

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

Saturday November 18th 6:15 pm Frank and Heather Mills RIP
Sunday November 19th 8:00 am Canon John Bloomfield RIP
10:30 am Alard Family RIP
2:00 pm Polish Mass
6:30 pm Elaine Proudfoot RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am November Dead List
Mile End 9:15 am Ernest Jardim RIP
Monkwick 10:15 am Parishioners

Monday 20th *Feria*
Church 9:30 am November Dead List

Tuesday 21st *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Church 9:30 am November Dead List

Wednesday 22nd *St Cecilia, V.M*
Church 12:15 pm Bridget Smallwood RIP

Thursday 23rd *Feria*
Church 9:30 am November Dead List

Friday 24th *Ss Andrew Dung Lac, Pr & Comps, Mm*
Church 9:30 am Mrs Aleykutty George RIP
C.G.H Chapel 12:00 pm Ints: Patients and Staff

Saturday 25th *St Catherine of Alexandria, V,M*
Church 9:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth, Angelo Lucas RIP

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING [A]
[National Youth Day]

Saturday November 25th 6:15 pm Olive Crawford RIP
Sunday November 26th 8:00 am D/Rels: Fuller & Farrell Families RIP
10:30 am Antony Southorn RIP
2:00 pm Polish Mass
6:30 pm Julietta Seewoonyndun RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am Parishioners
Mile End 9:15 am Douglas & David Finch RIP
Monkwick 10:15 am November Dead List

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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It is true to say, I would argue, that a person's outlook determines how they interpret a situation and therefore also how they act. An extreme example would be paranoia, a condition which is essentially incurable in its more severe forms. Today's Gospel is a story of two different outlooks. The two servants who trade with the money entrusted to them exhibit confidence in themselves and a relationship with their master which is basically good since they are presumably prepared to risk losing the money and therefore facing the master's response to a loss. The third servant starts from a different outlook, concentrating on what he has heard, not his own experience, and retreating into fear and inaction. How could he enter into his master's happiness when he views his master so fearfully? We can apply the parable to the people of today. Some see God as a loving Father and so joyfully go about his business, they become his co-workers in bringing about the Kingdom of love, joy etc. Others see religion as all about rules and sanctions and refuse his invitation to join in the work of creation. The truth is, God desires and invites each and every human being to freely and joyfully take a real part in creation; in the words of one of the Fathers of the Church, 'God became man so that man might become God'.

Fr Chris

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes
HOSPITAL MASS ON FRIDAY IN THEIR CHAPEL AT 12 NOON

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, Christine Staines, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Brea Ward, Patricia Wiltshire.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Ava Patterson, Alexander Davies and Cian Duffy Nash.** God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret Wheeler and Doris Spicer. May they rest in peace and we pray for the comfort of their bereaved families. Doris's funeral will take place at Colchester Crematorium on 27th November at 3:30pm. The funeral of Mary Powling has been arranged for the 8th December at 11am here at Priory Street. The funeral of Margaret Wheeler has been arranged for the 15th December at 11am here at Priory Street.

CHRISTMAS MARKET NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25th: We are requesting biscuits, cakes – or ingredients for cakes, items for the tombola and children's toys in good condition. Thank you as always. Frances 369568; Norah 503410.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND DIARIES: On sale in the Repository after the 10:30am Sunday Mass.

FILMS FOR FAITH: The next showing – "It's a Wonderful Life" this Wednesday,. All are welcome and refreshments will be provided in the Crypt at 1pm for a 1:15pm start.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL: Are looking for a School Cleaner. Hours 3:30-5:30pm or 7am-9am, 5 days a week, term time only. Salary: £7.83 per hour. Please contact the School Office for further details on 01206 865722.

St Thomas More's School Draft Admissions Policy 2019-2020: The draft admissions policy for St Thomas More's School for 2019-2020 is available to view under the admissions tab on the school website www.stthomasmores.co.uk.

ST THOMAS MORE – 2018 INTAKE: The dates when Fr Chris will be signing the Certificates of Practice will be announced in this Newsletter in due course. Please then contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: The final Diocesan Second Collection for 2017 will take place next Sunday – National Youth Sunday and Feast of Christ the King.

FR DOMINIC HAWORTH writes: National Youth Sunday is the day particularly dedicated by the Church in England and Wales to pray for and encourage our young people. Please look at www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk for more information. Young people of all ages are warmly invited to share their views with Pope Francis in preparation for the Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment taking place in September 2018. To do this, please visit www.youth.synod2018.va where there is excellent content, and an online questionnaire – deadline for responses is November 30th 2017. For everything going on in the Diocese look at www.bcys.net where online applications for our Advent Retreat 2017 and Summer Lourdes 2018 are open.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST from all four Mass centres are invited to attend a meeting in the Church at Priory St. on Saturday December 2nd, 4pm. There will be some spiritual input and also discussion on practical matters. The gathering will end by 5pm, probably earlier. I hope that as many Ministers as possible will attend

Fr Chris

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN ADVENT: Lectio Divina from Saturday 2nd December at 5pm in the Crypt.

Day of Reflection: Saturday 9th December in Bourne Hall. Last year we reflected on the material circumstances of Jesus' birth and the outcasts and foreigners who were its witnesses. This year the focus is on Jesus, the Eternal Word.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): the next meeting will take place at 2.30pm on Saturday 2 December at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY. Tony Galcius (Chairman of the Society) will speak on 'The Holy Graffiti in the Tower of London.' All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: On Sunday, 3rd December at Priory Street and Mile End there will be a collection for Christmas Flowers. Thank you.

DIARY DATE: "CONCERT FOR BOSCO" Exceptionally talented young adult musicians are offering an evening of classical music to raise money for the *SVP St John Bosco children's camp*. Saturday 3rd February 2018 - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Wine and refreshments included. Advance tickets £8; on the door £11. Bookings by phone: 07957382592. Online bookings & concert programme details: www.concertforbosco.com

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CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: THURSDAY, November 23rd – Team 4.