

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 23rd	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Ints: Grace McCartney
Sunday 24th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Ints: Mary Sherry Lane Bulalague
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Doris Driscoll RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Anniversary: Barry Fitzgerald RIP

Monday 25th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Mathew Abraham
Tuesday 26th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Rida Masoom
Wednesday 27th			St Vincent de Paul, Pr
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention
Thursday 28th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ray Nock RIP
Friday 29th			SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Archangels
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Helen Hambly RIP
Saturday 30th			St Jerome, Pr, D
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 30th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	George Farrell RIP
Sunday 1st October	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Nigeria, Government & People
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Cathleen, Lea + Jenny RIP
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Ints: Mary Bulalague
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Parishioners
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Private Intention

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Marriage Preparation: Please be aware that 6 months' notice of intention for Marriage is required especially if marrying outside the Parish. Couples who are planning to get married should contact us **at least 6 months** in advance. Thank you.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 9.30am Mass (Priory Street) and after 5.00pm Mass (Monkwick).
- ❖ Mass Intentions. Envelopes are available in Church Porch and are situated either side of Church entrance, A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass.

- **Cardinal Bourne Hall Enquiries/Bookings:** colchester@brcdt.org
- **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Tel: 07493 439427/email: colchestersvp@gmail.com

NEW TO THE PARISH? Then please complete one of our Parish Registration forms, which can be found in the porch at the back of the church.



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Week Commencing 24th September 2023

St. Paul in the passage to the Philippians is caught on the horns of a dilemma. He faces a choice between what would be so much better for himself on the one hand, and on the other hand continuing to work for the church in Philippi and elsewhere. His answer, given in a couple of verses omitted in today's reading, is to stay; and we know that his ministry was fruitful for many more years. His choice reveals his love and his imitation of Christ in laying down his life for his friends. We can also note what it is that he thinks would be so much better for himself – his death. His belief in the Resurrection and our call to share in it is thereby revealed, death is not something to be avoided at all costs but for the Christian it is the doorway to the fullness of life. We might ponder that last sentence in particular.

Fr. Chris

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY (Mon-Fri)	Rosary/Divine Mercy	at 8.45 am
DAILY	Morning Prayer	at 9.15 am
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Wednesdays (Cardinal Bourne Hall)	at 8.00 pm
ADORATION & PRAYER	Thursdays	at 7.30 pm



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: *For people living on the margins.* We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Isaiah 55:6-9 Phil 1:20-24, 27 Matt 20:1-16) ***'My thoughts are not your thoughts'***. God can put thoughts into our minds, but how can we ensure these make a difference to our lives? St Paul says, *"Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ"*: for example, the need to measure what we contribute within the relationship. Our Sacrament isn't a 50/50 arrangement but a 100%/100% unconditional commitment.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Roger Kemp, Margaret Brookes, Diana Irvén, Mrs. Maureen McKenna, Joyce Wrobel, Ron & Margaret Griffin, Peter Wyatt, Elizabeth Pace, Jason McLean, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Patrick Cresswell who has recently passed away. The parish community offers his family and friends our condolences and the assurance of our prayers at this most difficult time. John's funeral service will be at Colchester Crematorium on Monday 9th October at 1.00pm.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY ON FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER. We are asked to eat simply on that day and make a donation to CAFOD towards supporting families who struggle to get basic health care. You can read more at <https://cafod.org.uk>. Envelopes will be available at all Masses on the weekend of 1st October. Please return these with your donation on 7th/8th October. Thank you for your support. Please note that Gemma Our Parish Cafod representative will be giving talks over the next few weekends at all Mass Centers.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP TBNG, A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us this weekend to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated - when you help the poor you help our Lord. Please do take a look!

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING: Anyone who has half-an-hour to spare after Mass is most welcome to stay for coffee and biscuits after 10.30am Mass on Sundays. This is a chance to catch up in the spirit of friendship and community. Everyone is warmly invited.

MISSIO VOLUNTEER PARISH REPRESENTATIVE (Missio Red Boxes): We are currently looking for a volunteer to take on the role of the Missio representative for this Parish. For further details on this position, please speak to Fr Chris.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: keeping our place of worship glorious for The Lord. Volunteers are desperately needed to keep our church looking clean and welcoming. If you can spare 1-2 hours per month to help clean the Church and would like to become a "heavenly duster" or a "hoover angel" Or form a new team with friends, community groups. As the saying goes,...Many hands make light work. Please contact Linda in the Presbytery office (01206 866317) Thanks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: If your child will be starting in Year 4 or above in September and would like to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, please register your interest to stjamesthelessconfirmation@hotmail.com – with your child's name, age, school year and name of school attending. There will be application forms in the church porch (*once you have registered interest*) please complete this form and drop it through Presbytery door. Course details will be emailed to you.

YORK PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND: During the weekend of 21st -22nd October, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to York, visiting the shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, York Oratory, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Abbey. This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and any Catholics interested in history. For details of how to book onto this free weekend email Damian Barker at youngcatholicadult@gmail.com

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, Ireland, 16th October 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price incl. flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions incl. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK, Co Mayo, November 9th to 14th to pray for the Holy Souls. Led by the Marian Fathers. Package includes: return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en-suite twin rooms, hand luggage (10 kg), all transfers and Airport Development fee. The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey. Cost £800. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

DIOCESE VACANCIES

1: The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a **Primary School Link Adviser** who is a practising Catholic. Further details and an application form can be obtained via the following link: [Primary Link Adviser – Brentwood Diocesan Education Service](#) or by emailing: victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

2: Our Lady & All Saints in Basildon are looking for a **part time Housekeeper** for Holy Trinity Presbytery and Hall, St Therese Hall and occasionally in St Basil's Presbytery in Basildon Parish. The post will be part-time (approximately 15 hours per week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). Application forms can be obtained by contacting Father Sabu via the Parish email address: basildon@brcdt.org. Job description can be viewed via our website Job description: Housekeeper Our Lady & All Saints -Basildon (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us Closing date for applications is 6th October 2023.

3: A vacancy has arisen for a **part-time Caretaker** at The Immaculate Conception, Epping. The post will be part-time (three hours per week – with a flexible working agreement to be agreed) Closing date is noon on 4th October 2023. Please send your CV by email to admin@eppingparish.plus.com Job description: [JD014_08 – Caretaker Cleaner – Epping Official V.2 \(002\)](#)

4: Parish Administrator. St Joseph the Worker, Hutton is looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. The post is for 12 hours a week, over two days (one must be a Friday). Closing date is noon on 4th October 2023. For further information, please contact Fr Leslie Knight on 01277 221917 or email hutton@brcdt.org

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Friday 29/09/23: **Team 5** / Thursday 05/10/23: **Team 1**
COFFEE MORNING: 24/09/23: African Community Group / 01/10/23: Diane + Adrian