

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 1st	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 2nd	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Howard Ashcroft RIP

Monday 3rd			ST THOMAS, Ap
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield

Tuesday 4th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Bridget Lloyd

Wednesday 5th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Margaret Murray

Thursday 6th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Cicily Kurian RIP

Friday 7th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Barne Family

Saturday 8th			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Agnus + Pace Family

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) SEA SUNDAY

Saturday 8th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Rosalie Sutcliffe
Sunday 9th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Ints: John Kinsella
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Holy Souls
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ 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).
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church entrance, please complete envelope & drop through presbytery door. A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@brcdt.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Week Commencing 2nd July 2023

Making room for God. The first reading this Sunday is so inspiring! A well to do elderly Shunammite woman is the picture of hospitality and kindness. Whenever the man of God Elisha comes in to the town, he finds his rest and refreshment at her house. After so much hospitality, Elisha says to his assistant Gehazi, what can I do for this woman who has done so much good to us. Though she made no request, Gehazi says, notice she has no child and with that Elisha with promptness promises her that in the next year she will be holding her very own child. What a tremendous turn of events. In life cannot make God move but we can make room for the God who can move everything. By her generosity to God and his servant, she was rewarded beyond all belief and expectation. Truly, God is never outdone in generosity. We need to make room by a generous and prayerful life for movement of his generous heart in our lives. Speaking of movement, on Wednesday the Bishop asked me to serve him in the Chelmsford parish from this September. As I prepare now for my final few months in Colchester I thank you for your generosity and kindness over the years, it has been more than I have deserved. My prayer is that my priestly ministry here has served to bring you closer to God and helped you to make room for God who is ever able and willing to bless us beyond all we deserve.

Fr. Paschal

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
ADORATION & PRAYER	Thursdays	at 7.30 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY: *For a Eucharistic life*

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (2 Kings: 8-11, 14-16 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Matt 10:37-42) ***Love grows when you give it away.*** We have become more aware over the years that the more we love, the more it grows. Our natural instinct is to always put ourselves first. 'To love' stands this mentality on its head! The Gospel says: *"Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it."* When we experience being loved, we are enabled to love too!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Diana Irven, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Joyce Wrobel, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Jason McLean, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Iris Peggy Barbet (Peggy), Roger Espjo and Denisia Gray who have all recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Peggy's funeral service will take place at St Cedd & St Gregory Church on Monday 10th July at 11.00am. Roger's funeral service is on Wednesday 19th July at 11.00am. Denisia's funeral service to be advised.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken after all Masses this weekend for ***Peter's Pence***. This year's theme is *'His mercy is from age to age'*. The Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, and the poor affected by illness and natural disasters is supported by contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection. When you participate in the collection, you join Catholics across the globe in supporting the pope's mission of mercy as well as the activities of the Holy See's dicasteries that assist his ministry. Let's help the Holy Father to help others!

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTION: Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) on 9th July.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: keeping our place of worship glorious for The Lord. Volunteers are desperately needed to keep our church looking clean and welcoming. If you can spare 1-2 hours per month to help clean the Church and would like to become a "heavenly duster" or a "hoover angel" Or form a new team with friends, community groups. Please contact the Presbytery (866317). As the saying goes...Many hands make light work. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The next Procession is on **Thursday 13th July at 6.30pm** followed by mass in Polish + Rosary.

CAFOD: Gemma our Parish Cafod Representative will be giving a talk at Mersea on Sunday 9th July and Mile End, Monkwick and Priory street on Sunday 16th July.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING: Anyone who has half-an-hour to spare after Mass is most welcome stay for coffee and biscuits after 10.30am Mass on Sundays. This is a chance to catch up in the spirit of friendship and community. Everyone is warmly invited.

CELEBRATING FR CHRIS' RUBY (40 YEARS) JUBILEE OF ORDINATION: A Mass will take place here on **23rd July 2023 a 4.30pm**, which will be followed by a Ordination Anniversary Party in Cardinal Bourne Hall. We are asking people to *'bring a plate'* for this celebration. A poster is in the church porch and on our facebook page which lists some suggestions and if you could let Frances (01206 369568) or May (01206 867829) know what you would like to bring along, as they will be coordinating this event. Some general ideas are - *Wine, Soft drinks/Squashes, Finger Foods, Cakes/Pastries (individual or large), Sweet & savoury biscuits, various Salads.* We will also be happy to accept any ideas you might have. Please do join us in celebrating Fr Chris on his special day. Thank you

NEXT RCIA COURSE (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Journey in Faith or RCIA is the process developed by the Catholic Church for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, teachings and practices with a view to becoming Catholics, or for those who have a background in the Catholic Faith but who have not yet been confirmed, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. **An initial meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th July at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.** If you are interested in attending this or would like to take part in the course but unable to make this date – please send us an email with your name, contact number to register your interest.

TABLE TENNIS: Every Thursday evening in Cardinal Bourne Hall from 7-9pm. Everyone is welcome to play socially at all levels, do come and join the fun!

 **CUPPA CLUB:** will meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newcomers always welcome!

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral on **Saturday 15th July at 3.00pm**, followed by a reception in the hall. If you are recently married or preparing for marriage or celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, please let Fr Chris know that you would like to attend this event.

TALK ON THE OUR FATHER: On **Wednesday 12th July at 7pm** in the parish hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Fr Adrian Graffy will give a short talk entitled *'The Prayer of Prayers: An exploration of the Our Father'*. The talk is available also by live stream on www.whatgoodnews.org No booking necessary.

WOULD YOU VALUE SOME FRIENDLY SUPPORT DURING A TIME OF LOSS OR EMOTIONAL ANXIETY? Confidentiality will be respected. If you are interested in finding out more, why not drop into **St John Payne Church Hall**, Greenstead on **Wednesday 12th July** or the 2nd Wed each month, between **10.30-11.30am**. For more info phone Judy on 07530956440

VACANCY: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (Bccs) is looking for a part time Finance Assistant to join the team working from their head office in Billericay High Street. Initially the role is for 10 hours per week, with potential to increase hours as training continues. A job specification and application form are available on their website at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/>. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Fiona Reading freading@bccs.org.uk

VACANCY: St Thomas of Canterbury in Grays are looking for a Parish Secretary to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. Closing date for applications is 07/07/23. If you are interested please complete an application form available on our website or by email from: grays@brcdt.org or call Fr Stephen on 01375 372306 Job description: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 03/07/23: **Team 3** / Monday 10/07/23: **Team 4**
COFFEE MORNING (HALL): 02/07/23: **The O'Sullivans** / 09/07/23: **Peggy & Anne**