

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday October 1st	6:15 pm	Roger Thurlow RIP
Sunday October 2nd	8:00 am	Mr & Mrs Lane RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions: Nigerian Community
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken RIP
Monday 3rd	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Intentions: Brenda Rodrigues

Tuesday 4th	<i>St Francis of Assisi, Rel</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	<i>Church</i>	1:15 pm REQUIEM: Kathleen Howling RIP

Wednesday 5th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Sabu Mathew RIP

Thursday 6th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Intentions: Sykes Family

Friday 7th	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary & Harvest Fast Day</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Sunny Joseph RIP

Saturday 8th	<i>St Osyth, Rel</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Intentions: Fr Tom Coffey

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Saturday October 8th	6:15 pm	Dec. Rels/Friends – Tom & Mary Smith
Sunday October 9th	8:00 am	D/Rels: Farrell/Fuller Families
	10:30 am	Patrick Burke RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	John Allen RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Alan & Maura Tredget RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Leslie Hawken

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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Fr Alex, RCJ, writes:

INCREASE OUR FAITH”, the prayer most Christians always utter to God, a faith that is firm, deep and personal in order to sustain our relationship with Our Lord. We should all be connected with Him in the person of Jesus Christ [for without me you can do nothing. I am the Alpha and Omega]; the beginning and the end of all Christian life, therefore we should always be united with Him.

We are weak and we tend to compare ourselves to the earthen vessel that breaks into pieces. We easily give up challenges in our lives. Some think that God has completely abandoned them and even question Him for all the things which are happening to them. In our Gospel, Jesus is telling His disciples to have faith; “if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree BE UPROOTED AND PLANTED IN THE SEA and it would obey you”. [Lk 17:6].

Faith, therefore, is our complete trust in the Lord. Let us have a deep knowledge of our Lord who became man for us, so that we may love Him more and follow Him more closely. To increase our faith is to do the best we can every moment, and to do what God wants us to do, either in bigger or smaller things. When everything seems to be out of control, when doubts seem to set in our mind, let us remember to call on God. He is always ready to come our aid, if only we ask and have faith.

How deep do you think is our faith?

Let us continue offering prayers for the complete healing of our Fr Tony. He is slowly recovering [please see below] and let us pray through the intercession of our Patron Saints, St James the Less and St Helen, that we can have him back the soonest.

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

THERE WILL BE NO HOLY HOUR NEXT SUNDAY, 9TH OCTOBER*

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, Bert Hewitt, 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 Mercedes, 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.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM FR TONY [Received Wednesday 28th September]: "My dear friends, on Monday of this week I came out of hospital and I'm now spending a time of convalescence with friends. I just want to express my heartfelt thanks for the kind thoughts, prayers and Mass offerings. The prayers of the Parish family have buoyed me up during these recent weeks. I look forward to seeing you soon, May God bless you all. Fr Tony".

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Carmela Buono Cuore**. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

THE NIGERIAN COMMUNITY invites the parish community to join them in the Thanksgiving Mass at 10.30am today, and to a reception afterwards in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING EVENT: The next Planning Meeting takes place in the Crypt this Sunday, after the 10:30 Mass. Representatives from the diverse communities within our Parish are most welcome to attend.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Julieta Seewoonundun who has recently died. May she rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of her bereaved family. Her funeral will take place here on Monday, 10th October, at 2pm.

***CHANGE TO SCHEDULE NEXT SUNDAY:** Because of clergy commitments next Sunday, 9th October, there will *be no* Holy Hour at 5pm,

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: The next second collection will be on Sunday, 9th October, following CAFOD Harvest Fast Day this Friday, 7th October. There will be envelopes in the porch if you prefer to use them.

THE STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL representing the Parish in the Diocesan

planning for the next 10 years will be presenting a Questionnaire at all Masses next week-end. *It is anonymous.* We want to know what you think of the Parish; what is done well and what could be done better. Would you like more prayer based services, more social events, better facilities? What often stops you coming to meetings or services? Later this year we will present the results of the questionnaire, and suggestions of what the Parish should do next. Please join in; there is no right or wrong answer and your views are important.

FILMS FOR FAITH: The next showing is this Wednesday, in the Crypt – 1pm for a 1:15 start – and it will be Catholicism – the 5th and 6th episodes.

MERSEA NEWS: The next coffee morning will be on October 11th, starting at 10:30 and will be hosted by Margaret Ashmore, 18 Mersea Avenue. All very welcome

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 on the following Tuesdays and venues. St Teresa's Lexden the 4th, 18th at 7.30pm. St James The Less and St Helen on the 11th and 25th October at 7.30pm

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 make an appointment for the relevant Certificate of Practice to be signed. These appointments will take place in the Presbytery on the 17th and 18th October between 4pm and 6pm on each day. Please telephone the Parish Office to book.

CHOIR CONCERT: Friday 21st October at 1:15pm here at St James the Less, the Choir from Cologne Cathedral will be giving a concert of music both ancient and modern. This is a free concert but there will be a retiring collection for Aid to the Church in Need [ACN].

ABBOTSWICK HOUSE OF PRAYER: 29th - 30th October 2016 - 'We beheld his glory' - a guided weekend retreat based on St John's Gospel at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood. Led by Frances Verne (MSc). Places are limited so advanced booking is essential. The suggested residential donation is £85pp. Non-residential attendance also possible. For more info, please call 01277 373959

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL – FATIMA 2017: Fr Stephen Myers, PP of Holy Family, Dagenham parish, would like to take a group of 20 people to Fatima, travelling on Tuesday 14th February and returning Saturday 18th February 2017. The is £503:00 per person. Accommodation is based on 2 people sharing a room. If you you are interested please telephone *DAGENHAM Presbytery Office* Monday to Friday 9:30am to 12:30pm on 020 8592 1634. There are at least 5 or 6 places left.

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, October 6th - Team 4.

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