of the Poor (*This year we will split the proceeds of this collection between Josie's Kitchen and the SVP, both of whom play such a vital role in our Parish assisting those in need*). **The Next 2nd Collection** will be Youth Sunday on 24th November.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL [ADMISSIONS FOR 2020/2021]: (Local Authority Closing Date 15/01/20). The signing of the *"Certificates of Practice"* will take place in the church crypt on the following dates: -

- Monday 25th November 2019 at 4.30pm – 5.30pm
- Sunday 1st December 2019 at 12.00pm (Noon) – 1.00pm
- Saturday 7th December 2019 at 3.00pm – 4.00pm

There is no need to make an appointment as parents **and** the child applying to St Thomas, will be seen on a 1st come, 1st served basis – *entrance to the crypt is via the church*.

CONFIRMATION COURSE 2019/20: The confirmation classes for young people aged 13yrs to 18yrs old will commence **today** after the 10:30am mass, from 12:00pm (noon) to 1:30pm in the church crypt. They will then continue monthly on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Please contact Andrew or Elspeth Johnson with the names of candidates Andrew.johnson@uwclub.net or tel: (01206) 618846.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: Thank you to all who donate. Please keep donating much-needed items and remember those we are helping in your prayers.

"CUPPA CLUB" The SVP coffee morning will be taking place **Every Thursday** in Cardinal Bourne Hall from **10.00am**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along to our friendly and fun social group. Chat, play cards, board games....

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next Film showing is on **Wednesday 20th November** with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening *"Keys of the Kingdom"*. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard in porch for future films and screening dates.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **PARISH GIFT DAY:** Fr Chris and Fr Nixon invite you to join them on **Saturday 30th November** from **11.00am-12.30pm** in Cardinal Bourne Hall for our parish Gift Day, to help raise funds for your parish church. We are privileged to be members of this parish where our faith is nurtured and where we are passing it on through our children to future generations. We have four fine buildings in which to worship (and which need upkeep) and we are committed to reach out to our community and beyond, sharing our faith in word and deed, as Christ commissioned his disciples to do. For this ministry to be maintained and to flourish we need sufficient funds. We would urge everyone to join us and feel part of the move to put us back on an even keel on our Gift Day, whatever your level of giving (every penny counts!). Please hand your *'Parish Gift'* (cash or chq) to the clergy who will also be attending the Christmas afternoon Tea at 3pm.
 - **FAMILY CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA:** Please join us on **Saturday 30th November, 3pm - 5pm** in Cardinal Bourne Hall for a delicious, mouth-watering "Afternoon Tea". Tickets - Adults £8.00 / Children £4.00, please contact Frances 369568 or Nora 503410.
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A NEW MEDITATION GROUP will be starting in Mersea, led by a member of our Priory Street Group. It is part of World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM), which has a global network and is led by Benedictine, Fr Laurence Freeman: Initial meeting **Thursday 21st Nov 2019** at St Peter & Paul Church Hall **7pm -8pm** For more info contact Terry Walker 07375305460

CLIMATE CHANGE – NO PLANET B! The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre warmly invite you to a presentation by *Jack Wakefield, Campaigner at Tearfund Action*, at St John Payne Parish Hall, Colchester CO4 3QD on **Saturday, 30th November 2019 at 2pm for 2.15pm** start, finishing with tea and Evening Prayer to mark the beginning of Advent (end time 5.30pm). To book a place email crssuk@canonesses.co.uk or call 01206-867296.

BRENTWOOD E-BULLETIN (OCTOBER): The latest update Vision Document for the Diocese (Shaping our Future) is now available to read <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/0Oct.pdf>

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES is growing in numbers and we are looking to recruit pilgrims who can offer medical support, either doctors or nurses, but also pilgrims who would be happy to assist in other ways such as acting as a companion to a pilgrim during the week. We will be holding an information evening at St Augustine's Church, Chelmsford on 26th Nov at 7.30pm. For info, contact Cathy O'Connor; tel. 735623 Email: cathy@brentwoodlourdes.com, Patrick Parsons; Tel. 01621 851875 email: Patrick.parsons@btinternet.com .

WALK WITH ME (ADVENT EDITION): Now available in church porch at £1 a copy.

SVP: turning concern into action - If you know of someone who is lonely, housebound or simply in need of a friend, please contact us, using the details below. If you would like to join us the details of our next meeting are at the back of the church, along with a collection box

- ❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com
- ❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** email: cb.hall@btinternet.com

or Tel: 07758 805263 [*answerphone only* – please leave a message with name + contact number

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 18th November: **Team 3**