

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (A)

Youth Day

Saturday 25th	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Ints: Grace McCartney
Sunday 26th	Church	8.00 am	Deceased Members of Farrell Family
	Church	10.30 am	Augustine Liew RIP
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Kathleen Payne RIP
Monday 27th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	Agnes, Sean + John Taylor RIP
Tuesday 28th			Feria
	Church	9.30 am	November Dead List
Wednesday 29th			Feria
	Church	10.45 am	Deceased Clergy + Parishioners of Deanery
Thursday 30th			ST ANDREW, Ap, Patron of Scotland
	Church	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield
Friday 1st December			Blessed John Beche, Ab, M
	Church	9.30 am	Abbot Beche RIP
Saturday 2nd			Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Church	9.30 am	Mr B J Alfred RIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)			
Saturday 2nd	Monkwick	5.00 pm	Ron & Margaret Wheeler RIP
Sunday 3rd	Church	8.00 am	Ints: Grazyna Osmolski
	Church	10.30 am	Patrick Kehoe + William Stevenson
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Parishioners
	Mile End	9.30 am	Michael Taylor RIP

* PLEASE NOTE THAT MASS ON WEDNESDAY 29th November is at 10.45am.

- ❖ 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 9.30_{am} Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00_{pm} Mass (Monkwick).
- ❖ For Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please see poster in Church porch for details.
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church entrance, A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING: Anyone who has half-an-hour to spare after Mass is most welcome to stay for coffee and biscuits after 10.30_{am} Mass on Sundays. All welcome.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@brcdt.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com



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World Youth Day

Week Commencing 26th November 2023

Today's readings talks about the last judgment of Jesus Christ coming in glory and power and the Gospel refers to Jesus as the King. Pope Pius XI brought the feast of Christ the King into the church's liturgy in 1925. His aim was to emphasise the kingship of Christ and to instil, once again, Christian values back into lives of the society and politics. The celebration of Christ the King is even more relevant today especially as we face the effects of secularism, science and technology. The society we live in tries very hard to make you believe that God is not actually important. And a lot of people are accepting the message. We are called upon today to proclaim to the world that Jesus is King of the universe. We acknowledge His Kingship over us so that God may be "all in all".

Fr. Philip

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 NOVEMBER: *For the Pope.* We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE, ISRAEL & UKRAINE. We pray for the people of all worn torn countries, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for the laying down of all weapons.



MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Ezek 34:11-12; 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26; 28 Matt 25:31-46) **Called to be symbols of the way Jesus loves.** Jesus says that those who respond to others are in effect responding to him. Our call as married couples is to be a symbol of Jesus' love for us. In each small way that we show our love: doing little jobs, spending quality time together, listening, forgiving and making up, we are responding to that call and nourishing one other.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Fr Francis Coveney, Grace McCartney, 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 also pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend there will be a collection taken for World Youth Sunday which is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church in England and Wales, along with the global Church. This year's theme is of *"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor"* (Tobit 4:7). Your support is greatly appreciated, as any money raised will go towards supporting those in need of financial support to go on pilgrimages and to events, as well as allowing us to continue running our events, provide support and training to those working with young people and so much more (*allocated to BCYS and Walsingham House*). Please pray for all young people in our Parish, in our Diocese and around the world. Thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret Ashmore and William Allison who have both recently passed away. The parish community offers their respective family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. Margaret & Williams funeral details are to be advised.

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.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER: On the first Sunday of Advent (**3rd December 2023**), St James the Less & St Helen will be holding Exposition at **5.00pm** followed by Benediction at 6.00pm. This is a chance to spend a short while in stillness, contemplation, and community

REPOSITORY: The Repository now has a selection of boxed sets and single Christmas Cards & 2024 Diaries and Calendars available for sale in the Church Porch along with a new selection of Mass Intention cards. All monies to go into Repository Box. Thank you.

'WALK WITH ME' Booklets (ADVENT EDITION): Booklets are available in church porch at £1 a copy – please leave monies in Repository Box.

MYLAND CHURCHES TOGETHER are singing Christmas Carols outside the Chesterwell Co-op on **Friday 8th December** at 6.30pm, please do come along.

SAVE THE DATE! CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2023

in Cardinal Bourne Hall from 11.00am to 3.00pm. There will be lots to see and do. Please see poster in church porch and on facebook. All Welcome!

We would be grateful for any donations which will be collected on the following dates:

12/11/23: (Drinks Tombola) Bottles of wine, spirits, beer, soft drinks, cans etc.,

19/11/23: Unwanted gifts, new toiletries, Scarves, Perfume, Toiletry giftsets, Trinkets

26/11/23: Non perishable goods suitable for hamper, cakes, biscuits, chocolates, Sweets and Gifts for Tombola.

CHURCH LOOP SYSTEM: Please note that the Church loop system serves all the seats in the centre Nave but not the aisles or the chancel.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PERFORMERS: Would you like to take part in this year's nativity? It would be great if any children from this year's first Holy communion class and anyone else from key stage 2 (year's 3-6) to come and take part. If you are interested, please come to the hall after 10.30 mass on Sunday 3rd December, about 12.00ish, so we can sort out parts and work out rehearsals. Please could you email me so I can have an idea of numbers on ['stressedclaire45@gmail.com'](mailto:stressedclaire45@gmail.com)

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL [ADMISSIONS FOR 2024/2025]: (Local Authority Closing Date 15/01/24). The signing of the *"Certificate of Catholic Practice"* forms will take place in the Church Crypt on the following dates: - **Thursday 30/11/23 at 3.15pm-4.15pm**

Saturday 09/12/23 at 11.15am-12.15pm **Monday 11/12/23 at 3.15pm -4.15pm**

There is no need to make an appointment as parents/guardians and the child (with Baptism Certificate) applying to St Thomas, will be seen on a 1st come, 1st served basis.

JOSIE'S KITCHEN: Josie is looking for donations of various items to make her food packages for the Homeless at Christmas. If you can spare any of the following items: - cup-a-soups, sachets of noodles, pot noodles, sachets of coffee drinks, hot chocolate, long life milk. Tins of ready meals e.g. tuna, soups, chilli-con-carne, casserole, minced beef, tinned potatoes, tinned tomato, baked beans, spaghetti hoops, tinned fruit & puddings, tins or cartons of custard, crisps, biscuits, small multipack snacks, small bottles of fizzy or flavored water. Josie also needs thermal underwear (vests, tights +leggings, scarves). 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 before 15th December. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

POLISH ADVENT MASSES (Rorate): These will take place at 6.30pm on the following Thursdays in December: 7th, 14th, 21st.

FILIPINO SIMBANG GABI MASSES: These will take place at 8.00pm on the following dates: Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th, Friday 22nd December at Priory Street.

FILIPINO MASS & CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Mass will take place on Tuesday 26th December at 4^{pm} followed by Christmas party in Cardinal Bourne Hall.



CUPPA CLUB: We meet **every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in the Hall. This is an opportunity to relax and catch up with others from the local community. We are always pleased to see a new face and offer a warm welcome to newcomers!

CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL: Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 27/11/23: **Team 4** / Friday 08/12/23: **Team 5**

COFFEE MORNING: 26/11/23: **The O'Sullivans** / 03/12/23: **Peggy & Anne**