

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday September 30th	6:15 pm	Intentions: Roger Kemp
Sunday October 1st	8:00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Nigerian People
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Federico Sepiello RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Compton Pooran RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Holy Souls RIP

Monday 2nd	The Holy Guardian Angels
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Intentions: Elijah Pratt
Tuesday 3rd	Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Wednesday 4th	St Francis of Assisi, Rel
STM Class Mass	<i>Church</i> 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP
	<i>Church</i> 12:15 pm Holy Souls RIP

Thursday 5th	Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Felix Odenigbo RIP

Friday 6th	Feria	CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	Holy Souls RIP

Saturday 7^h	Our Lady of the Rosary
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am V. Rev. Canon Joseph Whitfield RIP

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday October 7th	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs W Blanchette RIP
Sunday October 8th	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Patrick Burke RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Intentions: Michael and Cathy Rear
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Sheila Kittell RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken RIP

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In today's psalm we read, 'He (the Lord) guides the humble in the right path.' The right path, singular, rather than many paths which are all equally right. The wrong paths are many. What distinguishes the right path? God's will. As human beings we have been gifted free will, the ability to make choices. A common mistake in today's world is to claim that our free will is absolute, in other words, because we have made the choice it is therefore right. This is turning things on their head, the truth is that we are invited to freely choose what is right. We can take a very simple example, 2 + 2 equals - what? We are free to give any answer we like, but if we choose to say, '5', we are in fact wrong, the correct answer is 4, and only 4. We have been given free will in order that we may freely choose the right path, which is to follow God's will; only in this way are we able truly to love God and walk humbly in the right path. Sin occurs when we deliberately choose a different path and thereby walk in error. Strictly speaking, all sin is absurd, it makes no sense, is nonsense. Forgiveness of sin is to do with healing our relationship with God rather than with the sinful thought/word/deed itself. Curiously, human beings tend to focus instead on the sinful thought/word/deed, which easily leads to guilt of the wrong sort. The readings today encourage us to a right relationship with God who is full of love and mercy.

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

Fr Chris

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary Following 8am Mass
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Tuesdays – Crypt 8:00pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:30am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:50am
FILMS FOR FAITH: Please see below

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, John Ashdown-Hill, Pat Banks, Frank Campbell, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Vicky Culham, Cosette Devaux, John Disley, Margaret Doorish, Jennifer Guthrie-Stevens, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Jan Holden, Julie Jefferies, Pat Keene, Roger Kemp, Marie Kent, Patrick King, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Canon Anthony McKentey, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Amadine Morgan, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Elizabeth Pace, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Ronald Quijano, Maureen Sheeran, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White.

BAPTISM TODAY: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Logan Insignares**. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

THE NIGERIAN COMMUNITY: Invites the parish community to join them in the Thanksgiving Mass at 10:30am today, and the reception afterwards in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

FILMS FOR FAITH: The next showing will be this Wednesday, **4th October**, and will be Lesson 5 of the “*Chosen*” Course. All are welcome, and refreshments will be provide in the Crypt at 1pm for a 1:15pm start. Each session lasts for approximately 90 minutes.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: Yes, it’s that time again... There will be a meeting after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, October 1st, [probably] in the Crypt as there is a function in the Hall. Please come and join us to make this a happy international event. All ages welcome, also new suggestions and ideas. Frances 01206 369568 / Norah 503410.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: This Friday, October 6th, is Harvest Fast Day. There will be a second collection after all Masses next weekend. If you prefer to use the specially printed envelopes, there is a supply available this weekend. “*Plant the seeds that one day will grow*”. Blessed Oscar Romero.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Next weekend, 7/8th October, there will be an address at all Masses by Mr Kieran Knights, seeking to re-activate our Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. He will also be here for a meeting in the *Cardinal Bourne Hall on Tuesday, 10th October, at 7pm*. Do please consider

joining the Society which will help the parish in its work of renewal, support for those distressed and evangelisation.

MEETING THE LIVING GOD AUTUMN SEMINARS: The first of three Seminars takes place on 7th October from 10:30am to 12:00 noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Ingrave Road, CM15 8AT. *Topic: The Legacy of Saint Pope John Paul II. Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Cathedral Dean.*

TEACHING VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE: St Aidan’s Academy. Class Teachers KS1 & KS2. Visit: www.staidansacademy.org Also, St Joseph’s Catholic Schools, Barking: Heads of School to work with Executive Headteacher. Call 0208 270 6480.

CERTIFICATES OF PRACTICE FOR ST BENEDICT’S APPLICATIONS: If you have a child in Year 6 and who DOES NOT attend a Catholic Primary School, you will need to attend on either of the following dates in the Crypt here at Priory Street for the Certificates of Practice to be signed. *On Monday 16th October 2017 between 4pm and 6pm and on Monday 23rd October 2017 between 7pm and 8pm.* [Entry to the Crypt is via the Church].

DIOCESAN CENTENARY EXHIBITION: Will be visiting our parish on 14th/15th October.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM: Takes place on Sunday, 15th October, at 7:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC CHORAL FESTIVAL: Brentwood Cathedral on 21st October. In celebration of the Diocesan Centenary. All singers invited. Full details of the day from: shirleytimmins@btinternet.com

STUDY DAY AT CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, GIDEA PARK: On Saturday, 28th October, from 10:30 to 3pm. led by Mgr David Manson. Full details on the poster in the porch. Please bring packed lunch. To book: gpstudydays@gmail.com

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: Invite you to a talk by Tina Beattie, Director of the Digby Stuart Research Centre for Religion and Catherine of Siena College, on 29th October. “*Finding Hope in Fragile Places.*” Full details www.canonesses.co.uk/event-bookings

FOOD BANK: An appeal for donations of tinned/dry goods for Colchester Food Bank. Thank you.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263

CHURCH CLEANERS’ ROTA: Thursday, October 5th – Team 1 .