

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 11th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Fr Chris Retirement
Sunday 12th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Mr. Varghese RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	John Farrell RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Int: Ndubueze Emmanuel Okeke
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention
Monday 13th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	2 nd Anniversary: Roger Kemp RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass + Our Lady of Fatima Procession
Tuesday 14th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mrs Joyce Wrobel RIP
Wednesday 15th			St Teresa of Jesus, v, D
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mrs Varghese RIP
Thursday 16th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	John Okoli RIP
Friday 17th			St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp, M
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Anne Clarke RIP
Saturday 18th			ST LUKE, Ev
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Michael Satelle RIP

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Saturday 18th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Sunday 19th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Carole Conway + Gary Williams
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Int: Joyce McIntyre
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Bridget Ann Irvine 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. 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 and are situated either side of Church entrance, please complete envelope & drop through presbytery door.

- **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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ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) WEEK COMMENCING 12TH OCTOBER 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this weekend there are many messages in today's Gospel: the power of God to heal, the compassion of Jesus for those in need, the fact that a despised foreigner (the Samaritan) is the only one who recognises what has been done, the role of faith and the importance of thanking God for gifts received. But because this Gospel is twinned with part of the story of Naaman the leper, the idea that the Church brings out most clearly is that of thanksgiving or acknowledging what has been given to us. From an early age we are taught to say "Thank You" – to recognise that someone has gone out of their way to give us something or do something for us. Our thanks strengthen the relationship that binds us together, and it is the same with God. As we recognise the good things that come from God, so our faith is deepened and the bond of the Covenant in Christ Jesus is strengthened. Peace be with you.

Fr Gervase

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 OCTOBER: *For collaboration between different religious traditions:* Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

† 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.

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: (2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19) ***Healing miracles in our marriage...He is there!*** God knows we need healing! Daily He performs, through the Holy Spirit, large and small healing 'miracles'. When we look carefully and sensitively at what happens in our marriages, we can detect God alive and active within us. As we learn to choose to co-operate with His grace and mercy, He becomes evident in our lives. Let's always thank Him.



RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Adrian Stephen Koval who has recently passed away. The parish community offers Adrian's family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Adrian's funeral service will be held here on Monday 27th October at 11.00am.

NEXT 2nd COLLECTION: (World Mission Day on 19th October 2025). Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate. Please use the Missio envelopes or place your donation in the 2nd collection basket.



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.



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 year after. Please write clearly in block capitals so we can read them.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTIONS: Prisoner's Sunday (PACT) on 26th October; World Day of the Poor on 16th November.

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
Saturday 15/11/25 at 11.15am – 12.00pm	Saturday 06/12/25 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

ALTAR SERVERS meeting on **Saturday 25th October after 9.30am mass**. Parents are required for the first Half hour and to collect your young server after the meeting which will finish at 12:00pm.

REPOSITORY: The Repository now has a selection of single Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars & 2026 Diaries available for sale in the Church Porch. All monies go into the Repository Box. Thank you.

MISSIO BOXES: Full red Missio boxes can be dropped into the Presbytery and emptied boxes can be collected from there. Thank you.

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 of ***The Chosen*** (S2/ Ep 7+8) is on **Wednesday 22nd October** Starting at 12:30pm. There is a list of upcoming films/dates incl. The Chosen on the church noticeboard. All welcome!

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>

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE – YOUTH GATHER, 25th – 26th October. Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, meeting friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. There will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost, as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply now at www.bcys.net/events

ST JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH DINNER & DANCE: on **Saturday 18 October** at the Forest Row Centre, 241 Lodge Lane, Romford RM5 2LD. Doors open at 5pm, dinner will be served at 6.30pm. The evening will include music, dancing, a raffle, an auction, good food and wine, all for £50 adults, £25 under 16s. Everyone always has a great time at this annual event. For tickets, which must be bought in advance (for catering purposes), please phone Francis on 07950 657777."



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*

STANDING ORDERS AND GIFT AID: Have you thought about giving by standing order? Gift-aiding your donations enables the Parish to reclaim tax at no cost to you! Gift Aid & Standing Order forms are available in the Church Porch.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Thursday 16/10/25: **Team 1** / Monday 20/10/25: **Team 2**

COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 12/10/25: The O'Sullivan's / 19/10/25: Peggy & Anne