

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
Monday 10th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention (E.R + Fam)
	<i>West Mersea</i>	11.00 am	Funeral Service: Iris Peggy Barbet (<i>Peggy</i>) RIP
Tuesday 11th			ST BENEDICT, Ab
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Mrs. Sybil Lyons
Wednesday 12th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: The Healy Family
Thursday 13th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention (SGT)
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Our Lady of Fatima Procession followed by Polish Mass
Friday 14th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mary & John McGinley RIP
Saturday 15th			St Bonaventure, Bp. D
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Gabrielle Smith
			FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Saturday 15th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Natacha Doutreleau
Sunday 16th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Ints: Akabueze Family
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: Cordell
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Ints: Mary Sherry Jane Razon Bulalague
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Ints: Juan Rob
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Parishioners

- ❖ 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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Week Commencing 9th July 2023



At first glance it seems that Jesus is taking up an anti-intellectual position in today's Gospel passage, the learned and clever aren't to get a look in. Somewhat similar is Jesus' comment elsewhere, 'Alas for you who are rich'. I think we have here Semitic exaggeration, a common way of emphasising a point but not to be taken absolutely literally. Jesus is pointing out the risk of getting attached to intellectual effort, rather like wealth can be a trap; intellect is good in itself, obviously, but how well do we use it at times? We can also misuse our minds when we put effort into something which is intrinsically wrong (designing a better anti-personnel mine might be an example?). Our memory, understanding, will and bodies are meant to be directed towards God who is Good. We might call to mind St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the most brilliant intellects in human history with an immense impact on philosophy and theology, all given over to the service of God in charity and a saint of the church.

Fr. Chris

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: (Zech 9:9-10 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30) **'Yoked' to Him we are not overburdened.** A 'yoke' keeps oxen together when carrying a heavy load or ploughing a field. On the day you married you chose to be 'yoked' together 'till death us do part'. The burdens of life can lower your spirits and create a barrier to intimacy in your relationship. Jesus says: "Stay 'yoked' to me and I will help you, however heavy the load."

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Diana Irvén, 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 Roger Espjo and Denisia Gray who have both 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. Roger's funeral service is on Wednesday 19th July at 11.00am. Denisia's funeral service will be on Thursday 27th July at 11.00am.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken after all Masses this weekend for **Stella Maris (Sea Sunday.)** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, please give generously. Thank you.

SPECIAL COLLECTION (16th July). As a token of our appreciation for his love and service to our Parish, a special collection will be taken at the end of all Masses next weekend (if you would like to contribute towards a gift for Fr Chris.) Thank you.

FR CHRIS: If anyone has any memorabilia of Fr Chris (photo's) of his Ordination or of him as a younger priest, or taken recently – please could you loan them to us by dropping them into the Presbytery (*we will take copies and return them to you*) or scanning and emailing to us. Also if anyone has a special anniversary coming up or this year (i.e. Ruby Wedding Anniversary) and would also like to celebrate this during Fr Chris Jubilee Mass please do let us know. Thank you

CELEBRATING FR CHRIS' RUBY (40 YEARS) JUBILEE OF ORDINATION: A Mass will take place here on **23rd July 2023 at 4.30pm**, which will be followed by an 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

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS: The following moves will take place at the beginning of September: -

- ♦ Assistant Priest Fr Paschal Uche will move from Colchester to Chelmsford (Assistant Priest)
- ♦ Fr Philip Okoli to Colchester (Assistant Priest)

We wish all our Priests every success and happiness in their new parishes, and we kindly request that you please keep all the Priests of the Diocese in your prayers at this time.

NEXT RCIA COURSE (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Thank you to those who attended the initial meeting. The 1st (official) session will take place on **Monday 17th July from 7.00-8.00 pm in the Presbytery.**

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.

 **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!

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!

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.

YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION: The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such *Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham.* There are two choices of dates: 14th - 21st August or 30th August - 6th September. To find out more, please enquire by 31st July by emailing the COLW Sisters at freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org

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

YEAR 13 RETREAT AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE IN SEPTEMBER: Will you be in Year 13 this September? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? If so, Year 13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There are two retreats on 13th - 15th September or 22nd - 24th September and the cost is £35. Please visit www.bcys.net/events for further details or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

NEW TO THE PARISH? Then please complete one of our Parish Registration forms, which can be found in the porch at the back of the church.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 10/07/23: **Team 4** / Thursday 20/07/23: Team 1
COFFEE MORNING (HALL): 09/07/23: **Peggy & Anne** / 16/07/23: Yolande + 1