

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

Monday 25th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Souls in Purgatory (AW)

Tuesday 26th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas

Wednesday 27th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Clarke Family

Thursday 28th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Rachael, Percy + Mini Ffloyd RIP

Friday 29th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Mrs. Chris Maughan

Saturday 30th			ST ANDREW, Ap, Patron of Scotland
	Church	9.30 am	Ints Fr Neil


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Saturday 30th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	November Dead List
Sunday 1st December	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Mary Joseph Jomy RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Ints: Maciek Borow

- ❖ 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
- **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

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World Youth Sunday



Week Commencing 24th November 2024

This Sunday we mark the end of the Church's year with the feast of Christ the King, as we well know. This ties in nicely with the start of our parish mission. As far as I am aware we haven't had a mission here for many years. I hope that many of you will take advantage of the opportunity offered to join in the mission, especially by attending as many of the talks as possible. The link with Christ the King? At the end of our lives or at the Second Coming, whichever happens first, God will confirm to us who or what we have chosen as king of our heart – Christ the King or something/someone else. The saints in heaven chose Christ and rejoice in his presence for eternity, we know where the others have gone. We have to make choices this coming week, including how much to take part in the mission; I would ask you to be generous of your time, it may seem a small thing but it is an opportunity to state whose banner we follow, that of Christ or of the world. No pressure then.

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 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 are available in Church porch. **There is a schedule of activities in Church porch, and we would be grateful if you would tick the sheet for the events you are planning to attend.**

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE We pray for the people of all war 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: (1Daniel 7: 13-14 Revelation 1: 5-8 John 18: 33-37) **Marriage, called to be a kingdom of love.** In our sacramental relationship we are called to be a 'kingdom of love'. Just as God's kingdom is for all, so our marriages are not private relationships. We are a 'sign' for all, especially for our children where truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, desire, passion, tenderness, joy and peace reign. It sounds a tall order - but not with God!

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. We also pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Danny Hugh Higgins who has recently passed away. The Parish community offers Danny's family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Danny's funeral mass will be on Wednesday 4th December at 12.30_{pm}. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. **Amen.**

2nd COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend there will be a 2nd collection taken for World Youth Sunday - a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church. This collection is taken to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. To find out more at www.bcys.net, searching @brentwoodcys. Thank you.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION: There will be a special collection taken for Church Flowers at St James the Less (*Priory Street*) & St Joseph's (*Mile End*) on the weekend of 8th December - The money will go towards decorating the churches over the Christmas period.

DAY OF MERCY: On **Friday 20th December 2024**, the Church will be open all day with **Mass at 10.30_{am}** followed by Exposition & Confession all day; to finish with Benediction at 9.00_{pm}. Please do try to attend at some point during the day.

MISSION TODAY CALENDAR 2024: Please feel free to take a calendar from church porch.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY: Mass today at 6.30_{pm} followed by a pizza party for those in secondary school and up. **If attending, please write your name on the 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 7.30_{pm}**. 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 last dates for signing of the "**Certificate of Catholic Practice**" forms will take place in the Church Crypt on the following dates: -

December 2024
Time changed to Thursday 05/12/24 at 4.30 _{pm} – 5.30 _{pm}
Sunday 08/12/24 at 3.00 _{pm} – 3.45 _{pm}

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. 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 an application form which is in the church porch, please drop completed form in Pre letterbox. The Programme begins in February 2025. Volunteers (Catechists) needed 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.

VOLUNTEER REQUEST: From January we will need a person to run the **Repository**. This role is suitable for someone with limited time. For more information please call 01206 768418 after 6_{pm} for details.

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 6.30_{pm} on the following Thursdays in December: 5th, 19th and on Tuesday 10th at 6.30_{pm} at Priory Street.

FILIPINO SIMBANG GABI MASSES: These will take place at 8.00_{pm} on the following dates in December: Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th at Priory Street. Filipino Children's Christmas party on 21st December 2-8_{pm}; On 28th December Filipino Mass at 12.30_{pm} followed by Christmas Party til 10.00_{pm}.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Friday 29/11/24: Team 5 / Thursday 05/12/24: Team 1

COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 24/11/24: Yolande + 1 / 01/12/24: SVP

The 2025/2026 Cleaning + Coffee morning Rota's are available in Church Porch