

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

(Remembrance Day)

Saturday 10th	6.15 pm	Elizabeth Reynolds RIP
Sunday 11th	8:00 am	Bridget Smith RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	5.00 pm	Holy Hour
	6:30 pm	
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Mary Thorn RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Yadi Khodaverdi RIP

Monday 12th		St Josaphat
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am Margaret Wheeler RIP
Tuesday 13th		Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am M. Dines RIP + Fams
Wednesday 14th		Feria
	<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm Ints: Tom & Maureen McElroy
Thursday 15th		Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am Patricia Urquhart RIP
Friday 16th		St Edmund of Canterbury
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am NDL
Saturday 17th		Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am Canon John Bloomfield

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

(World Day of the Poor)

Saturday 17th	6.15 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Sunday 18th	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	F. Fox RIP + Fams
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Private Intention
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Mrs Celestine Tighe RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (confession): Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE: www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org under events where a list of course dates are available

COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL: If you would like to arrange for a priest to visit a Catholic relative in hospital please contact the presbytery direct on (01206) 866317, we can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the patient so that they may receive Holy Communion if they do not require a priest visit or are long term in-patients.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK
1 PARISH , 4 CHURCHES, 1 COMMUNITY



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REMEMBRANCE DAY



WEEK COMMENCING: 11TH NOVEMBER 2018 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE 154

The Gospel today is often known as the story of the widow's mite, with the focus on the two small coins she donates to the equivalent of the offertory collection. Quite a few people think that they are imitating her by putting in a few small coins themselves, loose change for God. They are wrong, of course. 'All she had to live on' Jesus points out. By that standard, no-one today imitates her as everyone (I guess) gives to the offertory from 'what they have over', an amount which they won't notice. The message of all the readings is one of total gift of self. We might consider three words often used in relation to Stewardship – Time, Talent, Treasure. How generous are we with those three aspects of our lives, in relation to God and His Church?

Fr Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	9.15am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:50am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00am Mass
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: Please join with Pope Francis in praying for **"In the Service of Peace"** That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Vicky Culham, Peter Ledgley, Hilda Morah

HOLY SOULS: November is the month of Holy Souls. If you wish to remember your loved ones, special envelopes are available in the porch and Masses will be offered for them during the month. Please place the name(s) of your deceased loved ones with any donation in the envelopes and hand the envelope to priests or drop them through the presbytery letterbox.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs will take place on **Thursday 29th November 2018** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm -9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the Course

NEXT DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: Is National Youth Sunday on **25th November.**

ST. THOMAS MORE ADMISSIONS FOR 2019/2020: [Council closing date for admissions is 15/01/19]:

The signing of the **"Certificates of Practice"** will take place on the following dates: -

- Thursday 15/11/18 – 4.30pm to 5.30pm in the Railway Carriage (next door to Crypt)
- Friday 16/11/18 – 4.30pm to 5.30pm in the Railway Carriage (next door to Crypt)
- Saturday 17/11/18: 11:00am to 12:00pm in the Railway Carriage (next door to Crypt)

There is no need to make an appointment as parents will be seen on a 1st come, 1st served basis – *entrance to the Railway Carriage is via the church.*

ADVENT 2018: WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS - These are now available at £1 each.

READERS' MEETING: This will be held on **Saturday 17th November** from 3.00pm until approx. 5.30pm in the church.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next showing is on **21st November** with a **start time of 1.15pm** screening **"Ben Hur" Part 1**. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

CHRISTMAS MARKET on Saturday 24th November: This coming week the request is for donations of Sweets, Confectionary, Chocolates and small gift items for the Tombola. Please drop all donations into Presbytery or speak to Frances or Norah after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday or contact Norah (01206) 503410 or Frances (01206) 369568 to arrange collection.

REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards, Diaries and Calendars are now available to purchase after the 10.30am mass on Sunday.

ADVENT REFLECTION: *'Where Christ Dwells'* on **Saturday 15th December** starting at 11am.: Further details to follow in due course.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who supported the cream tea for *"Aid to the Church in Need"*. Between the cream teas, the raffle and the donations, we raised an amazing £727.00.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS): Its CTS 150th Anniversary and as faith-based publishers to the Holy See they have been doing this important work in an environment which is not without its difficulties for a small charity that relies solely on the support of the Catholic community. Please see their website www.ctsbooks.org if you would like to support them in their work and/or purchase any of their literature.

CONCERT IN AID OF COLCHESTER NIGHT SHELTER & OTHER CHARITIES: will be held on **Saturday 15th December** at 7pm in St Martins Church. Tickets can be purchased from <https://experiencetickets.co.uk/project/25573/> Adults £12 / Children £8.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: for men aged over 30 at St Beuno's in north Wales **Friday 30th August to Sunday 1st September 2019.** Are you a man over thirty, content, but wondering about the direction of your life? Do you sense that you may be approaching a major threshold or turning point? Have you sometimes found yourself wondering whether the priesthood or religious life may be an option? The discernment weekend will take place in a prayerful spirit and aims to provide some tools for discernment about future choices. It will be mainly in silence but there will also be input and the opportunity for one-to-one guidance. Please contact Fr. Graham Smith on 01702465720 or on fr.gidsmith@gmail.com More details and a booking form for the weekend can be found at <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men>.

CANNONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: "Who is my Neighbour?" Please join us when this question will be looked at in the reality of our day. Session held at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, CM1 2DU on **Saturday 1 December, 2018 at 2.15** for 2.30 start finishing approx. 5.30pm. If you would like to attend this session, e-mail crssuk@canonesses.co.uk at Colchester or Moira or Margaret at anderson2003@blueyonder.co.uk or 01245 604108

BCCS: will be hosting their very popular Ladies' Christmas Luncheon on **Friday 7th December 12 for 12.30pm** at the Rayleigh Golf Club, Hullbridge. Ladies will be treated to a delicious two course lunch with tea & coffee in the luxurious surroundings of a private room over-looking the golf course at this exclusive club. Tickets cost £25.00 per person. To reserve your place, please call Libby on 01268 784544 / jphillips@bccs.org.uk

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: Thank you everyone for your continuing support and donations to the foodbank. We kindly request that all food donations be dropped into the Presbytery and not left in the church. Please remember those we are helping in your prayers .

VACANCIES: 1: Head of Human Resources at New Hall School For further details & an application form please visit: www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities

2: Parish Manager at St Helen's, Westcliff-On-Sea, 16-20hrs p/w. Closing date for CVs/ applications by Monday 26th November 2018 Interview date: Friday 7th December. Contact Fr Alex Poblador Tel: 01702 342324 for job description or email: westcliff@dioceseofbrentwood.org

❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Telephone number - 07493 439427.

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** cb.hall@btinternet.com
or Tel: 07758 805263 [**answerphone only** – please leave a message]

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Monday 12th November 2018: Team 3.