

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday August 22nd	6:15 pm	Lyn & Richard Cooke RIP
Sunday August 23rd	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Intentions of Mrs L [BR]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Stephen Ginns RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Edward Lenton RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Intentions: Catherine Spicer

Monday 24th	ST BARTHOLOMEW, Ap Feast
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Teresa Hogan RIP
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Fr Anthony Sacre RIP [W'minstr Diocese]

Tuesday 25th	Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Ints: John and Ann Marie

Wednesday 26th	Feria
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Holy Souls RIP
<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Norah Hewitt RIP

Thursday 27th	St Monica
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Mick Kelly RIP

Friday 28th	St Augustine, Bp, D
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Souls in Purgatory RIP [BR]
C.Gen. Hospital	Chapel 12:00 pm Intentions of Patients & Staff
	Church 6:30 pm Teresa Hogan RIP

Saturday 29th	The Passion of St John the Baptist
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Holy Souls RIP

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday August 29th	6:15 pm	Christina Mooney RIP
Sunday August 30th	8:00 am	Canon Denis McSweeney RIP [N'hampton]
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	4:00 pm	FILIPINO MASS
	6:30 pm	Mgr Walter Drumm RIP [W'minstr Dio]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Pat Brookes RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Albert St Leger RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Holy Souls RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE At least six months notice is required

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Laudato Si' Chapter 6

Concluding the Holy Father's encyclical, we read: "Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone." He writes of a collective selfishness fuelled by consumerism. Then: "It becomes almost impossible to accept the limits imposed by reality." (#204) Striking a positive note, "No system can completely suppress our openness to what is good, true and beautiful, or our God-given ability to respond to his grace at work deep in our hearts." (#205) Nevertheless, quoting Pope Emeritus Benedict: "The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast". (Benedict XVI, Homily for the Solemn Inauguration of the Petrine Ministry 24 April 2005). For this reason, argues Pope Francis, the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion. He appeals for a healthy humility and happy sobriety in a simpler life-style.

"It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation. Grace, which tends to manifest itself tangibly, found unsurpassable expression when God himself became man and gave himself as food for his creatures." (#236) The pope emphasises Sunday as a day of rest, for healing our relationships with God and ourselves. "Contemplative rest" is not unproductive and Sunday should be centred on the Eucharist. He emphasises Mary, "Mother and Queen of all creation" (#241) and St Joseph "He too can teach us how to show care; he can inspire us to work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us." (#242)

My dear friends

Fr Neil's last weekend with us will be next weekend and we would like to make a presentation to him after the Sunday evening Mass [30th August]. If you would like to be associated with this presentation, there will be a retiring collection at all Masses today.

Fr Tony

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy followed by Rosary
3pm DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy
8:35am
EVENING PRAYER: Fridays at 6pm
Church
PRAYER GROUP: Mondays at 7:45pm
Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm
Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, **Anne Shirley Cobbold**, Karl Collins, John & Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Tony Ferrick Charlie George, Bill Graves, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Jan Holden, Ronald Jay, Joan Jeal, Mary Jose, Pat Keene, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, **Jason McLean**, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Mercas, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Olive Newland, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Stephen and Sabina Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Catherine Spicer, Aimée Stammers, **Fiona Stephenson**, Colleen Thurlow, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

HOSPITAL MASS: There will be Mass in the Chapel of the Colchester General Hospital next Friday, 28th August. All are very welcome.

FILIPINO MASS: The next Filipino Mass takes place next Sunday, 30th August, at 4pm.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the church family through the Sacrament of Baptism, Eleanor Turnbull and Sophie Barker. May God bless them and congratulations to their families.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? You will need to attend the next Baptism Course which will take place on **Friday 18th September**

and

Friday 25th September in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm (new borns up to age 6). There is no need to make an appointment – just turn up but both sessions must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. [These Baptisms will take place between October and December and will be booked during the Course].

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lucille O'Donel who died in Brighton on the 21st July. She and her family were longstanding members of this Parish. May she rest in peace.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is looking for individuals to represent their parish and to take part in our '**Run for a Child**' 5K run on Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm. The run, organised by Pitsea Running Club, takes place at Westley Heights Country Park, Basildon. There is no need to book, just turn up and run; under 16s are welcome as long as they are accompanied by an adult. The entry fee is only £2 to cover the costs of running this event, so any additional sponsorship money you are able to raise will allow us to continue to support the children and families who need us, so please do your best. For further information or to request a Sponsor Form please contact Julie 01268 784544 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

PARISH A.G.M: Will take place on Sunday, 6th September, at 7:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

ASSISTED SUICIDE: On **Friday, 11th September**, the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP, via the Catholic Bishops@ Conference website – www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide or send a letter by post, the draft of which can be found at the back of the Church. There are also pre-printed postcards. Simply fill in the name of your MP or constituency, affix a stamp and post.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: October 2015 to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock and the opportunity to climb St Patrick's Holy Mountain. Year 12 or above. Cost: £350 inclusive. For full information and to sign up :- bcys.net/events or email info@bcys.net . There are a few places left.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY [Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society]; If you are interested in becoming a member there are a few copies of the Society's Journal, priced at £6 each, in the Porch. The Society regularly meets at Brentwood for talks from a variety of Historians and Lecturers.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday, 27th August: Team 2.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL: To book: 07758 805263;
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