

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday October 22nd	6:15 pm	Annie Fitzgibbon RIP
Sunday October 23rd	8:00 am	Sister Alice Bellord RIP
	10:30 am	INTS: Canon Anthony McKentey
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Sid Ashmore RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken RIP
Monday 24th	<i>Feria Church</i>	
	9:15 am	INTS: Maura & Frank Maguire
Tuesday 25th	<i>Feria Church</i>	
	9:15 am	INTS: Brenda Rodrigues
Wednesday 26th	<i>St Cedd Church</i>	
	12:15 pm	Michael & Ellen Conlon RIP
Thursday 27th	<i>Feria Church</i>	
	9:15 am	Mr T.M. Sebastian RIP
Friday 28th	<i>Ss Simon & Jude, App Church</i>	
	9:15 am	Sister Alice Bellord RIP
	<i>Hospital</i>	
	12:00pm	Hospital Mass - Col.General Hospital
Saturday 29th	<i>Feria Church</i>	
	9:15 am	Chase Taylor RIP

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday October 29th	6:15 pm	Roger Thurlow RIP
Sunday October 30th	8:00 am	Cornelius O'Sullivan RIP
	10:30 am	Cora & George Allard RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Doria Concetta RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	INTS: Canon Anthony McKentey
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Francisco Castro JR RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	INTS: Paul & Margaret Everett

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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Brothers and sister, let us continue reflecting on the theme PRAYER

In the gospel we have two men praying, one the Publican and the other the Pharisee. We can see the different approaches in praying. The Pharisee focused on himself, the good things he has done while the Publican realized his sinfulness and felt unworthy to remain in the presence of God. Unlike the Pharisee he remained in a less conspicuous place of the temple asking for God's mercy and forgiveness. This is humility, a quality that must always be present in our prayers.

Humility can be expressed in our words and demonstrated in gestures. There are humble words as well as humble gestures. In both ways the Publican demonstrated that he was unworthy to remain in God's presence. Jesus assures us that the Publican went home JUSTIFIED!

Thus, our daily prayers must always be simple, humble and sincere. He is listening to us constantly and he knew exactly what is inside of our hearts before we open our lips. Or better still let's speak to him by the way we conduct our daily lives with dignity as his children.

Let us continue to pray for Fr. Tony May the Lord in his mercy and love grant him complete healing together with our brothers and sisters in the community who are sick as well due to various illnesses.

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into your Church. Amen.

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 Next showing – See below 1:15pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Frank Campbell, Vicky Culham, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, 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 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.

AN APOLOGY FOR ANY DISRUPTION: As you all know Fr Tony remains unable to serve the Parish as he recuperates. To impact even more on our limited resources we have been asked to also service the Witham Parish for several weeks. As a result you may see a few new faces celebrating Mass as we bring in supply priests to cover the 16 Masses a week that we are now committed to. So we offer our apologies in advance should any of these new faces struggle in the logistics of this task. Please pray for the speedy recovery of Fr Tony as well as new vocations to the priesthood which are urgently needed.

HOLY SOULS: November is the month of the Holy Souls. If you wish your loved ones to be remembered in a special way, brown envelopes are available in the Church porch. All Masses for the month of November will be applied for them. May they rest in peace.

Fr TONY UPDATE: We are delighted to say that Fr Tony has been discharged from hospital again and is now beginning a period of quiet convalescence. He is sounding a lot stronger in his voice and is feeling a little better each day. He sends everyone in the Parish his thanks for your prayers and cards.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pat Andrews, Brigid Whitelaw, David Mercus and Herbert Hewitt who have recently died. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families. The funeral of Herbert Hewitt will take place at St. Theodore's at 11:30am on Friday 28th October followed by cremation at Colchester Crematorium. The funeral for Brigid Whitelaw will be at Priory Street on November 7th at 10:45am. The funeral details for David Mercus will be announced shortly. The funeral of Pat Andrews is at St Teresa of Lisieux, Lexden on Friday 4th November at 10:30 am.

PRIORY STREET CAR PARK: Despite our best efforts with the town council, this car park remains out of service at weekends. Please do NOT park there as you may get a ticket. Blue Badge holders please park with consideration either on St

Augustine Mews or Priory Street itself. Please DO NOT overfill our church car park as priests require 24 access for emergency calls. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS: If you are one of our much valued volunteers at the church then we need to hear from you to update our DBS files. It is a requirement that ALL volunteers have a current DBS certificate to continue with their roles. If you haven't yet completed a form then please collect one from the Presbytery. We will be publishing dates soon for when forms can be returned and checked.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Christmas Sales Don't miss the opportunity to purchase Christmas cards, advent calendars and many lovely gifts before or after Mass on 12th & 13th November at Priory Street and on 20th November at Mile End. The idea is to place one large parish order straight after the last sales in order to have the goods available early December. Thank you for supporting the ACN. Anne Claydon 07880852738

FILMS FOR FAITH: The next showing is this Wednesday, in the Crypt – 1pm for a 1:15 start – and it will be Fatima and Miracles.

St Thomas More's Primary School 2017-18 Intake Any parent wishing to apply for a place at St Thomas More's School must complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) in addition to the Local Authority Application Form. SIFs are available to download on the school's website www.stthomasmores.co.uk under the admissions tab or by contacting the office on 01206 865722.

You will also need to supply the school with a Certificate of Practice. Dates when Father Alex will be signing these will be published in due course.

ROSARY CRUSADE in OCTOBER: The Knights of St. Columba, Colchester Council are Holding their annual Rosary crusade for the month of October and invite all parishioners to join them. The rosary will be said at St James The Less and St Helen on the 25th October at 7.30pm

CHURCH BAZAAR: The Church Bazaar is being held on Saturday 26th November and to help make this our best yet we are asking this week for donations of beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks. Donated items may be left at the Parish Office/ Presbytery.

REPOSITORY: We now have a beautiful range of Christmas cards, calendars and diaries for sale in the Church porch. A full range of Christmas gifts is also available every Sunday after 10:30am from the Repository in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Please support the Parish and take a look.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: Will take place on Sunday 30th October 7:30pm until 9pm at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood. Everyone welcome.

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday, October 24th - Team 3

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