

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday August 20th	6:15 pm	Christina Mooney RIP
Sunday August 21st	8:00 am	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions: Christine Hornigold
	4:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	John Sutcliffe RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Catherine Spicer RIP

Monday 22nd	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Margaret Sutcliffe RIP
<i>Church</i>	1:00 pm	FUNERAL: ANNA PUGH RIP

Tuesday 23rd	<i>Feria</i>	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Dec'd Relatives: Farrell Family RIP

Wednesday 24th	<i>ST BARTHOLOMEW, Ap</i>	
<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm	Andrea L'Esperance RIP

Thursday 25th	<i>Feria</i>	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Joan Jackson RIP

Friday 26th	<i>Feria</i>	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Intentions: Elizabeth Pace and Family

Saturday 27th	<i>St Monica</i>	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Selwyn Caldeira RIP

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Saturday August 27th	6:15 pm	Stephen Mooney RIP
Sunday August 28th	8:00 am	Edna Nutall RIP
	10:30 am	Arthur William Kirk RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Colin Taylor RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Intentions: Fr Tony
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Margaret Cameron RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

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From Adrian Lowe, Seminarian.

In the Gospel this week, we find a group of people who had assumed they will be saved being told that this is not the case with Jesus saying, 'I do not know where you come from.' Jesus begins this discourse as an answer to a question about how many people will be saved. This same question has probably crossed every Christian's mind at some point in their spiritual lives, or we may have been asked it by someone else. It was also a concern of the Pharisees, where the question was around if a Jew who was not faithful to the law and covenant could enter into eternal life.

Jesus asks us to try to enter through the narrow door to obtain salvation and this may be a good time to think about the Year of Mercy and the holy door. The Holy Father has granted a plenary indulgence this year which we can obtain by entering through one of the holy doors which are in every diocesan cathedral, along with receiving communion, going to confession and praying for the Pope's intentions, but perhaps we can also reflect on the holy door as a symbol of the door of mercy in our own hearts, inviting us to be open to others, especially those who are most in need of God's forgiveness, mercy and love and also our own forgiveness, mercy and love. In our faith we are asked to cross the dangerous threshold of love - of having hearts open to loving others when they cannot love us in return.

Perhaps this is the narrow door that Jesus is speaking about today, a door which is difficult to pass through and even at times a struggle, but one which leads to the feast in the Kingdom of God.

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays - Crypt 8:00pm
FILMS FOR FAITH Resume on September 7th

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Lorraine Belmonté, Frank Campbell, Vicky Culham, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Canon Anthony McKentey, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merces, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Aimée Stammers, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

FR TONY: Fr Tony sends his thanks and gratitude for all the cards and prayers for his speedy recovery. He remains in hospital and this coming week will be undergoing a second operation to hopefully complete the required surgery to his liver. Although extremely tired and sore, he remains in good spirits and is maintaining his usual wit and charm. Anyone wishing to send a card to Fr Tony may do so by giving it to the Parish Office and it will be passed on to him promptly. As per the first bulletin regarding his health, we thank you in advance for respecting his need for complete rest and privacy at this time by refraining from attempting to visit or call for him whilst he recovers.

CHANGE IN MASS TIMES: Please note, there will not be a Mass at 9:15am on a Wednesday

LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH HOSPITAL MASS: Please also note there will not be Mass at the Hospital Chapel this Friday, 28th August.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL YEAR OF MERCY MASS: Next Sunday, 28 August, at 6.30 pm. Do you live with the pain or sorrow of having had an abortion? Do you deeply regret encouraging or assisting in an abortion? Have you been affected by the after effects of an abortion? You and all people are warmly invited to join the community at Brentwood Cathedral and come into the presence of the living, merciful God. Preacher: Canon Martin O'Connor, parish priest of St Bede's, Chadwell Heath.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA EVENTS: BBQ organised by the Knights at 69 Heath Road, Lexden, on *Monday 29th August, 2 - 5 pm*. Admission £3 to include burger/hot dog. Concessions £1. Contact Stefan on 07948148531 or buy at the door. Please bring your own drinks. The Knights of St. Columba are having their annual pilgrimage to *Clare Priory, Suffolk on the 10th Sept. 2016*. All parishioners are welcome. Cost £16. Please contact Stewart Taylor for details on 07545 829333.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE are hosting two events at the Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 2DU: on Saturday September 3rd at 2:30pm – their first Rwanda Volunteer, Phoebe Lim, about teaching English to the

Sisters in Rwanda; on Sunday September 25th at 2:30pm Dr Hannah Thomas, who has been researching in Liège into the Order. If you can let the Community know you will be going would be very helpful: www.canonesses.co.uk

JOURNEY IN FAITH (R.C.I.A.): The Journey in Faith programme is a series of informal weekly meetings to provide knowledge and guidance to those adults who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Have you or someone you know ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Are you married to a Catholic or about to get married and want to know more? Perhaps you have been baptized as a child but for various reasons haven't received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation. Then this programme may be for you. The first meeting will take place on *Thursday 8th September* at 7:00pm in the Crypt. Please come along if you are keen to find out about the Catholic Faith. Give your name and contact details to one of the Priests, to the Parish Office or contact Cathy O'Connor 01206 501146 email cathy_oconnor83@hotmail.com

THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEW BORN UP TO AGED 6: Will take place on *Fridays 16th and 23rd September in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9pm*. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. There is no need to make an appointment – just turn up. Both sessions must be attended, and the date of baptisms will be booked during the course.

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS: “So Many Decades - Jukebox Musical”. Follow two children through the decades of musicals 1930's – 2000 to complete a homework assignment. Sing along to well known songs. Friday 16th and Saturday 17th September 7.30 pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Door open 7.00 pm. Adults £5 children and concessions £2.50. For more information contact Lesley 01206 512310.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Day of Reflection and Presentations – Saturday 17th September 11am – 3pm. Prayer in the Parish.

THE POLISH COMMUNITY invite you, on *18th September from 5pm-8pm*, in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, to a celebration of Polish and English music with coffee and Polish cakes, to commemorate St Stanislaus Kostka. All welcome – free entrance.-

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Recommences on Wednesday, September 28th, here in the Crypt, 10:00-12:00. Topic: the First Letter of St John.

MONKWICK NEWS: The next coffee morning at St Theodore's takes place there on 1st October between 10am and 12 noon and will be hosted by Mary and Christine M. Thanks to everyone who attended our Coffee Mornings this summer. They have all been very enjoyable!

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, August 25th: Team 2

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