

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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| Saturday 2nd | <i>Monkwick</i> | 5.00 pm | Robert Renford RIP |
| Sunday 3rd | <i>Church</i> | 8.00 am | Mick Hanley RIP |
| | <i>Church</i> | 10.30 am | Private Intentions |
| | <i>Church</i> | 2.00 pm | Polish Mass |
| | <i>Church</i> | 4.00 pm | Filipino Mass |
| | <i>Church</i> | 6.30 pm | Parishioners |
| | <i>West Mersea</i> | 8.30 am | Tony Morris RIP |
| | <i>Mile End</i> | 9.30 am | Bridget & Michael Brady RIP |

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| Monday 4th | | | St Cuthbert |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Chachy Joseph RIP |

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| Tuesday 5th | | | Feria |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Evelyn Worely RIP |

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| Wednesday 6th | | | Feria |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Desmond Kenny RIP |

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| Thursday 7th | | | Feria |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | David Rouce RIP |

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| Friday 8th | | | THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Ints: Dr. Ojone Usrudn |

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| Saturday 9th | | | Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9.30 am | Sam's Dad, Other mem, Fla's Parent, H.Souls |

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Saturday 9th | <i>Monkwick</i> | 5.00 pm | Tony Dixon RIP |
| Sunday 10th | <i>Church</i> | 8.00 am | Mary Bulalague |
| | <i>Church</i> | 10.30 am | Detle Brennan RIP |
| | <i>Church</i> | 2.00 pm | Polish Mass |
| | <i>Church</i> | 6.30 pm | Private Intention |
| | <i>West Mersea</i> | 8.30 am | Parishioners |
| | <i>Mile End</i> | 9.30 am | Andrew Morton RIP |

- ❖ 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 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00pm Mass (Monkwick).
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church entrance, A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass.

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

NEW TO THE PARISH? Then please complete one of our Parish Registration forms, which can be found in the porch at the back of the church.



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Week Commencing 3rd September 2023

I always thank God every time I remember you and I pray for you with Joy! (Philippians 1:3-4). As I reach the end of my time in the Parish, I am full of thanksgiving and joy. So much joy in appreciation to God for the many blessings received in these past three years. Many of those blessings have come through your kindness, generosity and support, even in the difficulties and disappointments of things I have done and failed to do, I know that the Mercy and Grace of God continues to be at work in us and for us. I can honestly say that you have helped me, formed me and shaped me in these first few years of priesthood and it has been a true privilege to walk with you and serve you in this season. As we continue our journeys united in Christ but in different Parishes Christ's words in today's Gospel strike me as timely. To follow Christ is a gift and a responsibility; we must embrace the cross if one day we are to embrace the crown. I pray that like Peter, Christ will speak to us the truth we need to hear. For the world will offer us comfort but we have not been made for comfort we were made for greatness. Heaven is the pursuit, holiness is the route and happiness is the fruit. I wish you nothing but the road that leads to Heaven and the fruits that come from that pursuit. May Our Lady intercede for you and almighty, God Bless you. Love and Prayers.

Fr. Paschal

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

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| 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 |
| ADORATION & PRAYER | Thursdays | at 7.30 pm |



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: *For people living on the margins.* We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Jer 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matt 16:21-27) *The 'sign' of growth is change.* St Paul urges us to think of God's mercy and change the way we behave so that the will of God is visible in us. As husbands and wives we can help each other in this endeavour, so that a renewed and deeper love is revealed in our relationship and, in turn, reflected out to our family, friends and community.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially 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 continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

NEXT 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection taken for Education Day on 10th September. This takes place at the start of the academic year; and offers us an opportunity to pray to Almighty God for all people involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead.

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. This is a chance to catch up in the spirit of friendship and community. Everyone is warmly invited.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CHURCH FLOWER GROUP: We have a gifted group of flower arrangers here who work hard to ensure that there are always flowers on display in the church, and in particular for the major events during the year like Christmas & Easter. We are a small friendly team working on a rota, with 3 teams and each team taking a fortnight at a time, usually on a Friday morning. No experience is necessary simply enthusiasm and the physical ability to assist as we all teach and help each other. Flower arranging is an enjoyable ministry, if you are interested in getting involved please contact Jane Hopgood 07761557375 or email: janehopgood735@gmail.com We look forward to welcoming new members to our group.

