

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

Monday 20th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Tina Barker RIP

Tuesday 21st			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	John Okoli RIP

Wednesday 22nd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield

Thursday 23rd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mathew Varghese RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12.00 pm	Requiem Mass: Melissa Suzanne Lunn RIP

Friday 24th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Chris Audritt RIP

Saturday 25th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Carole Conway + Gary Williams

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 25th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Mrs Joyce Wrobel RIP
Sunday 26th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Jackie Wilmot RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Rosanna Porter RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Terzy Oziadek
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Pauline Onojobi Thanksgiving

- ❖ 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.



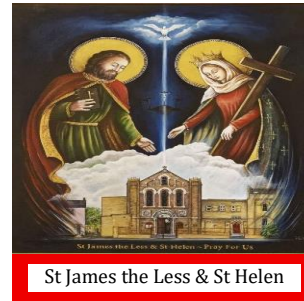
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WEEK COMMENCING 19TH OCTOBER 2025

Jesus, in the Gospel, tells us to “pray always and not lose heart.” He uses the story of a persistent widow who refused to give up until the unjust judge granted her request. If even a reluctant man can be moved by persistence, how much more will our loving Father hear His children who cry to Him day and night? Prayer is not about forcing God’s hand, but about keeping our hearts open to His will. Sometimes God delays, not because He is deaf to us, but because He is deepening our faith, purifying our desires, and preparing something better. St. Augustine reminds us: “God delays in giving us what we ask, that He may increase our desire; that thus, our longing may make us more capable of receiving.” So, when your prayers seem unanswered, do not lose heart. Keep praying. Each prayer is a step closer to grace a quiet act of faith that says, “Lord, I still trust You.” Persistent prayer keeps hope alive.

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 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: (Exodus 17: 8-13; 2 Timothy 3: 14- 4: 2; Luke 18: 1-8) ***Prayer is essential for a deeper loving.*** Today, Jesus encourages us to pray often and never lose heart. Praying together is a time for thanking God for His presence with us and for the blessing of our love for each other. We ask God to help us to forgive hurts, to share ourselves more deeply and to listen better. In darkness, pain or joy, He is there.



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.



2nd COLLECTION: Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be ***'Missionaries Of Hope Among All People's'*** as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit.

Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. 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 next year entries. 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 22/11/25 at 11.15am – 12.00pm	Saturday 06/12/25 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 SERVER TRAINING will take place at 11.00am on **Saturday 25th October 2025** at Priory St. Parents are required for 10 mins at the end off the meeting i.e. from 12:30pm please. Any queries contact the MC Andrew Johnson on 07411423795.

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 RED BOXES: The income from the Red Box is shared 60/40 between Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Missio's share supports faith communities and the sharing of the Gospel message in dioceses where the Church is still young or poor overseas. The Mill Hill Missionaries' share goes towards the formation of young men studying to become Mill Hill Missionaries, and also to support the society's missionary works in Asia and Africa. This includes supporting missionaries, training lay missionaries and catechists, faith formation programmes and social development projects. You can become part of this vital fundraising by requesting a Red Box and putting all your loose change in this. To request a box, please write your name and contact details on the list in the church porch. 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>

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: We are celebrating the Annual Mass for our deceased relatives and friends, in particular those buried in our cemetery, on Saturday 1st November at 2pm at New Hall in the School Chapel. The Mass will be followed by visits to the cemetery for those who wish, and tea. All welcome. For purposes of catering and printing, please let us know if you will be with us by emailing crssuk@canonesses.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*

STANDING ORDERS & GIFT AID: Gift Aid & Standing Order forms are available in Church

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION contact Andrew Johnson 07411423795

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 20/10/25: **Team 2** / Monday 27/10/25: **Team 3**

COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 19/10/25: Peggy & Anne / 26/10/25: Yolande + 1