

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 27th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Ints: Marco
Sunday 28th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: Stella Egeolu
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.30 pm	Reception Into Church: Fr Brian McGilloway RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
<i>West Mersea</i>		8.30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>		9.30 am	Kathleen + Vic Payne RIP

Monday 29th			Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Phil Treby RIP
	<i>Church</i>	11.30 am	Funeral Mass: Fr Brian McGilloway RIP

Tuesday 30th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Rosario + Sisenando De Jesus RIP

Wednesday 31st			St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Patrick + Mary English RIP

Thursday 1st August			St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, Bp, D
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	John Chapman RIP

Friday 2nd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Des Fuller RIP

Saturday 3rd			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: P & J

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 3rd	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Ints: Marco
Sunday 4th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Cicily Kurian RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>		8.30 am	Ints: Pace Family
<i>Mile End</i>		9.30 am	Private Intention

- ❖ 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. It does not matter if they are male or female. There is no provision for more than two godparents.
- ❖ 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).

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@brcdt.org
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- **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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ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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We begin this Sunday a journey through John ch.6, five consecutive Sundays take us through the chapter. It is clearly devoted to teaching on the Eucharist, for those whose minds are not closed by prejudice. We may note there are only two 'food miracles' in John, Cana for water changed into an abundance of wine and here 5 loaves multiplied into an abundance food, bread and wine, the elements for the Eucharist. Philip's question to Jesus reminds us of Moses' question to God during the Exodus, where can enough food be found for the multitude; God's response in both cases goes beyond nature. (so in a way Philip failed the test, could he not have put everything into Jesus' hands?) Much more could be said but just one comment about the setting and especially, 'plenty of grass'. The implication is there is good pasture (echoes of The Lord is My Shepherd), so the crowd are not just a random assembly but represent the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

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 JULY: *For the pastoral care of the sick:* We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

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: (Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34) *Walking alongside or away?* Jesus, the Good Shepherd, experienced rejection: many "walked with him no longer". This offers us some consolation, when despite doing our best to pass on our faith in Jesus and His Church to our children, we, their 'shepherds', experience them drifting away from the faith. God loves our children unconditionally, and we need to continually 'hold them' in our love.

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 Irvén, 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 souls of Teresa Emoli and Bernard John Shand who have both recently passed away. The Parish community offers both Teresa and Bernard's respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Teresa's funeral service will be here on Friday 16th August at 11.00am. Funeral details for Bernard are to be advised.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL: Sister Pennie (*Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus + Mary*), one of the missionary sisters, will present a mission appeal at all Masses this weekend when a collection will be taken to aid vital their missionary work.



- **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.

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.

LEGION OF MARY: The Legion of Mary invites parishioners aged 18 and older to join our weekly prayer meetings which will be held in Cardinal Bourne Hall every Friday at 7.30pm offering a dedicated time for fellowship and growth. Membership in the Legion does not require specific skills or advanced spirituality. Please do join us in a meeting.

NEW LECTIONARIES FOR THE CHURCH: We thank all those who have kindly and generously donated to the purchase of the new Lectionaries. We are pleased to advise you that the majority of the volumes have now been paid for. If you would still like to purchase a volume in memory of a loved one or donate towards the cost of a volume (*approx. 4 volumes remain unpaid*), please contact the parish office or put your donation in an envelope marked New Lectionaries with your name and if in memory of someone - their name in full. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: A CHURCHES TOGETHER BBQ will be held at St Joseph's, Mile End, CO4 5LD on Sunday 11th August from 1.00pm to 3.00pm (*weather prevailing*). If you wish to attend, please add your name and contact details to the sheet in Church Porch as we need to have an idea of attendees for catering purposes (*confirmation of attendance must be received by 4th August 2024*). There will be no charge, but donations are welcome to cover expenses. Please bring your own drinks, no alcohol please (*we're expecting children*), BBQ, fruit, desserts, and a few games. ALL WELCOME!

MESSAGE FROM LOLI O'SULLIVAN: This weekend I travel to Lourdes with the BCYS, I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated money, came to the bake sale, prayed for me or sent well wishes. I feel truly blessed to have such a great community behind me. I shall pray for you all.

CAR PARK: Please note that the car park, front of hall and pedestrian walkway at side of hall will all be unavailable to park on Sunday 4th August **after** the 10.30am Mass. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your co-operation.

KSC CHEESE AND WINE EVENING 2024: On the 6th of August, the Knights of Saint Columba are inviting all interested men of the parishes to come to St Teresa's Catholic Church Parish Hall, Clairmont Road, Lexden at 7:45pm for a Cheese and Wine evening. This is a free event, open to all the men of the Parish and offers an opportunity to discover more about the Knights of Saint Columba and the work we do. Any questions please call George on 07476781885.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVERS' MASS is scheduled for 2pm on Saturday 21st September 2024, at Brentwood Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Helen.

ADOREMUS" FESTIVAL, OSCOTT COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM on Sat 14th SEPT; The "Adoremus" National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage is taking place with representatives from dioceses across England and Wales. There is no charge for the coach or attending the Congress but you will need to bring a packed lunch. If you would like to attend please contact the Diocesan Co-ordinator, Father Dan Mason at: frdanmason@brcdt.org

INSPIRE, NURTURE AND ACCOMPANY YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE EDGE OF EAST LONDON. The parishes in the Romford Parish Partnership are recruiting a **Parish Partnership Youth Coordinator**. Salary £30,000/year, closing date September 10th 2024, start date no later than January 2025. This is a new role, with amazing potential to bring young people into leadership in the Church and provide a wide range of opportunities for them to live and deepen their faith within a diverse and vibrant part of London. Full details: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

WALSINGHAM HOUSE RETREAT MANAGER: Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the youth retreat centre for the Diocese of Brentwood, are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager. For more info please see: <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> Closing date is Friday 30th August.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTA FOR JULY/AUGUST 2024

Monday 29/07/24: **Team 3** / Monday 05/08/24: **Team 4** / Friday 16/08/24: **Team 5**

COFFEE MORNING ROTA FOR JULY/AUGUST 2024

28/07/24: Diane & Adrian / **04/08/24:** The O'Sullivan's / **11/08/24:** Peggy & Anne