DIOCESAN MASS TO CELEBRATE MISSIO: Fr. Patrick Daly, Diocesan Director for Missio, invites all Red Box holders and supporters of Missio to a Diocesan Mass on Saturday 16th September at Our Lady of Light and St. Osyth Catholic Church, Clacton On Sea from 11^{am}-3^{pm}. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and cake are provided. Please reply by email at redbox@missio.org.uk or tel: 07593 544622 if you are planning to attend. Please could you also let Cathy Scott know on 07930 639575.



CUPPA CLUB: We meet **every Thursday from 10.00^{am} to 11.30^{am}** 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!

ENGLISH HERITAGE DAY: The church will be open on Saturday 9th September 10.30^{am}-4.00^{pm} for English Heritage day.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS: We are still looking for a couple of volunteers for Cleaning Teams 1 + 3 as many hands make light work. If you are able to volunteer about 2 hrs every 5 weeks, please contact Linda in the Presbytery office (01206 866317) Thanks.

COULD YOU DONATE TOOTHBRUSHES & DISPOSABLE RAZORS FOR REFUGEES? X2 bags of donated items have so far been delivered to the Roots Colchester representative who will be taking these to Roots in Calais in September. We are still accepting donations of toothbrushes and disposable razors for the next week or so. Thank you to all those who have donated so far.

THE CATHOLIC POLICE GUILD 100th ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS: Westminster Cathedral 7th November at 2^{pm}. Bishop Alan will preside. The Mass is held every year for all deceased Police Officers and staff.

BCYS YEAR 13 RETREATS – Midweek, Weds 13th – Fri 15th September OR Weekend, Fri 22nd – Sun 24th September at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. You are made for a purpose. Going into year 13, you may be about to make big or tough decisions about your future, wonder what God may have planned for you or where to go next. This retreat is time to think, pray, chat with those in your year from across Essex and East London, and get a good focus for the future, right at the start of Year 13 and will take place in our beautiful Diocesan youth retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick, just outside Brentwood. For just £35, the cost will include meals, accommodation and youth-led formation. Last few places are remaining so **APPLY NOW AT** www.bcys.net/events/year13weekday/

THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH: The next Gidea Park Faith Talk is due to take place at 7^{pm} on Wednesday 20th September in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Parish priest and liturgical scholar, Fr David Manson, will be speaking about 'the Dedication of a Church', explaining how this rare ceremony takes place, and pointing to its deeper significance. All are welcome. Tea and coffee will be available from 6.30^{pm}. The event can also be viewed on line simply by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

BCYS YOUTH MASS: Thursday 7th September, from 6^{pm} at Brentwood Cathedral. Pizza & refreshments in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall from 6^{pm}, with a chance to catch up with those from pilgrimages this Summer or perhaps find out more if you are thinking about joining the BCYS Lourdes or World Youth Day Pilgrimages in the future. Youth Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30^{pm}. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book!

BCYS YOUTH GATHER – Sat 21st – Sun 22nd October, at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island. Open to absolutely anyone in year 9 and above, this is a weekend of outdoor activities (climbing, high ropes, archery, zip wire) as well as prayer, reflection and input from the amazing Adenike, who was a semi-finalist on "The Voice" (*many will remember her from Flame in March!*) There will be coaches picking up from 6 different locations around the Diocese, and this is included in the cost of the weekend, as well as all food, accommodation, 2 outdoor activities, workshops from Adenike and the SVP and so much more! This is always a popular event, so do ensure to apply for your place now at www.bcys.net/events/yq23

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 04/09/23: **Team 2** / Monday 11/09/23: **Team 3**
COFFEE MORNING (HALL): 03/09/23: Yolande + 1 / 10/09/23: SVP