

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]**

**Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup>** 6:15 pm Ronald Wheeler RIP  
**Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Pat Kelly RIP  
10:30 am In Thanksgiving [LS]  
2:00 pm Polish Mass  
6:30 pm Parishioners  
*West Mersea* 8:30 am Holy Souls RIP  
*Mile End* 9:15 am Eileen Pooran RIP  
*Monkwick* 10:15 am Catherine Spicer RIP

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 9:30 am Margaret Murray RIP

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** **Ss Cosmas & Damian**  
*Church* 9:30 am Simon Osborne RIP

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>** **St Vincent de Paul, Pr**  
*Church* 9:30 am Intentions of Velma Bajamunde  
**N.B.** *Church* 12:15 pm **NO MASS**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
*Church* 9:30 am Adeline Mervin RIP

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>** **SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS Feast**  
*Church* 9:30 am Holy Souls RIP  
**C.G.H** *Chapel* 12:00 pm Intentions of Patients and Staff

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>** **St Jerome, Pr. D**  
*Church* 9:30 am Jessie Dias RIP

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]**

**Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>** 6:15 pm Intentions: Roger Kemp  
**Sunday October 1st** 8:00 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP  
10:30 am Ints: Nigerian People  
2:00 pm Polish Mass  
6:30 pm Federico Sepiello RIP  
*West Mersea* 8:30 am Parishioners  
*Mile End* 9:15 am Compton Pooran RIP  
*Monkwick* 10:15 am Holy Souls RIP

**ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN**  
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**WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK**



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In the Gospel God is presented as a provident father hiring workers for the vineyard. The market place is the world, where idle people are found. Even though we may seem busy in this world, the real question is are we doing God's work or are we busy about our own affairs and interests. The Church is the vineyard in which the labourers work for the Gospel and help produce fruit for eternity. The workers all receive the same amount because all need the gift of salvation. We hear that the Lord goes out throughout the day to personally hire people to do his work. It is a matter of faith fruitful in good works. We might each of us look back on the week and try to discern the moments when we were doing principally God's work and the other times when we were concerned essentially for ourselves, to see what kind of labourers we truly are.

Have a good week and labour well in God's vineyard.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm**  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required**

Fr Chris

**Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes**

**[N.B. No 12:15 Mass on Wednesday; Hospital Mass will be on Friday]**

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, Margaret Doorish, Jennifer Guthrie-Stevens, 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.

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE, ABBOTSWICK FUNDING APPEAL:** Fr Dominic Howarth writes: Each year over 5000 young people across the Diocese enjoy a retreat with the Walsingham House team. In January 2018 this work is moving to Abbotswick, which is in need of significant refurbishment. *An appeal and second collection will be made this weekend.* Please support it as generously as you can. In the words of Bishop Alan: “this project builds a prayerful and inspiring future for the young people of the Diocese”. Thank you.

**FILMS FOR FAITH:** The next showing will be on **27<sup>th</sup> September** and will be Lesson 4 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.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET:** Yes, it’s that time again... There will be a meeting in the Cardinal Bourne Hall after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please come and join us to make this a happy international event. All ages welcome, also new suggestions and ideas. Frances 01206 369568 / Norah 503410.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Over the weekend of 7/8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 there will be an address at all Masses by Mr Kieran Knights, seeking to reactivate our Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. He will also be here for a meeting in the Cardinal Bourne Hall on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, at 7pm. Do please consider joining the Society which will help the parish in its work of renewal, support for those distressed and evangelisation.

**MEETING THE LIVING GOD AUTUMN SEMINARS:** The first of three Seminars takes place on 7<sup>th</sup> October from 10:30am to 12:00 noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Ingrave Road, CM15 8AT. *Topic: The Legacy of Saint Pope John Paul II. Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Cathedral Dean.*

**ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, UPMINSTER:** Is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and would like to invite anyone who has had involvement with the school to a celebration evening on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 between 4pm and 7pm. Light refreshments will be available. Email [office@st-josephs.havering.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs.havering.sch.uk) by Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October if you are able to attend.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 between 4pm and 6pm and on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 between 7pm and 8pm.* [Entry to the Crypt is via the Church].

**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 evening in the Crypt of the church. They will run from October until Easter. The start date will be published in the parish newsletter in due course.

**MARRIAGE CARE ILFORD:** Is looking for a volunteer to carry out PR work for Marriage preparation. Training will be given. Please email Glenda on [marriagecareilford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marriagecareilford@hotmail.co.uk)

**DIOCESAN CENTENARY EXHIBITION:** Will be visiting our parish on 14/15<sup>th</sup> October

**PARISH COUNCIL AGM:** Takes place on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, at 7:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

**BRENTWOOD NEWS:** The latest edition is available, free, and with a very good write-up of our Centenary Celebrations on Page 6!

**FOOD BANK:** An appeal for donations of tinned/dry goods for Colchester Food Bank. Thank you.

**CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** [cb.hall@btinternet.com](mailto:cb.hall@btinternet.com) 07758 805263

**CHURCH CLEANERS’ ROTA:** Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – Team 4 .