

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

DAY FOR LIFE

Saturday 17th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Paul Pickering RIP
Sunday 18th	Church	8.00 am	Parishioners
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	3.30 pm	First Holy Communion Children
	Church	6.30 pm	Maria Bradshaw RIP
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Ints: Margaret Williams
	Mile End	9.30 am	Gerry Coyle RIP
Monday 19th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Des Fuller RIP
Tuesday 20th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Marco
Wednesday 21st			St Aloysius Gonzaga, Rel
	Church	9.30 am	Mr B. J. Mathews RIP
Thursday 22nd			SS JOHN FISHER, BP & THOMAS MORE, mm
	Church	9.30 am	Ints: Marco
Friday 23rd			Feria
	Church	*8.00 am	P. J. Anthonise RIP
Saturday 24th			NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
	Church	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
			TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Saturday 24th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	John Bloomfield
Sunday 25th	Church	8.00 am	Jim Lynas RIP
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Peggy Barbet RIP
	Mile End	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP

- ❖ 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.

***Please note that Mass on Friday 23rd will be at 8am and NOT 9.30am**

- **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 18th June 2023

Jesus looked out at the crowds and was moved with compassion for them.
St John Paul II said that he did not like the word "crowds" it seemed too anonymous and impersonal he preferred the word multitude. The difference? Well, the catechism teaches that Jesus personally knew and loved each of us during his earthly life. All the infinite depth of our fears, hopes, joys and experiences of our hearts were being treasured by Jesus. Indeed, St Paul would tell the Galatians "*He loved me and gave his life for me.*" While a great crowd can be an emotional and exciting experience, for the lover of souls and those who have cultivated a contemplative outlook the wonder of the individual person is infinitely more amazing and awe-inspiring. The Psalmist reminds us that we have all been fearfully and wonderfully made, unique, irreplaceable and unrepeatable. In the face of such a profound truth St John Paul would write that the only adequate attitude to the human person is love. On this Sunday, we celebrate that the only adequate response to every human life from the moment of conception until life's natural end is love. Whilst the circumstances surrounding pregnancy can be traumatic, stressful and very painful, we are never without hope. I personally know many good people who have laid down lives and resources to help families and individuals choose life. Equally for those who have not chosen life Rachel's vineyard is one of several organisations that looks out at the multitudes to see and love the individual offering healing, help and hope.

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 JUNE: *For the abolition of torture*

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Exodus 19:2-6 Romans 5:6-11 Matthew 9:36-10.8) ***Think of all the blessings.***

Priests offer sacrifice, and are 'mediators' between God and humans. Jesus was a Priest and a 'mediator', sacrificing Himself on the Cross and pleading, "*Father forgive them*". Baptism made us 'sharers' in Christ's Priesthood. At Mass, as a Priestly people, we join in His sacrifice and pray for ourselves and others. So, '*serve the Lord with gladness*', counting our blessings.

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, 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) and Roger Espjo 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. Peggy's funeral service will take place at St Cedd & St Gregory Church on Monday 10th July at 11.00am. Roger's funeral details are to be advised.

2nd COLLECTION: A collection will be taken at each Mass this weekend for Day for Life. *Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. Taking the theme of 'Listen to Her' and focusing on post-abortion trauma, this year's *Day for Life* message was written by Jane, who attended Catholic schools as a child, and had an abortion as a teenager. You can read her full message here: cbcew.org.uk/df123-message

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We congratulate all the children who are celebrating their Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend. We ask God's blessing on those children and their families that they may grow in love for Jesus as they receive Him at Mass now and for the rest of their lives. **We thank all the Leaders and Catechists for their hard work, they provided a first-class preparation course as well as a celebration that was both happy and memorable for all. Thank you.**

FATHERS DAY BLESSING: Bless every father, grandfather and mentor with the best of your spiritual blessings today. Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children and let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us. Amen

BISHOP ALAN WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! Do you, or someone you know, no longer go to Mass or feel that you belong in the Church? Bishop Alan would love to hear your story and listen to your experience, please take a card from porch or click on the link: https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Gn08WXvvKfwJts for more info.

REPOSITORY: We have a new selection of Holy Communion cards for sale.

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 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!

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!

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.

CABARET NIGHT (St Teresa's Church Hall, Lexden): Cabaret Night with 'Onose' of Afro-Caribbean Night fame on Saturday 24th June at St Teresa's Church Hall 7.00pm – 10.00pm. Canapés and drinks are provided. Tickets are £5 for adults and £1 for children and available from Catherine on 07971 052441 or Stephanie on 07462 180245.

MISSIO MAGAZINES FOR SUMMER 2023 are available free in the church porch.

MISSIO BOXES: Emptied Red Boxes can be collected from the Presbytery. Thank you.

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.

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: Please can you collect your new box sets from the church porch.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Thursday 22/06/23: **Team 1** / Monday 26/06/23: **Team 2**
COFFEE MORNING (HALL): 18/06/23: **African Community** / 25/06/23: **Diane & Adrian**