

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Sunday 15th	Church	8.15 am	(1) Ann De Smith RIP (2) Parishioners
Monday 16th			St Edmund of Abingdon (Rich), Bp
	Church	8.15 am	(1) November Dead List (2) Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Tuesday 17th			Feria
	Church	8.15 am	(1) Maura Smith RIP (2) Thanksgiving
Wednesday 18th			Feria
	Church	8.15 am	(1) Percy + Mini Floyd (2) Holy Souls
Thursday 19th			Feria
	Church	8.15 am	(1) Margaretta Wright (2) Holy Souls
Friday 30th			Feria
	Church	8.15 am	(1) Beatrice Floyd (2) Holy Souls
Saturday 21st			The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Church	8.15 am	(1) Filomena + Joel Jimenez RIP (2) Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
			OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (A) YOUTH DAY
Sunday 22nd	Church	8.15 am	(1) Mrs. Anne Barry RIP (2) Parishioners

FACE MASKS. It is now a legal requirement that facemasks or coverings are worn when entering all places of worship (unless you are medically exempt or under 11yrs)

- ❖ Church will be open daily from 10am to 11am for private, individual prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) can take place during daily private prayer - please speak to priest
- ❖ Mass Intentions. These can be posted through the presbytery letterbox and they will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook).
- ❖ If you are self-isolating and would like to speak to a priest or have any worries, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317 and we will try to help you.

- **LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES:** The following link is to a website that has live streaming of church services in the UK <https://www.churchservices.tv/>
- **WALSINGHAM:** the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham has a 24 hour livestream service website <https://www.walsingham.org.uk>
- **BRENTWOOD PASTORAL DEAF SERVICE:** The only signed Mass streamed online is from the Diocese of Westminster: <https://www.churchservices.tv/pottersbar> or from the Church's own website look for the Live Streaming link near the end of the page <https://olasv.org.uk/>
- **POLISH MASS:** St Monica, Palmers Green, Sundays 3.30pm www.churchservices.tv/palmersgreen

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WEEK COMMENCING 15TH NOVEMBER 2020 - PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE

This Sunday's Gospel is often, in my opinion, misunderstood. People commonly latch onto the word, 'talent' and immediately think of talent as in Britain's Got Talent. The word doesn't mean that at all, it quite simply refers to a large sum of money. We should note that the money is given to the servants in proportion to their ability. In other words, the master is giving his servants work to do, more ability means more work to do. The lazy servant has the ability to do something useful and fruitful for the master but declines to act. The parable applies to each of us today, we are all asked to work for the Lord, not that everyone has to do the same amount but everyone can do something. Another way of looking at this is to recognise God's generosity, we are freely given grace (without which we can do nothing) yet are invited to cooperate with God in 'using' that essential grace. We're called, not to be passive spectators of salvation but to be co-workers with God in the Church, his hands and feet in service of others.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer at 9.45 _{am}	All Temporarily suspended
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 _{pm})	

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Due to the latest Government restrictions, we are currently not able to gather for public worship from 5th November to 2nd December. During this time, Fr. Paschal and I will continue to celebrate Mass separately each day at 8.15_{am} without a congregation; Mass intentions will be published for each Mass in the weekly newsletter. The Church will open daily (Mon-Sun) from 10.00_{am} to 11.00_{am} for individual prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you to all our volunteer Stewards, as without you this would not be possible. *Fr. Chris*

Please note the following norms which remain in place in order to promote a COVID 19 safe environment :-

- Churches will open 15 minutes before start of Private Prayer
- Entrance to Church will be via the main door, exit by the side door
- Hand sanitiser is available at entrance and exit, though you may bring your own
- It will be essential that people sit where they are asked and do not move from there
- The use of face covering/mask in Church is now mandatory (please don't forget yours when attending Church) and that you wear it so that it covers both your mouth and nose.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times within Church.
- An Offertory Collection box will be situated at entrance and exit; the donation station is also useable
- No touching of Statues or Images in Church
- Toilets will be closed except for genuine emergencies.
- We are still required to have Church stewards daily for private prayer and the church will be cleaned in readiness for the next morning.

