

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 19th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Special Intentions
Sunday 20th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Ints: Mary Bulalague
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Anniversary: Daniel Milgate RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP

Monday 21st			St Pius X, P
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth and Angelo Lucas

Tuesday 22nd			The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Anniversary: Florence + Danny Farrell RIP

Wednesday 23rd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Tony Bartholomew Fleming RIP

Thursday 24th			ST BARTHOLOMEW, Ap
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Danial, Florence + Danny Farrell RIP

Friday 25th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints.Marco

Saturday 26th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Gordon's Van Sertina RIP

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 26th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Ints.Grace McCartney
Sunday 27th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Ints.Katie
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Fr.Kevin Gradwell RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Ints.New priests & seminarians
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Leo Soko RIP

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ 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 and are situated either side of Church entrance, A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@brcdt.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Week Commencing 20th August 2023

Jesus in today's Gospel makes what might seem to be a puzzling statement, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel'. His first priority is to the House of Israel, but as we see in his response to the non-Jewish woman and also to others elsewhere in the Gospel, he does respond to faith wherever he finds it. After his Resurrection he explicitly tells the apostles to preach the Good News to all nations – and he is himself the Good News. The faith Jesus responds to is faith in him. Other religions have elements of truth in them but the fullness of truth is only found in Christ, hence the Church has the task, in charity, of proclaiming that truth to all people. Why charity? Because bringing the light of the Gospel to someone is the greatest act of charity we can show to them.

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
ADORATION & PRAYER	Thursdays	at 7.30 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: *For World Youth Day.* We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Isa 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Matt 15:21-28) ***Trust in each other.*** When we married, we promised 'to love one another until death do us part'. In this promise we are called to put all our trust in each other, to persevere, no matter what life brings. This theme of trust is evident in the way the Canaanite woman believed that, if she persevered, Jesus would cure her daughter. He did!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Diana Irven, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Joyce Wrobel, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Jason McLean, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Lambourn who has recently passed away. The parish community offers her family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING: Anyone who has half-an-hour to spare after Mass is most welcome stay for coffee and biscuits after 10.30am Mass on Sundays. This is a chance to catch up in the spirit of friendship and community. Everyone is warmly invited.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS: We are still looking for a couple of volunteers for Cleaning Teams 1 + 3 as many hands make light work. If you are able to volunteer about 2 hrs every 5 weeks, please contact Linda in the Presbytery office (01206 866317) Thanks.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CHURCH FLOWER GROUP: We have a gifted group of flower arrangers here who work hard to ensure that there are always flowers on display in the church, and in particular for the major events during the year like Christmas & Easter. We are a small friendly team working on a rota, with 3 teams and each team taking a fortnight at a time, usually on a Friday morning. No experience is necessary simply enthusiasm and the physical ability to assist as we all teach and help each other. Flower arranging is an enjoyable ministry, if you are interested in getting involved please contact Jane Hopgood 07761557375 or email: janehopgood735@gmail.com We look forward to welcoming new members to our group.

DIOCESAN MASS TO CELEBRATE MISSIO: Fr. Patrick Daly, Diocesan Director for Missio, invites all Red Box holders and supporters of Missio to a Diocesan Mass on Saturday 16th September at Our Lady of Light and St. Osyth Catholic Church, Clacton On Sea from 11am-3pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and cake are provided. Please reply by email at redbox@missio.org.uk or tel: 07593 544622 if you are planning to attend. Please could you also let Cathy Scott know on 07930 639575.

RED MISSIO BOXES: Please collect your emptied boxes from the Presbytery Office.

FR PASCHAL: A leaving reception will take place on Sunday 3rd September in Cardinal Bourne Hall following the 10.30am Mass – All parishioners are warmly invited to say their farewells to Fr Paschal.



CUPPA CLUB: We meet every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am in the Hall. This is an opportunity to relax and catch up with others from the local community. We are always pleased to see a new face and offer a warm welcome to newcomers!

COULD YOU DONATE TOOTHBRUSHES & DISPOSABLE RAZORS FOR REFUGEES? Founded in 2017 after the demolition of 'The Jungle' refugee camp in Calais, Roots, a charity based in Dunkirk, provides displaced people with essential basic services such as drinking water, hot showers, waste management and access to electricity. Calais Light has sourced deliveries of toiletries from corporate donors for Roots, but none have offered toothbrushes or disposable razors, which are now really needed. Roots has plenty of toothpaste! Could you add a pack of disposable razors and / or a couple of toothbrushes to your weekly shop?

THE CATHOLIC POLICE GUILD 100th ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS: Westminster Cathedral 7th November at 2pm. Bishop Alan will preside. The Mass is held every year for all deceased Police Officers and staff.

ENGLISH HERITAGE DAY: The church will be open on Saturday 9th September 10.30am-4.00pm for English Heritage day.

COULD YOU BE A VOLUNTEER FOR THE REFUGEE CHARITY CALAIS LIGHT? We're recruiting NEW volunteers to support refugees in two N.Essex bridging hotels. Volunteer activities are open to anyone from chatting with refugees to playing board games, going for local walks, teaching English (spoken & written) and orienting them to life in the UK. Volunteers can help weekly or fortnightly, to find out more please contact the Lead Volunteer, John Bradley at: johnbradley9255@gmail.com If you are able to support financially, please donate via the website www.calaislight.com

YEAR 13 RETREAT AT WALSHINGHAM HOUSE IN SEPTEMBER: Will you be in Year 13 this September? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? If so, Year 13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There are 2 retreats on 13th - 15th September or 22nd - 24th September and the cost is £35. Please visit www.bcys.net/events for further details or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

STALLHOLDERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are seeking stallholders for their Christmas Craft and Gift Fair being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 5th November from 10.30am-4pm. Pitches are £30 and all profits made on the day are the stallholders' own. For further information please contact Damian: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES: If your child has made these sacraments, Certificates can be collected from Presbytery.

NEW TO THE PARISH? Then please complete one of our Parish Registration forms, which can be found in the porch at the back of the church.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM :Friday 25/08/23: **Team 5** /Thursday 31/08/23: **Team 1**

COFFEE MORNING (HALL): 20/08/23: The O'Sullivans / 27/08/23: Peggy & Anne
