

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday October 14th	6:15 pm	Mrs Pam Andrews RIP
Sunday October 15th	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP
	10:30 am	Esther Mombelli RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Derrick Foley RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Leslie Hawken RIP
Monday 16th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	Intentions: Josie Cullen
Tuesday 17th	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp. M	
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	Guiseppe Cangemi RIP
Wednesday 18th	ST LUKE, Evangelist	
STM – Y5	<i>Church</i>	9:30 am Holy Souls RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Alphonse Knapp RIP [Anniversary]
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 pm Rosary [KSC]
Thursday 19th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 20th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
Saturday 21st	St John Paul II, P	
<i>Church</i>	9:30 am	Hector Silva RIP

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday October 21st	6:15 pm	Olive Crawford RIP
Sunday October 22nd	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:30 am	Mary Banks RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Derrick Foley RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Leslie Hawken RIP

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As I am gradually becoming acquainted with Colchester as a town I am struck by the Christian heritage commemorated in so many ordinary ways. One obvious way is in the naming of streets, e.g. Priory Street. There are still quite a few places of worship in the town centre. Also noticeable is the number of people walking about in the High Street area and its surroundings. Today's Gospel directly addresses the lack of connection between these two observations, people busy about their business [largely shopping and eating it seems] while ignoring the signs of Christianity all around them. Some of the people will no doubt attend church, but judging by the size of congregations, the majority don't, so I think I'm being fair when I say, "ignoring". We ought to be shocked, shaken, by this, given what we know God is offering and the literally terrifying consequences of indifference. Equally, since we have heard the Gospel, or at least claim to have heard it, one would expect an eagerness in all of us to be fully present at Sunday Mass, engaged in the celebration. Some of the congregation are praying, making responses, joining in the singing. Others who are present at Mass could be considered to be like the man in the Gospel who is at the wedding feast but does not have a wedding garment, in other words physically present but spiritually absent.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes

[Rosary on Wednesday at 7:30pm]

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,, 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.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: There will be a second collection this weekend at all Masses in aid of **PACT** - a charity which supports prisoners' and their families.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM: Takes place this evening at 7:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY EXHIBITION: We have been advised that the Exhibition will not now be visiting our Parish, and will be arranged at a later date.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Wright who has recently died. May he rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of his bereaved family. His funeral has yet to be arranged.

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].

FILMS FOR FAITH: The next showing will be this Wednesday, **18th October**, and will be Lesson 7 of the "Chosen" Course. All are welcome, and refreshments will be provided in the Crypt at 1pm for a 1:15pm start. Each session lasts for approximately 90 minutes.

OCTOBER ROSARY: The Knights of St Columba will be saying the Rosary here at Priory Street on Wednesday, 18th October, at 7:30pm. All most welcome.

JOURNEY IN FAITH - RCIA 2017/18: Journey in Faith or RCIA is the process developed by the Catholic Church for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, teachings and practices with a view to becoming Catholics, or for those who have a background in the Catholic Faith but who have not yet been confirmed, or for anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Sessions are held weekly from 7pm to 8.30pm on Thursday evenings in the Crypt here. It is not too late to come along.

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

SVP: The first meeting of the new St Vincent de Paul Society [SVP] will be on 30th October at 7pm in the Crypt. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you cannot come that evening but would like to express an interest, please contact Jane Hargreaves on 01206 734241

HELPERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS MARKET: Would you like to help on a stall, bake items, offer donations, gifts/crafts etc., or hire a stall/? Please then speak to Frances or Norah after the Sunday 10:30am Mass or phone Frances on 369568 or Norah on 503410. All assistance, suggestions and ideas are most welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 5TH-9TH DECEMBER: For the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, led by Fr Andrew Headon. Four nights full board, £525pp [twin/double]; £595pp [single] at Hotel Saint-Sauveur. For more information contact Siobhan at Parker Travel Ltd., 07932 634589; siobhan@parker-travel.com

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL: Are looking for a School Cleaner. Hours 3.30-5.30 pm, 5 days a week, term time only. Salary : £7.83 an hour. Please contact the School Office for further details. 01206 865722.

100 CLUB MONTHLY DRAW: The winners for September are : 1st David Kelly; 2nd – Haydee Dela Pana; 3rd – Lucy Milgate. Congratulations!

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

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: MONDAY, October 16th – Team 3.