THE PARISH STEWARDS ARE HERE TO HELP AND DIRECT YOU TO YOUR SEAT(S). PLEASE BE POLITE TO THEM AS THEY CAN ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND DIOCESAN REGULATIONS.

Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who has reason to believe that they have been in contact with someone who has, should not attend church or volunteer in any capacity until they have received medical advice that it is safe to do so.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: Artificial Intelligence. We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Valerie Thurston, Joan Jeal, Jimmy Clarin. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS. During this month, prayers and Masses are said for the Faithful Departed. *November Altar Lists of dead & Envelopes* are available in the Church Porch. Please put the names of your deceased family and friends on the list and place this in the envelope along with your donation and either hand the envelope to a priest or drop the envelope through the presbytery letterbox.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Walter Gooch who has recently passed away. May he rest in peace. We pray for the comfort of his bereaved family and friends. Michael's funeral service will take place here on 24th November at 11.45_{am}.

PARISH GIFT DAY: Fr Chris and Fr Paschal invite you to join them on **Saturday 28th November** from **11.00_{am}-12.30_{pm}** in the **Church porch** for our parish Gift Day, to help raise funds for your parish church. We are privileged to be members of this parish where our faith is nurtured and where we are passing it on through our children to future generations. We have four fine buildings in which to worship (and which need upkeep) and we are committed to reach out to our community and beyond, sharing our faith in word and deed, as Christ commissioned his disciples to do. For this ministry to be maintained and to flourish we need sufficient funds. We would urge everyone to join us and feel part of the move to put us back on an even keel on our Gift Day, whatever your level of giving (every penny counts!). Please hand your '*Parish Gift*' (cash or chq) to Fr Chris or Fr Paschal.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Prov 31, 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thess 5:1-6 Matt 25:14-30) ***Our love must be nourished.*** The parable of the talents could be compared to our marriage and the consequences if we, like the lazy servant, do not work at our relationship. Avoiding conflict can mean that the opportunity for forgiveness and growth is allowed to pass by. Let's not allow our love for each other to simply slip away, but work to keep our life flourishing.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL [ADMISSIONS FOR 2021/2022]: (Local Authority Closing Date 15/01/21). The signing of the "*Certificates of Practice*" will take place in the church porch on the following date: -

➤ Sunday 22nd November 2020 at 4.00_{pm} – 5.00_{pm}

There is no need to make an appointment as both parents or guardians and the child applying to St Thomas, will be seen on a 1st come, 1st served basis. Only 1 family at a time in the Church porch. Please maintain social distance guidelines whilst standing outside church.

2ND COLLECTION BASKET: A collection is being taken for World Day of the Poor on 15th November and National Youth Sunday on 22nd November. A collection basket is situated at the exit of church if attending private prayer in Church alternatively, an envelope can be posted through Presbytery letterbox (please mark envelope as World Day of the Poor or Youth Sunday Donation). Please give what you can.

SVP NEWS: Are you ready to take on the Sponsored Snowdon Staircase challenge? During the last lockdown, we actively helped several individuals and families in our local community but as we enter the next lockdown, we need to replenish our funds. All you need is a staircase and a sponsor form, which can be downloaded from our Facebook page (SVP Colchester) where you will find all the instructions. It can be done on your own or in groups (following Covid restrictions). Please help us to help those in greatest need this Christmas.
SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society): Tel: 07493 439427 or email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

WALK WITH ME (ADVENT EDITION): Now available in church porch at £1 a copy.

REPOSITORY: A selection of 2021 Diaries are available in Church Porch.

PARISH FINANCES: We thank you in advance for the offering that you give today. If you wish to make an offering/donation this can be done in various ways: -

- By dropping envelope through Presbytery door (please write on envelope Mass Offering)
- Donation baskets are situated at entrance and exit of church
- Setting up a regular gift by Standing Order, (please contact Presbytery office for form).
- The Donation Station (in Church porch)
- Diocesan Online Donation platform (where donations can also be gift aided):-
St. James the Less & St. Helen <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>
St. Joseph, Mile End: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-c>
St. Cedd & St. Gregory: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>
St. Theodore of Canterbury: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you

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