

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]
(Day for Life)

Saturday July 25th	6:15 pm	Max & Rita Milford RIP
Sunday July 26th	8:00 am	Bridie Murphy RIP
	10:30 am	For the protection of life
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Mass for Benefactors of SCCF
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Anna Mele RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Ints: Patricia Emerson
Monday 27th	Feria Church	9:15 am Ints: Stephen & Sabina Rhatigan and family
Tuesday 28th	Feria Church	9:15 am Ints: Fr Kevin Murphy [JD]
Wednesday 29th	St Martha Church	12:15 pm Phil Treby RIP
Thursday 30th	Feria Church	9:15 am Patrick Creen RIP
Friday 31st	St Ignatius Loyola, Pr Church	9:15 am Phyllis, Cora, Deirdre & Ann RIP
		12:00 pm HOSPITAL – Holy Communion Service
Saturday 1st	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, D Church	9:15 am

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday August 1st	6:15 pm	D/Rels: Mathew family
Sunday August 2nd	8:00 am	
	10:30 am	Terry Hilton RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Ints: Caroline & Gareth Copping
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	William Brookes RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (see newsletter)
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE At least six months notice is required

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Support not suicide! This weekend we respond to the bishops' Day for Life: "Cherishing Life, Accepting Death." They have presented us with two simple thoughts. "The first is that we love life. Every person is loved by God and every life is a precious gift never to be destroyed or neglected. It is wrong to hasten or bring about death. God will call us in his good time. The second is that we accept death. This means there is no obligation to pursue medical treatment when it no longer has any effect or, indeed, harms the patient, or where the risks or burdens of the treatment outweigh the likely benefits". Many, if not most of us, will be confronted by end-of-life decisions for our closest family and friends and perhaps for ourselves too. These two thoughts are a basis for our decision-making. The bishops want us to voice our concern about the Assisted Dying Bill sponsored by Rob Marris MP due for debate on September 11th. You can find out more about all this at www.dayforlife.org. At 5pm today, Sunday, we will pray for these issues before Our Blessed Lord present on the altar. Do join us! The bishops have asked us to have a parish collection. I know that there are a number of second collections this summer, but it would be excellent if you could be generous in supporting this cause.

This is the season for priestly ordinations. Congratulations to Fr. Kevin Murphy ordained at Salford Cathedral last weekend. I know that some of you were able to support him there. Fr. Matthew O'Gorman worked for "Life" before responding to the call to priesthood and I was delighted to be present at his ordination in Southwark also last weekend. This weekend Sean Crawley is ordained in Leeds. Pray for all these men and for other men to follow the call of God too!

Fr Neil Brett

Laudato Si' Chapters 4 and 5: "Integral Ecology" and "Lines of Approach and Action".

In chapter 3 of his encyclical the Holy Father tells us that "(t)here is a tendency to believe that every increase in power means "an increase of 'progress' itself", an advance in "security, usefulness, welfare and vigour; ... as if reality, goodness and truth automatically flow from technological and economic power as such." (#104)

In chapter 4 the pope explores the way in which our world is related. "When we speak of the 'environment' what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it." (#139) This includes the historical artistic and cultural heritage. Although in some places the built environment may be derelict, "(a) wholesome social life can light up a seemingly undesirable environment." (#148) He speaks of the "chaotic realities that people have to endure in city life" and the neglect of rural populations. (#153) For the creation of a more dignified environment Francis quotes Pope Benedict XVI on "an 'ecology of man', based on the fact that 'man too has a nature that he must respect and that he cannot manipulate at will.'" (#155) Holy Father Francis draws from this the importance of difference. "(V)aluing one's own body in its femininity or masculinity is necessary if I am going to be able to recognize myself in an encounter with someone who is different. In this way we can joyfully accept the specific gifts of another man or woman, the work of God the Creator, and find mutual enrichment. It is not a healthy attitude which would seek "to cancel out sexual difference because it no longer knows how to confront it". (#155)

In chapter 5 the pope argues that "(i)nterdependence obliges us to think of one world with a common plan." He speaks at some length on measures taken in recent decades to overcome the problems of the environment in its largest sense. Controversially, he advocates "stronger and more efficiently organized international institutions, with functionaries who are appointed fairly by agreement among national governments, and empowered to impose sanctions." (#175) He is critical of electoral interests which seek immediate results and the "myopia of power politics". (#178) The opportunity to regulate "speculative financial practices and virtual wealth" provided by financial crises has not been taken (#189) He brings the chapter to a close reminding us that empirical science cannot provide a complete explanation to life. "Any technical solution which science claims to offer will be powerless to solve the serious problems of our world if humanity loses its compass". (#200) We will complete this series on the encyclical in a future newsletter.

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
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:	Saturdays 9:45am – 10:30am and 5:30pm – 6pm	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: (new entries are in bold type) Please remember in your prayers; Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, 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, Mary Jose, Pat Keene, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Mercus, 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, Aimée Stammers, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, , Tony White, **Mary Wynne**, Dorcey Young.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEW BORN TO AGE 6: will take place on Friday, 18th September and Friday, 25th September in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm. 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ron Crockford. May he rest in peace.

EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS on Saturday morning will resume on the **8th of August**.

MASS THIS WEEK: There will be no Mass on Monday or Wednesday at 7:30am. There will be no Mass on Friday at 6:30pm.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: There will be a collection this weekend for Day for Life (primarily the Anscombe Bioethics Centre)

EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE 2015 (Sharing the Catholic Faith in the Modern World). 31 July – 2 August 2015. Registration is still open for the eighth residential conference at the Oratory School, near Reading, on the theme of explaining the Catholic faith in the modern world. The conference is for young Catholics age 18 – 35. For further information, see www.evangelium.co.uk; evangeliumproject@gmail.com; or call 01834 812643.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS WEEKEND AT AYLESFORD: 31 October - 1 November, YCA will be running a weekend with the assistance of the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge there will be—Sung/High Masses and Marian Procession, Gregorian Chant Workshops, Rosaries, Confessions, socials and Talks (Fr. Pearson and renowned author Donel Anthony Foley). £5-£95 for the weekend (Sat-Sun:- full board). For more details ring 07908 1057 87 or visit youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm

THE 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 is £350 inclusive. Forms are available now at bcys.net/events or email info@bcys.net for more information. There are only 25 places, so sign up fast.

A FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG ADULTS: Youth 2000 is an international initiative that seeks to draw young people (age 16-35) into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ . There is a large youth festival in Walsingham on the 27th of August - 1st of September, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

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, a draft of which can be found at the back of the Church.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 30th July – Team 2