

ALL SAINTS (C)			HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION
Saturday 1st	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Ints: Ernest Ngwoke + Family
Sunday 2nd	Church	8.00 am	Christine Nock RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Deceased Members of Legionaries of Mary
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Maria Latocz
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Padraig Garvey RIP
	Mile End	9.30 am	Parishioners
Monday 3rd	Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed		ALL SOULS' DAY
	Church	9.30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	Church	7.30 pm	Private Intention
Tuesday 4th			St Charles Borromeo, Bp
	Church	9.30 am	Ken Evans RIP
Wednesday 5th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 6th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Andrew Marshall
Friday 7th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Deceased Members of Mertz family
Saturday 8th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Church	9.30 am	Deceased Relatives of Betts family
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (C)			Remembrance Sunday
Saturday 8th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Padraig Garvey RIP
Sunday 9th	Church	8.00 am	Private Intention
	Church	10.30 am	Linda RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Holy Souls
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	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 <u>one</u> Godparent. - Marriage Preparation: Please be aware that <u>6 months' notice</u> of intention for Marriage is required especially if marrying outside the Parish. Thank you. - Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) to 10.30am; after 5.00pm Mass at Monkwick; And by appointment. - Church Loop System: serves all the seats in the centre Nave but not the aisles + chancel. - 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			
* 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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ALL SAINTS (C)

Week Commencing 2nd November 2025

"You are called to be saints". These words remind us that holiness is not reserved for a select few but is the calling of every baptized person. The saints we honour today were not superhumans, they were ordinary people who opened their hearts to God's grace. They trusted, forgave, served, and stayed faithful through life's trials. And because they did, the light of Christ shone through them. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, a portrait of what holiness looks like in everyday life. The poor in spirit, the merciful, the peacemakers, those who hunger for what is right, these are the people who reveal the heart of God. To be a saint is not to be perfect, but to live with humility and love, keeping our eyes fixed on God. Today we give thanks for all the saints, known and unknown, and we renew our desire to walk their path. Holiness is not distant, it begins right where we are, in our homes, in our work, and in our faithfulness to God's will.

Fr Philip

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY (Mon-Fri)	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.40 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 the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.*

† NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS. During November, 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Jimmy Clarin, Edwina Pastor, J Brian Critchley, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Margaret Hawkins, Valerie Thurston, Grace McCartney, Diana Irven, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Peter Wyatt, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto. We also pray for all people who are ill or are in need.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12) **Do we recognise our sanctity?** Are we married couples among the blessed? St Paul called the members of those churches he visited, saints; he also compared the union of husband and wife with that of Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:22-33). Are we not 'poor in spirit...gentle...those who mourn...those who hunger and thirst for what is right...merciful...pure in heart and peacemakers' in our own relationship?



RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Davies who has recently passed away. Mary will be missed by so many in our parish for her sense of humor and endless volunteer work especially at Monkwick. The parish community offers Mary's sister Theresa, family and her many friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. May Mary Rest in Peace in God's loving care. Funeral Mass details are to be advised.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Registration forms are available in the church porch (*by the entrance doors*). Please complete a form for each eligible child + post completed forms through presbytery door **by 31st December**. Any forms received after this date will be added to the next year entries. Please write clearly in block capitals so we can read them.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: The Registration forms are in the church porch by the entrance doors. Please complete forms and post through presbytery door **by 30th November**. Any forms received after this date will be added to the next year entries. Please write clearly in block capitals so we can read them.

NEXT 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken for World Day of the Poor on the weekend of 16th November. This year's theme is **"Ending social and institutional maltreatment by ensuring respect and effective support for families."** Please click on the link to read [Pope Francis Message 2025](#) (As per previous years we will split the proceeds of this collection between the SVP & Josie's Kitchen, both of whom play such a vital role in our Parish with assisting those in need).

RED MISSIO BOXES can be dropped into the Presbytery and collected from there.

SAVE THE DATE! DAY OF MERCY: On Friday 12th December 2025, the Church will be open all day with Exposition & Confession all day; to finish with Benediction. Further details to follow in due course. Please do try to attend at some point during the day.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL [ADMISSIONS FOR 2026/2027]: (Local Authority Closing Date 15/01/26). The signing of the **"Certificate of Catholic Practice" forms** will take place in the Church Crypt on the following dates: -

NOVEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025
Tuesday 11/11/25 at 11.15am – 1.00pm	Saturday 06/12/25 at 11.15am – 12.00pm
Saturday 15/11/25 at 11.15am – 12.00pm	
Saturday 22/11/25 at 11.15am – 12.00pm	

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

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE: Please note that a Certificate of Catholic practice is not required if you have the Baptism and/or First Holy Communion certificates for the child applying to the college.

POLISH ADVENT MASSES (Rorate): These will take place at **6.30am** on the following **Tuesdays** in December: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd at Priory Street.

OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM STATUE: If you would like to host the statue at your home and pray the Rosary for a week. please contact Gemma – Tel: 01206 844751 or email olwstatue2024@gmail.com



WEDNESDAY FILM CLUB: The next screening is The Green Book on **Wednesday 5th November** Starting at 12:30pm. There is a list of upcoming films/dates incl. The Chosen on the church noticeboard. All 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: - For Care Packages: general toiletries: shower gels, shampoo, deodorants + body sprays, toothpaste, razors, shaving foam, Socks, scarfs, hats + gloves; For Food Packages: 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 vegetables, tinned fruit + puddings, custard powder, mini boxes of cereal, pot noodles, crisps, biscuits, small multipack snacks. 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. *"God loves those who find joy in giving"* John Paul II

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 8 November 2025** (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

CARITAS: All parishioners are invited to join Caritas Brentwood on **Thursday, 6th November 2025**, for an evening with the Santa Marta Group to explore and discuss 'What is Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking?'. To find out more and register, please go to: <https://caritas-sm-25.eventbrite.co.uk>



PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE. Around the world lives are being ripped apart, childhoods extinguished, and basic human dignity discarded, amidst the cruelty and degradations of war. Lord, we ask for your divine intervention and peace to prevail in Ukraine, Palestine, Iran, Yemen and Sudan. We pray for all those suffering or afraid that you will be close to them and protect them. *Amen*

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 03/11/25: **Team 4** / Friday 14/11/25: **Team 5**

COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 02/11/25: SVP / 09/11/25: Matthew + Mariamma