

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday September 17th 6:15 pm Mr and Mrs Blanchette RIP
Sunday September 18th 8:00 am Roger Goodin RIP
10:30 am Intentions: Sykes Family
4:00 pm Polish Mass
6:30 pm Eileen Pooran RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am Holy Souls RIP
Mile End 9:15 am Parishioners
Monkwick 10:15 am Intentions: Paul and Margaret Everitt

Monday 19th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Sybil Kathleen Lyons RIP

Tuesday 20th *St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Pr, & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Comps, Mm*
Church 9:15 am Deacon Yves Ferriere RIP

Wednesday 21st *ST MATTHEW, Ap, Evangelist Feast*
Church 12:15 pm Intentions: Helen Haman

Thursday 22nd *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Friday 23rd *St Pius of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio]*
Church 9:15 am Hilda Parker RIP

Saturday 24th *Our Lady of Walsingham*
Church 9:15 am Lydie Minator RIP

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday September 24th 6:15 pm Mr and Mrs R Cooke RIP
Sunday September 25th 8:00 am Ints: Fr Tony McKentey
10:30 am Deacon Yves Ferriere RIP
2:00 pm Polish Mass
6:30 pm Marie Elizabeth Elberfeld RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am Holy Souls RIP
Mile End 9:15 am Intentions: Theresa Boshans
Monkwick 10:15 am Parishioners

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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From Adrian Lowe, Seminarian.

I used to be a budget holder for the last six years of my career in local government, and so had the responsibility of managing a sum of money each year for the people for whom I worked. I used to meet each month with an accountant and we would go through the financial spending and work out how much had been spent on everything from lighting to building maintenance and staff travel. I didn't really enjoy trying to work out where a penny had been lost! But it was good experience of how to use money in the best way possible: this is the theme of this week's gospel which has a number of sayings about how to use money well. We hear Jesus tell us to use money, 'tainted as it is, to win us friends,' and that we cannot serve both money and God, being the servant of two masters.

St. Luke was writing at a time when Christian communities which had been poor were now attracting richer members and there was a sense of division and class. Jesus admonishes us to use money wisely, but to also be as shrewd as worldly people when dealing with spiritual things. We are reminded in this passage of Jesus saying we should be as wise as a serpent but as innocent as a dove. The idea is the same – to use the things of this world in a spiritual way and to use spiritual things in a clever way for the purpose of the Gospel.

We cannot serve two masters – God and money, but using money in modern life is inevitable. The danger comes when we see some things as to do with God and others as worldly, leading to a kind of split spiritual life. God can be found in all things and if we can bring Him into every situation (with a short prayer as we pour over the accounting books) then we will hold Him in our hearts as our Lord and Master, and learn how to use all things for His glory.

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 September 21st 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, Bert Hewitt, 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, Dorcy Young.

SVP: The St Vincent de Paul Society have apologised that they weren't able to come to speak to us today, as billed, because of a catastrophic flood at their National Office in London. We are hoping to reschedule the SVP's visit for another Sunday in autumn.

MEETING AFTER 10:30 MASS TODAY IN THE CRYPT: Last minute Notice of this Meeting to discuss the ***Parish Christmas Fundraising Event*** due to be held on the 26th November. Representatives from the diverse communities within our Parish are most welcome to attend this meeting so that we can make this an International Fundraising Event. Fuller details to follow over the coming weeks.

CANON TONY – HEALTH UPDATE: We are delighted to say that after a couple of weeks of bad news, Father Tony's recovery has started to head in the right direction again. A second procedure attempt this week has been deemed a success and although only slowly, he is beginning to make progress. He is going to remain in hospital for several more weeks before starting his recovery properly. **We thank you for respecting his need for complete rest and request that Parishioners do not disturb him at this critical time of recovery.**

ADRIAN LOWE: There will be a "sending off party" for Adrian this Wednesday in the Crypt at 7:30pm – any offers of food and drinks greatly appreciated. Adrian leaves us for Rome two days after. Please contact the Parish Office or Jane Hopgood if you can assist with catering.

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

HEALING MASS AT ABBOTSWICK HOUSE OF PRAYER: Wednesday, 21st September at 2:30pm. Celebrant: Fr Eamonn Power. Contact 01277 373959 or www.abbotswick.org for more information.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Howling and S. Alice Bellord who have recently died. [Details of S Alice's funeral will be found on www.canonesses.co.uk]. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their families. The funeral of Olive Johnson will take place this Monday, 19th September, at St Cedd & St Gregory's, West Mersea, at 11am

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Recommences on Wednesday, 28th September, here in the Crypt, 10:00 -12:00. Topic: The First Letter of St John.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: will be hosting a Charity Night at Romford Greyhound Stadium on Friday 7th October 2016. Tickets are priced at £25 per person which includes a three course meal with coffee in the Pavilion Restaurant and free race card. We are expecting this event to be really popular so please book early in order to avoid disappointment. For further details and to book tickets call Julie on 01268 784544 or email jabbott@bccs.org.uk

STUDY DAY AT GIDEA PARK: Fr Adrian Gaffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will lead a study day entitled 'God's Mercy is from Age to Age: the mercy of God in the Old Testament' on Saturday 8th October from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The study day in this Year of Mercy will explore the presence of God's mercy in the Scriptures. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample free parking is available at the church, which is three minutes' walk from Gidea Park Station. It is essential to book your place and this should be done by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER IN THE CHURCH: If you are one of our much appreciated volunteers, such as Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy helpers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir; in fact, if you have ANY helping or official role within our Church, then we need to hear from you. We have been requested to update our database on "Staff & Volunteers" and we will be requesting confirmation of some details, as well as the completion of the latest format of the DBS check form. Please contact the Church Office to assist us update our information. This includes Mile End, Monkwick and Mersea volunteers.

PRIORY STREET CAR PARK: As you will have seen, most of this car park has now been closed off for repairs with approximately a quarter being used for 10 minute drop offs to the school for permit holders only. On checking with the Council's parking officer, parking is NOT permitted for anyone else in this part, so even if the car park appears accessible on Sunday mornings, please do NOT park there as you may still be ticketed.

St. BENEDICT'S SCHOOL: Friends of St. Benedict's are having a quiz night at the school on Norman Way, Colchester on October 7th at 7pm. £3 per adult £2 per child. Feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks for this fun event.

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, September 22nd, Team 2.

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