

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

World Mission Day

Saturday 21st	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Ints: Grace McCartney
Sunday 22nd	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Private Intention
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: Naya Isabel, Monika Julian
	<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	Kathleen Wagstaff RIP
Monday 23rd			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Tuesday 24th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Mary Bulague
Wednesday 25th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	The Synod
	<i>Church</i>	11.30 am	Funeral Service: Norma Morris RIP
Thursday 26th			St Cedd, Bp, Secondary co-Patron of the Diocese
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Jim McGinley RIP
Friday 27th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mr T. M. Sebastian RIP
Saturday 28th			SS SIMON AND JUDE, App
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: J. R. R.
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)			
Saturday 28th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Robert Renford RIP
Sunday 29th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Anniversary: Jackie (John) Wilmot RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Eileen King RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intentions
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving (PK)

- ❖ 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@brdct.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING: Anyone who has half-an-hour to spare after Mass is most welcome to 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.

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.

Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy/Church photos/videos. Please remember to **like & follow** our page



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Week Commencing 22nd October 2023

In today's Gospel we have a good example of an attempted manipulation, the Pharisees hoping to trap Jesus whatever he says. Jesus dodges the trap and at the same time exposes their hypocrisy in that no Pharisee should have been carrying a denarius (on which was depicted the emperor who claimed to be a god). His own answer surprises them and they can't think of anything to say. We have time to ponder Jesus' reply and it is puzzling, rather like his parables. Are we to alternate between two worlds, at times following the way of the world about us and at other times following the Gospel? Surely not. We have to work out a way, in our own circumstances, in which we can live in the world but not of it. The Gospel should always take priority and the world can be in harmony with the Gospel; nevertheless the witness of the martyrs shows that the two can clash and we have to make a choice for the Gospel regardless of the cost in worldly terms.

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



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

† NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS. During this month, prayers and Masses are said for the Faithful Departed. *November Altar Lists of dead & Envelopes* are available in the Church Porch. Please put the names of your deceased family and friends on the list and place this in the envelope along with your donation and either hand the envelope to a priest or drop the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Isa 45:1, 4-6 Thess 1: 1-5 Matt 22:15-21) *We all need each other.* The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus: He told them to give to Caesar what belongs to him, "and to God what belongs to God". The world tells us to look after ourselves and not to need others. As married couples, we know that we are made by God for one another, not needy but needing to give of ourselves entirely.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Margaret Brookes, 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 Kemp and Marek Sikorski who have both recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family & friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. The funeral service for Roger will take place at Colchester Crematorium on Thursday 26th October at 12.15pm followed by a reception in Cardinal Bourne Hall. The funeral service for Marek will take place at Colchester Crematorium on Friday 3rd November at 1.00pm.

2nd COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend a 2nd collection will be taken for World Mission Sunday which is being celebrated in every Catholic Parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Mary who has given her whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of extreme poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church.

MISSIO VOLUNTEER PARISH REPRESENTATIVE (Missio Red Boxes): We are currently looking for a volunteer to take on the role of the Missio representative for this Parish. For further details on this position, please speak to Fr Chris.

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTION: World Day of the Poor will take place on 5th November.

REFRESH YOUR PRAYER LIFE: Session 1: 'The Prayer of the Mass'. Fr Chris. Please come and hear Fr Chris, share your experience of this prayer and participate in the discussion on Saturday 28th October at 3.00pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall. All Welcome.

DAY OF MERCY: On Friday 8th December 2023, the Church will be open all day with Mass at 9.30am followed by Exposition & Confession all day; to finish with Benediction at 9.00pm. Please do try to attend at some point during the day.



MASS TIMES FOR ALL SAINTS DAY (*Holyday of Obligation*) Masses will be held on Tuesday 31st October at 7.30pm - West Mersea and on Wednesday 1st November at 9.30am, 12.15pm + 7.30pm at Priory Street.

MASSES TIMES FOR ALL SOULS DAY on Thursday 2nd November will be at 9.30am & 7.30pm at Priory Street.

NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE (NPVS) OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA & FRANCISCO:

On 13 October 1917, God worked a spectacular miracle of the sun in Fatima, Portugal to prove that our Blessed Lady was appearing to the three little shepherd children, Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia, with an important message for our time. This miracle was witnessed by some 70,000 people including government officials and newspaper reporters, all of whom testified that it actually happened. **On 11th + 12th NOVEMBER 2023 the World Apostolate of Fatima, England and Wales is bringing the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue to our Parish**, as approved by Bishop Alan. This beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima was blessed by Pope St Paul VI and given to our country by the Bishop of Fatima in 1968 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the apparitions and to make known the important message of Fatima. Pope St John Paul II said the Fatima message *"is the true Gospel of Christ presented anew to our generation... Let us receive the light that comes from Fatima, let us be guided by Mary."* All are invited and encouraged to come and see this beautiful National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, with the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

SAVE THE DATE! CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023 in Cardinal Bourne Hall from 11.00am to 3.30pm. More details of event to follow.

JOSIE'S KITCHEN: Josie is looking for donations of various items to make her care packages for the Homeless at Christmas. If you can spare any of the following items: - shower gels, shampoo, deodorants, toothpaste, razors, shaving foam, Cup-a-soups, sachets of coffee drinks, hot chocolate, long life milk. Tins of ready meals e.g. Chilli-con-carne, casserole, minced beef, tinned potatoes, tinned puddings, crisps, biscuits, small multipack snacks. These items make a big difference to their lives and show them that they are cared for in our community. Please drop your Donations into the Presbytery. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Registration is now open for all children who are currently in years 3 and 4. Please send the following details via email to fhcstjamescolchester@gmail.com Child's Full Name - Child's D.O.B. - Name of the school your child attends. The dates of the next course will be sent out upon receipt of your registration. However, please 'save the date' of the Parents' Meeting will be Saturday 10th February 2024 which ALL PARENTS will be required to attend to complete the registration process for your child to attend the Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Courses.

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: A talk on *Love the Stranger*, was given by Liam Allmark of the Jesuit Refugee Service www.whatgoodnews.org to view.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE VOLUNTEER TEAM: applications for the Walsingham House at Abbotswick volunteer retreat team are now open. If you are aged between 18-23 and are considering a gap year then please consider the Walsingham House Team. The volunteer team work with around 5000 young people from across the diocese running retreats for Yr5-Yr13 students. For more info <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 23/10/23: Team 4 / Friday 03/11/23: Team 5
COFFEE MORNING: 22/01/23: Yolande + 1 / 29/10/23: SVP

The updated Rotas for Church Cleaning are available in Church Porch.