

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

Education Day

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Tony Dixon RIP
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Mary Bulalague
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Dette Brennan RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Andrew Morton RIP

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas

<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Feria</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Holy Souls

<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>St John Chrysostom, Bp, D</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Rafael Gillamac Marigomen Jr. RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 am	Our Lady of Fatima Procession followed by Polish Mass & Rosary

<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>EXALTATION (TRIUMPH) OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Fr John Victor

<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Daniel Farrell RIP

<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>Ss Cornelius, Pr and Cyprian, Bp, Mm</b>
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Mary Bulalague

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

Evangelii Gaudium Day

<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Robbie RIP
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Sarah Betts
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Mem .Int: Donovan & Southon Families
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	A. A. Akpa RIP
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Ints: David Rodrigues

- ❖ 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, A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass.

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

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# ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

**WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK****1 PARISH, 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY**

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*Education Day*

**Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

This weekend we welcome Fr. Philip Okoli to the parish as the new assistant priest. We look forward to his ministry here, with the particular skills he will bring. His arrival sparked off a few thoughts about, 'a parish'. We could remind ourselves of the considerable number of clergy who have celebrated the Sacraments and preached the Gospel in this area and be grateful for their ministry. Also the greater number of parishioners who have worshipped here. We have inherited the fruits of their labours. All those clergy and people each helping to build up the church, the Body of Christ, each adding their own, unique contribution. May we in our turn leave something behind, a blessing for future generations.

Fr. Chris

## PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

<b>DAILY (Mon-Fri)</b>	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<b>at 8.45 am</b>
<b>DAILY</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>at 9.15 am</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b>	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	<b>at 8.00 pm</b>
<b>ADORATION &amp; PRAYER</b>	Thursdays	<b>at 7.30 pm</b>



**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:** *For people living on the margins.* We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** (Ezek 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20) *To listen is to Love.* Matthew reminds us of Jesus' promise "...where two or more meet in my name I will be with them". In all the practical ways we look after each other, we are saying; 'your concerns are my concerns'. Nothing is too small or insignificant in our marriage, and my beloved is beside me to call me back to our life together.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Roger Kemp, Margaret Brookes, 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.

**NEXT 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** After all Masses today there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection taken for *Education Day*. This provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead and to ask Our Lord to bless of all those involved in Education.

**NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST:** We warmly welcome our assistant priest Fr Philip Okoli to our Parish. Thank you for coming to minister to our communities and we hope you will be very happy here.

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

**VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CHURCH FLOWER GROUP:** We have a gifted group of flower arrangers here who work hard to ensure that there are always flowers on display in the church, and in particular for the major events during the year like Christmas & Easter. We are a small friendly team working on a rota, with 3 teams and each team taking a fortnight at a time, usually on a Friday morning. No experience is necessary simply enthusiasm and the physical ability to assist as we all teach and help each other. Flower arranging is an enjoyable ministry, if you are interested in getting involved please contact Jane Hopgood 07761557375 or email: [janehopgood735@gmail.com](mailto:janehopgood735@gmail.com) We look forward to welcoming new members to our group.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated toothbrushes & razors to Roots – these have now been given to the Roots Colchester representative who will be delivering these to Calais/Dunkirk on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks to your generosity, we have collected x3 bags for them! Thank you.



**CUPPA CLUB:** We meet every Thursday from 10.00<sub>am</sub> to 11.30<sub>am</sub> in the Hall. This is an opportunity to relax and catch up with others from the local community. We are always pleased to see a new face and offer a warm welcome to newcomers!

**THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP TBNG,** A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us on the weekend 24<sup>th</sup> September to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated - when you help the poor you help our Lord. Please do take a look!

**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. As the saying goes,...Many hands make light work. Please contact Linda in the Presbytery office (01206 866317) Thanks.

**LOVE THE STRANGER:** Earlier this year the Bishops of England and Wales produced a document on Migrants and Refugees, entitled 'Love the Stranger: A Catholic Response to Migrants and Refugees'. Liam Allmark, who works at the Bishops' Conference, will present the document at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 11<sub>am</sub>. Refreshments will be available from 10.30. Ample parking available and local eateries. Five minutes' walk from the Elizabeth Line. This free event is both in-person and live-stream. Please go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) for details. A recording of the study day will be made available on the website

**DIOCESAN MASS TO CELEBRATE MISSIO:** Fr. Patrick Daly, Diocesan Director for Missio, invites all Red Box holders and supporters of Missio to a Diocesan Mass on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Our Lady of Light and St. Osyth Catholic Church, Clacton On Sea from 11<sub>am</sub>-3<sub>pm</sub>. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and cake are provided. Please reply by email at [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) or tel: 07593 544622 if you are planning to attend. Please could you also let Cathy Scott know on 07930 639575.

**THE SEASON OF CREATION:** St Teresa's, Lexden, will be holding an afternoon of prayer and reflection on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. People are welcome to join us at any time between 2<sub>pm</sub> and 4<sub>pm</sub>. There will be prayer stations based on this year's theme, 'Let Peace and Justice Flow', reflections and activities. The afternoon will conclude with a short Taize-style ecumenical prayer service followed by tea and cake in the parish hall.

**THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH:** The next Gidea Park Faith Talk is due to take place at 7<sub>pm</sub> on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Parish priest and liturgical scholar, Fr David Manson, will be speaking about 'the Dedication of a Church', explaining how this rare ceremony takes place, and pointing to its deeper significance. All are welcome. Tea and coffee will be available from 6.30<sub>pm</sub>. The event can also be viewed online [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**BCYS YOUTH GATHER** – Sat 21<sup>st</sup> – Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> October, at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island. Open to absolutely anyone in year 9 and above, this is a weekend of outdoor activities (climbing, high ropes, archery, zip wire) as well as prayer, reflection and input from the amazing Adenike, who was a semi-finalist on "The Voice" (*many will remember her from Flame in March!*) This is always a popular event, so do ensure to apply for your place now at [www.bcys.net/events/yg23](http://www.bcys.net/events/yg23)

**HEADTEACHER AT ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, DOVERCOURT, HARWICH:** This is an exciting opportunity to lead our school which was recently described by Ofsted as "a school full of happiness". We are seeking a new Headteacher from January 2024. The closing date is 12:00 noon, 26<sup>th</sup> September. Job description online at [www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk](http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk)

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** Monday 11/09/23: **Team 3** / Monday 18/09/23: **Team 4**  
**COFFEE MORNING (HALL):** 10/09/23: SVP / 17/09/23: Matthew & Mariamma