

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A] – [Day for Life]

Saturday June 24th 6:15 pm Michael Doyle RIP
Sunday June 25th 8:00 am Intentions: Hugh McGrath
10:30 am Jill Pavey RIP
2:00 pm Polish Mass
6:30 pm Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am Parishioners
Mile End 9:15 am John Sutcliffe RIP
Monkwick 10:15 am Intentions: Hawken Family

Monday 26th *Feria*
Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 27th *Feria* [or St Cyril of Alexandria, Bp, D]
Church 9:30 am Intentions: Fr Sean Connolly

Wednesday 28th *St Irenaeus, Bp, M*
N.B. *Church* 9:30 am Fr Gerry Butcher RIP
NO 12:15PM MASS

Thursday 29th *SS PETER & PAUL, App* **HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION**
NB. STM School *Church* 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP
Church 12:15 pm John Hall RIP
Church 7:30 pm Holy Souls RIP

Friday 30th *Feria*
Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP
CGH *Chapel* 12:00 pm Intentions: Patients and Staff

Saturday July 1st *Feria*
Church 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday July 1st 6:15 pm Peggie Warne RIP
Sunday July 2nd 8:00 am Intentions: Sylvia Fuller
10:30 am Michael and Raymond Banks RIP
2:00 pm Polish Mass
4:00 pm Filipino Mass
6:30 pm Parishioners
West Mersea 8:30 am Intentions: Wynne Family
Mile End 9:15 am Angela Jardim RIP
Monkwick 10:15 am Alice de la Nougerede RIP [MD]

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required-

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Fear is useless; its power to control us increases as we entertain our fear. We worry about so many things in our lives; sometimes about people, events, things or even our future.

We fear, for example, about our own life, health, children, possessions, security, love life and, even worse, how we shall leave this world one day; and many others. We are also afraid of various things which threaten our peace and disturb our existence. All these, I tell you, are real and are also my concerns.

In the Gospel of today, we see that even the disciples themselves were afraid. They were apprehensive about how they were going to go about the mission of evangelisation entrusted to them by Jesus. Yes, it is true that they were promised assistance by the Master, yet the threats were so real before their eyes. Threats like hostile settings, the people they were to visit, the sects of different religions surrounding them, the various intimidations, the possible scarce reception of the Gospel message, or worse, their imminent martyrdom.

In addition to those, they were told as well that all which is concealed is to be revealed; nothing would remain hidden. In others words, all that Jesus told them must be preached boldly and openly to all, regardless of who they are. Are these matters simple to face? I do not think so. Yet Jesus told them that "fear is uselss - what is needed is trust".

Friends, just like any of us, we are assured by the Lord not to fear of anything because everything is in the hands of God. We must see in the light of faith that God attends even to the least detail of our fear. Human as we are, it is but natural to feel so. But GOD is absolutely in control of anything and everything. We only have to let him be our God in every minute of our lives; allowing his Spirit to enter our lives just as blood flows through all our veins. Amen.
Fr Alex , rcj

FR TONY WRITES: *Clergy Moves:* The Bishop has asked me to take on the Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Halstead, which is thought to be a less demanding pastoral role. My successor will be Mgr Christopher Brooks, and the move will take place so that new priests are in their parishes by the weekend of the 16th/17th September. More news to follow. Thank you for all your support and prayers. God bless you. **Fr Tony**

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes THIS COMING WEEK

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:50am
FILMS FOR FAITH: Please see below

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, John Ashdown-Hill, Pat Banks, Antoinetta Caldeira, Frank Campbell, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Margaret Doorish, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Roger Kemp, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Canon Anthony McKentey, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Maureen Sheeran, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Alexander Cole**. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the repose of the soul of Trevor Mackinnon and Alice de la Nourgerede. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families. Trevor's funeral has taken place.

NO 12:15PM MASS ON WEDNESDAY: Mass is at 9:30am as there is a Clergy Deanery Meeting that day.

FILMS FOR FAITH: Next showing "Thomas Becket" this Wednesday, 28th June in the Crypt; 1;00pm for a 1;15pm start. Refreshments will be provided and all are most welcome.

DIOCESAN CENTENERY LECTURES (4/4): Cathedral Parish Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT, Wednesday 28 June, 7.30pm. Dr Paul Doherty, Headteacher of Trinity Catholic High School, Woodford Green, will speak on 'The Patron Saints of the Diocese.'

THANK YOU: To everyone who contributed in any way to our International Parish Day. The grand sum of £2,300 was raised for our Parish!

FEAST OF SS PETER AND PAUL: Next Thursday, 29th June, is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 9:30am, 12:15pm and 7:30pm.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: Quiet Day Friday 30th June 10:00am to 3:00pm at 74 Howe Close, Colchester, CO4 3XD. Theme "Summer." Please come for the day or call in for part of the day, please ring 01206 867296 if you want to book a place or have any questions. Bring your own lunch. All welcome.

PILGRIMAGES; [1] Knock Shrine, Ireland, 24– 29 July 2017. £699 sharing. Contact Patricia 01268 762278. knockpilgrimages@gmail.com [Wickford parish]
[2] Rome, San Giovanni, Assisi. 2-9 October 2017 £749. Flights not included. Contact Gill on 01732 886666 {Tangney Tours}. [Dagenham, Holy Family parish].

CREAM TEA: Come and join us for a strawberry cream tea on Friday 7th July at 1.30 pm in the church courtyard or Cardinal Bourne Hall depending on the weather. All proceeds to Aid to the Church in Need. £5 per adult. Feel free to bring a prize for the raffle. Please reserve your place with Anne Claydon 07880 852738 or Sarah Cooper 07989 755495.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA – STRAWBERRY TEA: Saturday 8th July 2017 at 2.30pm for 4.00pm the KSC are hosting a Strawberry Tea for the Senior Citizens of Colchester, Lexden & Greenstead Parishes. Venue Church Hall St Teresa of Lisieux Lexden. Those wishing to attend please contact: Gary Hull 530863 - Stefan Szpytma 760184 - Michael Irvine 854803

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 22ND JULY: Full details from Theresa Higgins on 01206 523501.

SVP – ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP FOR GIRLS AND BOYS: Now taking bookings for the St John Bosco Summer Camp at Aldham, just up the road. Visit info@boscocamp.co.uk ; svpboscocamp.org.uk for full details.

VOLUNTEER FOR PRESBYTERY GARDEN AND CHURCH GROUNDS REQUIRED: For more details please contact Armando on 07586 528877 or 01206 854921.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263
CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: June 29th – Team 3.