

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 26th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 27th	Church	8.00 am	Jackie (John) Wilmot RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Mr. R. M. Sebastian RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Nancy Budworth + Ken Ridge RIP
	Mile End	9.30 am	Parishioners
Monday 28th			SS SIMON AND JUDE, App
	Church	9.30 am	Michael, Peter + Neil Rush RIP
Tuesday 29th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Adrian Solomon
Wednesday 30th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Genowefa Piotrowska RIP
Thursday 31st			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Margaret Murray
All Saints Vigil Mass	West Mersea	7.30 pm	For all the faithful departed
Friday 1st			ALL SAINTS HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION
	Church	9.30 am	Alfred Chase Harrison RIP
	Church	12.15 pm	Parishioners
	Church	7.30 pm	Intentions: The Pope
Saturday 2nd			ALL SOULS Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed
	Church	9.30 am	Christine Nock RIP

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 2nd	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Alphonse + Moira Knapp RIP
Sunday 3rd	Church	8.00 am	Thanksgiving (EP)
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	November Dead List
	Mile End	9.30 am	Michael + Bridget Brady RIP

- ❖ 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 and are situated either side of Church entrance, please complete envelope & drop through presbytery door.



- **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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Week Commencing 27th October 2024

In the Gospel, the healing of blind Bartimaeus shows the power of faith. Bartimaeus, despite being physically blind, had a clear vision of who Jesus was - the Son of David, the Messiah. His persistent cries for mercy reflect his deep trust that Jesus could heal him. He believes so strongly that no one or circumstance could deter him. The healing of Bartimaeus could be interpreted literally and metaphorically. The key message in this passage is that faith is essential for any form of healing - spiritual, emotional, or physical. Jesus acknowledges Bartimaeus' faith by saying, "*Your faith has made you well.*" It wasn't just Jesus' power that healed Bartimaeus, but also Bartimaeus' belief in that power. This teaches us that faith opens the door to God's healing grace, and it is through trusting in God's love and mercy that true healing and restoration can take place in our lives.

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 OCTOBER: *For a shared mission.*
We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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! *Local accommodation will be needed for 2 nuns from Saturday 23rd November to Sunday 30th November – If you think you can help, please contact us.*

Thank you to those who have volunteered so far, but we will need more volunteers to help behind the scenes, e.g. setting up, donations of food & preparation of food as well as clearing up afterwards. If you can support our mission in any way, please add your contact details to the clipboard in Church porch. More info will follow over the coming weeks.
Please save the dates in your diaries.

† 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: (Jeremiah 31: 7-9 Hebrews 5: 1-6 Mark 10: 46-52) **Ask and you will receive.** The prophet tells us today that if we ask, the Lord will always comfort, lead and guide us, so that we will not stumble. Jesus' response to Bartimaeus – "*What do you want me to do for you?*" – points the way. In marriage we become mirrors of God's saving help, supporting each other and being sure guides for our children.

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.⁷

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dean Crosdale, Graham Brunson and Diana Stuart who have all recently passed away. The Parish community offers Dean's, John's, Graham's and Diana's family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Dean's funeral mass will be on Wednesday 6th November at 11.00am. Graham's and Diana's funeral details are to be advised. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **Amen.**



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*).

SAVE THE DATE! 'Fun and Games' in Cardinal Bourne Hall, **Saturday 23rd November 2.30-5pm.** More details to follow from the SVP soon.



MOVIE NIGHT: Every Tuesday at 8pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall with the next screening on Tuesday 29th October. If interested, text "film" to 07757 828649 to get details of the films. All are welcome, especially new visitors. No charge but donations always welcome!

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. Chilli-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, scarfs, 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. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

DAY OF RENEWAL at St Edmund's Church, 21 Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1QG - **Saturday 9th November 10.00am-4.30pm.** The guest speaker, Fr Paschal Uche, will be talking on the theme '*Claiming Your Inheritance.*' The day includes praise and worship, talks, Mass, confession, adoration and individual prayer ministry. Please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee provided. There is limited car parking at the church so please use the public car parks in the town.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS) CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR will be held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on **Sunday 3rd November from 10.30am - 4pm.** There is free parking at the venue and admission is only £1.50 for adults and free for children under 14. There will be over 40 stalls selling many unique crafts, gifts and handmade fare so come along and pick up some early Christmas presents. Thank you.

REPOSITORY: The Repository now has a selection of boxed sets and single Christmas Cards & 2024 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.

- **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

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Thursday 31/10/24: **Team 1** / Monday 04/11/24: **Team 2**

COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 27/10/24: African Community / 03/11/24: Diane & Adrian