

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

Monday 18th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Anniversary: Mary Hazell RIP

Tuesday 19th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Margaretta Wright

Wednesday 20th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Anniversary: Elaine Proudfoot RIP

Thursday 21st			THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
	Church	9.30 am	Deceased Relatives of Farrell Family
	Church	10.45 am	Funeral Mass: Geraldine De La Nougerède RIP

Friday 22nd			St Cecilia, v, M
	Church	9.30 am	Des Fuller RIP
	Church	12.30 pm	Funeral Mass: Graham Brunson RIP

Saturday 23rd			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Church	9.30 am	Holy Souls

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B) Youth Sunday

Saturday 23rd	Monkwick	5.00 pm	George Farrell RIP
Sunday 24th	Church	8.00 am	Agatha Nally RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Mrs Aleykuty George RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	November Dead List

- ❖ 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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World Day of the Poor

Week Commencing 17th November 2024

“Spare some thoughts for the poor of the society”. This is a reminder of our shared responsibility to care for those less fortunate. In every community, there are individuals struggling to meet basic needs like food, shelter, and healthcare. While these issues might seem distant from our daily lives, thinking about the plight of the poor reminds us of our interconnectedness and the dignity of every human being. True compassion goes beyond feeling sympathy; it calls us to action. Even small commitments-thinking about the poor, donating to CAFOD - can make a difference. The call to care for the poor is not merely a charitable act but a moral obligation that reflects our shared humanity. The Church's mission includes accompanying the weakest among us, fostering a spirit of solidarity and compassion. Remember, *“whatsoever you do, to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me.”*

(Matt 25:40)

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! Prayer cards were given out last weekend at all Masses (*prayer cards are available in church porch, if you did not receive one*). **There is a schedule of activities in Church porch, and we would be grateful if you would sign the sheet if you are planning to attend any of these (so we have an idea of numbers).**

† 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: (Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14; 18 Mark 13:24-32) ***We do not know the hour or the day.*** The world will not last for ever, and marriage too will end when one spouse dies. This week, we married people are reminded to reflect on the treasures of love in our life: romance, warmth, tenderness, joyful celebrations, intimate moments and the fruitfulness of our love. Let's celebrate each other, reconcile past hurts and continually praise God for His blessings.

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.

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: Next Sunday is World Youth Sunday - a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church. There will be a 2nd collection to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, as well as the opportunity to hear more about their work. Find out more at www.bcys.net

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY: Mass on Sunday 24th November at 6.30pm followed by a pizza party for those in secondary school and up. **If attending, please tick sheet in church porch so we have an idea of numbers attending for catering.**

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*).



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: There is usually an annual celebration Sacrament for young people in Year 9 or above. To register your child, please complete application form which is in the church porch, please drop completed form in Presby letterbox. The Programme begins in February 2025. Volunteers (Catechists) will be invited to run the course- to volunteer, please speak to Fr Philip.

'WALK WITH ME' Booklets (ADVENT EDITION): Booklets are available in church porch at £1 a copy – please leave money in Repository Box.

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! Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please do join us for a fun afternoon! Free Entry! Drinks & 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.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 18/11/24: **Team 4** / Friday 24/11/24: **Team 5**

COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 17/11/24: Peggy & Anne / 24/11/24: Yolande + 1