

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

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<b>Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Mr and Mrs R Cooke RIP
<b>Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Intentions: Fr Tony McKentey
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Deacon Yves Ferriere RIP
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Marie Elizabeth Elberfeld RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Intentions: Theresa Boshans
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ss Cosmas &amp; Damian, Mm</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Cristeta Poblador RIP
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Vincent de Paul, Pr</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Intentions: Canon Anthony McKentey
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> In Thanksgiving- Jo Briant [LS]
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL ARCHANGELS</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Fr James Hawes RIP
	<i>Church</i>	<b>4:30 pm</b> Reception of Coffin
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Jerome, Pr, D</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> Intentions: Valerie Quinlivan
	<i>Church</i>	<b>12:00 pm</b> <b>REQUIEM – S. Alice Bellord RIP</b>
	<b>C.G.H Chapel</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b> Intentions: Patients and Staff
<b>Saturday Oct 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus [Lisieux], V D</b>	
	<i>Church</i>	<b>9:15 am</b> William Collings RIP

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]**

<b>Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Roger Thurlow RIP
<b>Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mr and Mrs Lane RIP
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Intentions: Nigerian Community
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Polish Mass
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Filipino Mass
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Holy Souls RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	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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September 25<sup>th</sup> 2016

From Adrian Lowe, Seminarian.

I left the parish last week to begin my priestly formation in seminary. I would like to thank everyone for your kindness to me whilst I have been living and working here, and also for your cards, gifts and many kind words of encouragement over the last few weeks in particular. It has been a privilege to be a part of the life of this church and I have learnt a lot from everyone. I still have much to learn and listen to but please be assured of my prayers as I move on to the next stage of my journey.

The gospel each Sunday always has pride of place in the Mass readings, often being read accompanied by candles and incense. This is absolutely right as these are the words of Christ and He speaks directly to us about the way we live our lives and how His mercy and compassion can transform us and work through us to help others. With such an important message each week, we can sometimes miss things in the other readings. I would just like to end my newsletter reflections with the beautiful conclusion to the second reading this week, which is a great moment of praise of Christ:

***who at the due time will be revealed  
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,  
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,  
who alone is immortal,  
whose home is in inaccessible light,  
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:  
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.***

With my thanks and prayers always,

Adrian

**Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes**

<b>HOSPITAL MASS</b>	<b>This Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 12 noon</b>
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, 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 Merces, 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.

**FR TONY:** The latest news from the hospital is that Fr Tony is still making slow, but continued, progress in his recovery and is showing a marked improvement over the last week. He is expected to remain in hospital for a few more weeks. Thank you again for your prayers and cards.

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND:** We welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Riley Gilmore**. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

**CHANGE TO MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER:** Please note that for this *Wednesday only*, Mass will be at 9:15am. There will be no 12:15 Mass because of a Clergy Meeting in the Deanery.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** The next second collection will be on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, following CAFOD Harvest Fast Day on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October. There will be envelopes in the porch if you prefer to use them.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** The Requiem Mass for S Alice Bellord takes place here on 30<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon. Her body will be received into church the previous day, 29<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30pm. Burial at the Community Cemetery, New Hall, will take place later that day. The Requiem Mass for Kathleen Howling will take place here on 4<sup>th</sup> October at 1:15pm.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Recommences this Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, here in the Crypt, 10:00 -12:00. Topic: The First Letter of St John.

**FILMS FOR FAITH:** The next showing is this Wednesday, in the Crypt – 1pm for a 1:15 start – and it will be Catholicism – the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> episodes.

**ST BENEDICT'S COLLEGE OPEN EVENING:** Takes place at the College on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September from 7pm to 9pm. *If you have a child in Year 6 and who does not attend a Catholic Primary School*, further information will be given in due course regarding the completion of the Certificate of Practice.

**MONKWICK NEWS:** Our final Coffee Morning for this year will be held on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October from 10am to 12noon at St Theodore's. There will be a sale

of delicious homemade cakes, bring and buy stall, raffle, etc., Mary and Chris M will be hosting the morning and look forward to seeing you all there.

**YEAR OF MERCY AUTUMN TALKS AT CATHEDRAL HOUSE:** *“Living the Works of Mercy in a secular age”*. Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, 10:30am-12noon

**QUIZ NIGHT AT ST TERESA'S:** The Knights of St Columba warmly invite you to a family Quiz Night on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, at St Teresa's Parish Hall at 7:30pm. Bring your own drink, but buffet refreshments are provided. £5 per person, with a special children's round with prizes. Raffle as well as prizes for the overall best teams. Please contact Stefan on 07948 148531 or pay at the door.

**THE NIGERIAN COMMUNITY** invites the parish community to join them in the Thanksgiving Mass at 10.30am next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, and to a reception afterwards in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING EVENT:** The next Planning Meeting takes place in the Crypt on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, after the 10:30 Mass. Representatives from the diverse communities within our Parish are most welcome to attend.

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

**MERSEA NEWS:** The next coffee morning will be on October 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:30 and will be hosted by Margaret Ashmore, 18 Mersea Avenue. All very welcome

**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.

**CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA:** Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> - Team 3.

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