

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



Monday 10th			St Leo the Great, P. D
	Church	9.30 am	Carole Conway, Gary Williams
Tuesday 11th			St Martin of Tours, Bp
	Church	9.30 am	Mary Jose V RIP
Wednesday 12th			St Josephat, Bp, M
	Church	9.30 am	Deceased relatives of the Farrell family
Thursday 13th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas
Friday 14th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield
Saturday 15th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Church	9.30 am	Mrs Melissa Lunn RIP

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C) World Day of the Poor

Saturday 15th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	George Farrell RIP
Sunday 16th	Church	8.00 am	Holy Souls (November Dead List)
	Church	10.30 am	Anne De Smith RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Margaret Ashmore RIP
	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 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.

- **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.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM 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



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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (C) Remembrance Sunday

Week Commencing 9th November 2025



The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica reminds us that the Church is much more than bricks and mortar. It is a living family of faith that stretches across the world, united in Christ who is our foundation. The Lateran Basilica, the Pope's cathedral and the mother church of all churches, stands as a symbol of that unity and belonging. This feast also invites us to look closer to home, to our own Parish, our spiritual home. Here, we pray together, grow in faith, and support one another. Every time we give our time, our prayers, or our talents, we help to build up this living temple of God. God's dwelling is not only in great cathedrals but in our parish community and in each one of us. As we celebrate today, may we renew our love for our parish and take pride in caring for it. Let us take part wholeheartedly in parish life, in prayer, in service, in community events, knowing that every little effort helps our parish to flourish. May our presence, generosity, and participation make it a place where God's love truly lives and is shared.

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 Irvén, 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: (Macc 7: 1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38) **Rejoice, our reward is great in heaven.** Today we are asked to believe in God's untiring love. When we married we said ... 'til death us do part'; this helps us live in sure and certain hope of eternal life as He promised. We seek to not be distracted by outside pressures, but to turn to each other in our difficulties and to listen with open hearts.



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. Mary's funeral service will take place at St Theodore of Canterbury Church, Monkwick on Tuesday 25th November at 1.00pm. May Mary Rest in Peace in God's loving care.



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: Next weekend a 2nd collection will be 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.

'WALK WITH ME' Booklets (ADVENT EDITION): Advent Walk with Me booklets will be for sale this weekend at all Mass Centre's - please note that they have increased in price to £1.50 per booklet due to publisher printing costs. Please leave money in Repository Box.

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

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. All donations to be received before 15/12/25. *"God loves those who find joy in giving"* John Paul II

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTION: 23rd November is **World Youth Sunday**, celebrating the young people of our Church. There will be a **second collection** to support the work of the **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service**, helping young people grow in faith through retreats, pilgrimages, and leadership opportunities.



WEDNESDAY FILM CLUB: There is a list of upcoming films/dates incl. The Chosen on the church noticeboard. All welcome!

WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK – VOLUNTEER TEAM: Applications for WH Team 26/27 are now open! If you are about to leave school and unsure about what the next year might hold, think about applying for our volunteer team! Please contact Michael via email (michaelkearns@brcdt.org)



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: Friday 14/11/25: Team 5 / Thursday 20/11/25: Team 1
COFFEE MORNING ROTA: 09/11/25: Matthew + Mariamma / 16/11/25: African Community