

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday October 8th	6:15 pm	Dec. Rel/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 RIP
Monday 10th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Margaret Murray RIP
<i>Church</i>	2:00 pm	Requiem Mass Julieta Seewoonundun
Tuesday 11th	St John XXIII, P	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	INTS: Maura & Frank McGuire
Wednesday 12th	Ss Ethelburga, Hildelith and Cuthberga, Rel	
<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm	Derek Harvey RIP
<i>Church</i>	1:30 pm	Requiem Mass Leslie Hawken
Thursday 13th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Joan Jackson RIP
Friday 14th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Sister Alice Bellord RIP
Saturday 15th	St Theresa of Jesus (Avila)	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Frederick, Elizabeth, Angelo Lucas RIP

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday October 15th	6:15 pm	Hector Silva RIP
Sunday October 16th	8:00 am	INTS: Fr Tom Coffey
	10:30 am	INTS: Fr Anthony McKentey
	4:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	INTS: Beverley Lee
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Derrick & Leo Foley RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	INTS: Fr Anthony McKentey

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:

Leprosy is a dreadful disease in the biblical times. In today's Gospel Jesus meets ten lepers who pleaded to be cured so out of his mercy and compassion he healed them. A truly remarkable scene isn't it?

Unfortunately the Gospel periscope did not end there. After some time one of the ten lepers came back to express his gratitude for the miracle received (a Samaritan). Jesus exclaimed ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? (Luke 17:17). One of the things that should be a part of our life is the attitude of gratitude. We should recognize the importance of thanking God for his goodness. But for many of us gratitude is not spontaneous and natural.

As always this attitude in Jesus's public ministry is always there. He is always "The Shepherd" (John 10:11) searching for the lost sheep. He initiates the gathering and sees to it that everyone is fine and well accounted for. Thanking God is one of the easiest things that we easily forget. The attitude we give God is not commensurate to the amount of blessings we receive from him. Yes we say "thank you" but most likely everything ends in lip service. God wants us to transform our lives according to his will as a more appropriate sign of gratitude. He expects a complete commitment to love and follow him more closely and have complete faith and trust in him. LET US GIVE GOD WHAT IS DUE TO HIM.

Therefore as we continue our journey in this world, let us always be mindful that our loving father is always ready to shower us with his blessings and grant us our prayers IN HIS TIME.

Remember we don't need the wisdom of Solomon to learn how to say these magic words which makes the hearts lift for joy whoever will hear them: thank you! Salamat! Gracias! Grazie! Dziękuję Ci, Merci ! For your greatness O Lord to me! AMEN

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

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, 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 Merces, 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.

AN APOLOGY FOR ANY DISRUPTION: As you all know Fr Tony remains unable to serve the Parish as he recuperates, also this week Fr Philip unavailable. To impact even more on our limited resources we have been asked to also service the Witham Parish for several weeks. As a result you may see a few new faces celebrating Mass as we bring in supply priests to cover the 16 Masses a week that we are now committed to. So we offer our apologies in advance should any of these new faces struggle in the logistics of this task. Please pray for the speedy recovery of Fr Tony as well as new vocations to the priesthood which are urgently needed.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **James Thomas Spencer McNaughton**. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL FUNDRAISING FAIR: Do come and join us to represent your individual culture and the diverse cultures of others. We need to make this an enjoyable event for the Parish to which we all belong. Our next meeting is Sunday 16th October after 10:30 Mass in the crypt. Contact Frances 369568 or Norah 503410

FR PAUL McCOURT: It's with great sadness that we announce that Fr Paul McCourt will be leaving the Parish in December. Although classed as an Army Chaplain he has been extremely supportive to our Parish especially these past few months when both Fr Tony and Fr Alex have been away. From January 1st he will formally be the Chaplain to The Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst. We wish him the very best congratulations in this appointment and send with him our huge thanks and gratitude for all he has done for us here at St James the Less.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Leslie Hawken, Margaret Collins and Herbert Hewitt who have recently died. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families. The funeral of Leslie Hawken will take place here on Wednesday, 12th October, at 1:30pm. The funeral for Margaret Collins will take place at Colchester Crematorium on Tuesday 18th October at 1:15pm

MONKWICK NEWS: Sincere thanks to all who have come and supported our church fund raising Coffee Mornings this year – as always it has been lovely to get together with you all. Also much appreciation goes to those who host the events, bake cakes and help in any way to make sure all goes well.

VOLUNTEERS: If you are one of our much valued volunteers at the church then we need to hear from you to update our DBS files. DBS forms may be collected from the Presbytery. We are then hosting two sessions for completed forms to be returned and ID checked. These are immediately after 10:30am Mass on Sunday 16th October in Cardinal Bourne Hall and at 7:30pm on Monday 18th October in the Crypt.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Christmas Sales Don't miss the opportunity to purchase Christmas cards, advent calendars and many lovely gifts before or after Mass on 16th October at West Mersea and Monkwick, on 12th & 13th November at Priory Street and finally on 20th November at Mile End. The idea is to place one large parish order straight after the last sales in order to have the goods available early December. Thank you for supporting the ACN. Anne Claydon 07880852738

FILMS FOR FAITH: The next showing is this Wednesday, in the Crypt – 1pm for a 1:15 start – and it will be Catholicism – the 7th and 8th 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.

CHORAL 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].

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, October 13th - Team 1
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