

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 21st	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 22nd	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
Monday 23rd			St Pius of Pietrelcina, Pr
	Church	9.30 am	Marcelina + Belen De Jesus RIP
Tuesday 24th			Our Lady of Walsingham
	Church	9.30 am	Raymond Brady RIP
Wednesday 25th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Gurdip Singh Rattan RIP
Thursday 26th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Rida Masoom
Friday 27th			St Vincent de Paul, Pr
	Church	9.30 am	Caroline Karnik RIP
Saturday 28th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Church	9.30 am	Donors Intention (ST)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 28th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Ints: Anna + Paul Horwood
Sunday 29th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Abdul Michael RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Ints: Mary Sherry Lane + R. Bulalauque
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Ints: Samuel

- ❖ 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

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@brcdt.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com
- **KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA:** George Johnson (BEM, Grand Knight) 07476 781885; George Benedict (Membership Officer) 07834 725890; email: george.johnson@ksc.org.uk
- **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.



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ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WEEK COMMENCING 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

Wisdom is mentioned throughout the Bible and indeed a significant part of the Old Testament is entitled Wisdom Literature. Jesus, for example, teaches that those who listen to his words and act on them are wise, like someone building their house on rock not sand. We might distinguish wisdom from prudence. The prudent person is principally concerned with the present or near future, avoiding mistakes while choosing a good course of action. Wisdom is generally considering the wider picture, more long term. We could say that wisdom is seen in choosing the true perspective on life as a whole, it discerns the meaning of life. The two go together, prudence is practical wisdom, putting into practice what is in accord with the wisely grasped. Faith reveals that true wisdom is knowing, loving and serving God in this life. Foolishness is not a matter of stupidity, fools can be very intelligent, it is failing to heed the Gospel message of salvation, not recognising what our time here on earth is for.

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 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: (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37) ***Selfish ambition versus intimacy.*** The readings illustrate the struggle between peacemakers and those driven by jealousy and selfish ambition - is that us? Together, we can regulate what we do as a couple, knowing each other so intimately. Our consciences can be reinforced by the extent we are prepared to be open and honest with each other. What do we choose?

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 of 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 7th October at 11.00am. Maureen's Funeral service will take place on Friday 11th October at 11.00am.

NEXT 2nd COLLECTIONS Harvest Fast day on Friday 4th October. Harvest Fast Day is one of the main fundraising events of the year for CAFOD and will take place on 4th October. We are all asked to eat simple meals that day and donate what was saved to CAFOD. Please take an envelope available in Church Porch and return this on the weekend of 5th/6th October when a 2nd collection will be taken. Thank you

KSC 1 IN 8 CAMPAIGN: A huge thank you for the donations of clothes and coats. We filled a large van and some. The clothes and coats have been sorted and are being distributed. Once again thank you for your support! Our next collection is the 5th & 6th of October - Toys and Games for Tots 2 Teens and Christmas.

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.

KSC CLARE PRIORY RETREAT: Please consider joining us at Clare priory on the 5th of October. £20 a head, bring a packed lunch but tea and coffee included. See the poster for the program. To book call Michael Irvine on: 01206854803

KSC OCTOBER ROSARY CRUSADE: Please join the Knights of Council 270 to pray the Rosary after the listed Mass on the following dates: 13th October, After 9:30am Mass - St Joseph's Mile End + 20th October, After 10:30am Mass - St James the Less and St Helen.

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

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.

OPEN HOUSE BILLERICAY: SATURDAY, 12TH OCTOBER 2024: The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Middy Mass. Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish.

Special invitation from Bishop Alan Williams: "As Bishop of Brentwood, I warmly invite you to join us for the Divine Renovation Open House event hosted by Most Holy Redeemer Parish. This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to renew our commitment to parish renewal and mission, empowering us to bring the light of Christ more fully into our communities." The day will last from 9.30am to 5pm and the cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

VACANCY - BOOKKEEPER AT ST JOHN PAYNE, GREENSTEAD: St John Payne parish in Greenstead is looking for a bookkeeper to provide finance/bookkeeping (as well as some admin) support to the parish. The candidate should have finance experience, hold good communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. The post is for three hours per week and the rate of pay is the real living wage. Closing date is 02/10/24, Job description: [Book keeper – Greenstead](https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us) + www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply please send your CV and cover letter by email to Fr Alex at greenstead@brcdt.org

RETREAT MANAGER AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE: Walsingham House is an integral part of the youth ministry in our diocese. They are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager who can oversee the smooth running and delivery of retreats to our schools and parishes. It is essential that applicants have experience in youth ministry. This is an exciting role and a chance to help shape the future of retreats within our diocese. For more information please see their website <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> The closing date is midday on Tuesday 15th October.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Thursday 26/09/24: Team 1 / Monday 30/09/24: Team 2
COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 22/09/24: The O'Sullivans / 29/09/24: Peggy + Anne