

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: Canon 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: Canon Anthony McKentey
Monday 17th	St Ignatius of Antioch	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	INTS: Brenda Rodrigues
Tuesday 18th	FEAST – St LUKE	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Alphonse Knapp RIP
Wednesday 19th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
Thursday 20th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Tina Barker (nee Waight) RIP
Friday 21st	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	INTS: Canon Anthony McKentey
Saturday 22nd	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Church</i>	12:00 pm	Memorial Mass Arthur Kirk RIP

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday October 22nd	6:15 pm	Annie Fitzgibbon RIP
Sunday October 23rd	8:00 am	Sister Alice Bellord RIP
	10:30 am	INTS: Canon Anthony McKentey
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Sid Ashmore RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joseph Hawken RIP

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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What is PRAYER? There are many meanings of prayer. It can be the lifting up of one's mind, heart and soul to God. Prayer can simply be staying still and quiet, listening to God speak to you, or from St. Teresa of Jesus prayer is the door to great graces. For Christians, prayer is very basic. It is a way of talking to God, a way that connects human to the divine.

In our gospel today, the Lord is telling us to be persistent in our prayers for the prayers of persistent people are always answered. Persistence is necessary for us to be heard by God, for persistence is a sign of faith, love and determination. The gospel will tell us why God sometimes delays His answer to our prayers.

The unjust judge said that "he must give the widow her just rights since she keeps pestering me". Will Jesus not see justice done to the woman who has been calling on him day and night? The keyword is JUSTICE, which means rendering what is right and fitting to the person, meaning what one should receive and not what he wants. Not all prayers are good for us. When God gives justice to our prayers, it means something that will benefit our soul and bring us closer to God. Let us remember that God decides because He sees the bigger picture of our future. Jesus wants us to trust Him even if the answer is "no" or "not yet" because He knows what is best for us. Great faith is needed to trust God. He always listens to our prayers and He knows when to grant it. Hence pray without losing heart, trust that in His own perfect time, He will grant our prayers. Perseverance is not the key to an answered prayer. It does not also mean insisting what we want from God. Such attitude will only frustrate us and make us bitter. To persevere means to continuously pray and believe in spite of unanswered prayer. The value of persistent prayer is not God will hear us but we finally hear him. Points to reflect. What did you feel when God denied your prayers and did you understand why?

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 Mercedes, 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. 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, **Taliyah & Tobiah Iremiren**. God bless these children and congratulations to their family.

Fr TONY UPDATE: Sadly due to complications, Fr Tony has returned to hospital where he underwent another procedure earlier this week. Please pray for his recovery. Cards may be left at the Parish Office for forwarding.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of 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 for Margaret Collins has been postponed until further notice. The funeral of Herbert Hewitt will take place at St. Theodore's at 11:30am on Friday 28th October followed by cremation at Colchester Crematorium.

PRIORY STREET CAR PARK: Despite our best efforts with the town council, this car park remains out of service at weekends. Please do NOT park there as you may get a ticket. Blue Badge holders please park with consideration either on St Augustine Mews or Priory Street itself. Please DO NOT overfill our church car park as priests require 24 access for emergency calls. Thank you.

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 today in Cardinal Bourne Hall and at 7:30pm on Monday 17th October in the Crypt. More checking dates to be announced shortly.

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 today 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 9th and 10th episodes.

St Thomas More's Primary School 2017-18 Intake Any parent wishing to apply for a place at St Thomas More's School must complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) in addition to the Local Authority Application Form. SIFs are available to download on the school's website www.stthomasmores.co.uk under the admissions tab or by contacting the office on 01206 865722.

You will also need to supply the school with a Certificate of Practice. Dates when Father Alex will be signing these will be published in due course.

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 18th at 7.30pm. St James The Less and St Helen on the 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 20th - Team 2

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