

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 24th	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Diana + Family
Sunday 25th	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Margaret Fitzgerald RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: M. Ong
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Private Intention
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Paul Richard B. Brusola RIP
Monday 26th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas
Tuesday 27th			St Vincent de Paul, Pr
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Christopher Gibson RIP
Wednesday 28th			Feria
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	John McGinley RIP
Thursday 29th			SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Archangels
	<i>Church</i>	* 8.00 am	Thanksgiving (RJ)
Friday 30th			St Jerome, Pr, D
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Jim Bell RIP
Saturday 1st October			St Therese of the Child Jesus (Lisieux), V, D
	<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Ints: Kalesita Waqa

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 1st	<i>Monkwick</i>	5.00 pm	Sheila RIP
Sunday 2nd	<i>Church</i>	8.00 am	Elizabeth O'Karo RIP
	<i>Church</i>	10.30 am	Ints: D + S O'Sullivan
	<i>Church</i>	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	<i>Church</i>	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	<i>Church</i>	6.30 pm	Parishioners
	<i>West Mersea</i>	8.30 am	Pauline Carter RIP
	<i>Mile End</i>	9.30 am	Barry Fitzgerald RIP

- ❖ 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, please complete envelope & drop through presbytery door. A suggested minimum stipend is £10 per Mass. The Mass Intention will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook or collection from Church).

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS ON THURSDAY 29th IS AT 8.00am



Please check out our Facebook page for all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy/Church photos/videos. Please remember to **like & follow** our page!

ST. JAMES THE LESS AND ST. HELEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) WEEK COMMENCING 25TH SEPTEMBER 2022

This weeks Gospel of Lazarus and the Rich man reminds us that poverty poses a dramatic problem of Justice. All that is needed for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing, nothing to recognise the equal rights of all people to take their place at the table of the common banquet. In today's Gospel Lazarus represents the family struggling to pay their energy bills and put food on their table, the elderly person with no one to visit them, or the young person who lacks the opportunities to fulfil their potential. The Church's social doctrine is both a judge and defender of unrecognised and violated rights for the poor the weak and the least. The Rich man in the Gospel was completely unaware of Lazarus in life and ended up suffering miserably in eternity. Justice will be done in the end however, we have the opportunity and the obligation to ensure that justice is done now and that people are seated at the common banquet table of the Lord in every sense. The World energy council recently said "a radical generosity is needed to prevent lives being lost because of soaring gas and electricity bills this winter" This is not just true of the lives now but the well being of our souls in eternity.

Fr. Paschal

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: Abolition of the Death Penalty. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31) **Beware of complacency and compensating.** Today we are warned about being complacent. Too often, we think everything is fine in our lives and then we realise we've drifted apart and feel isolated from our spouse; the atmosphere is strained; it is lonely in bed. The danger is to compensate with activities outside our marriage instead of sitting down, holding hands and getting back together again.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Darline + Peter Wyatt, Dorothy Golding, Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Jim Lynas, Maureen R. We continue to pray for all persons who are ill or are in need and for those who have recently died.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Canon Patrick Sammon who has recently passed away. The Requiem Mass for Fr Pat will be celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead on Thurs 29th September at 11.30am. His body will be received into the church on Weds 28th September at 7pm. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal: Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. There will be a second collection after all Masses on 8th & 9th October. If you prefer to use the specially printed envelopes, there will be a supply of these in the Church porch.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR SACRAMENTAL COURSES. Our Faith Formation Programs rely on good Catechists and Volunteers to model God's love to the children and assist the parents in bringing them knowledge and understanding of the faith. We are looking for parents/volunteers to help run the Confirmation course starting soon. Please consider adding your name to the list in the Church Porch.

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. Please contact the Presbytery (866317). As the saying goes,...Many hands make light work. Thank you.

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTION: A collection will be taken for PACT in respect of Prisoner's Sunday on 16th October. PACT is the national charity that provides support to prisoners, people with convictions, and their families through a range of family, court, helpline and prison and community-based services. Their vision of a society in which justice is understood as a process of restoration and healing, and where the innate dignity and worth of every human is valued.

VISIT OF ST BERNADETTE RELICS at Brentwood Cathedral on **Sunday 16th October.** We are looking into hiring a coach for this special event; with the coach departing from East Hill at 12pm after 10.30am Mass and leaving Brentwood Cathedral at 2.30pm. If interested in going, please add your name to the Coach Seat reservation list in Church Porch.

DATE CHANGE! SVP RACE NIGHT: Will now be held on Saturday 8th October 2022 from 7.30-10pm. Come and enjoy yourselves, try and win some money by picking the winners and raise money for the SVP. Tickets £5 an adult; children come free. Light refreshments provided. There will be a bar. Tickets available after each Sunday Mass or email Colchestersvp@gmail.com anyone who has already purchased their ticket and cannot make the new date can have a refund by contacting the SVP in person or phone or via the website. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES: The First Holy Communion Certificates are ready for collection from the Presbytery for all the children who celebrated their sacrament on 12th and 19th June 2022. Also available are the Certificates for those who celebrated this Sacrament in 2021.

SVP CUPPA CLUB: will meet every **Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am** in Cardinal Bourne Hall. Come and enjoy a free tea/coffee and cake with friends. Newspapers, puzzles, games & crafts, etc., will be available.

LITTLE SAINTS TOTS: Our parish Tots group is every Wednesday during term time 8:50am-11am. All welcome for play, crafts and a snack. Tea/coffee for adults. If you attend with your child, please consider volunteering, please contact Julia on 07854296437.

RED MISSIO BOXES: If you have a full Red Missio Box please drop this into the Presbytery. Emptied boxes can also be collected from Presbytery.

PARLIAMENT IN YOUR PARISH (CAFOD): Last year, in the lead up to COP26, St Teresa of Lisieux took part in an on-line discussion with our MP, Will Quince, supported by Chris Driscoll from CAFOD. Mr. Quince has very kindly agreed to meet with us again, this time face-to-face in our parish hall, on **Friday 30 September at 11.30am**. If you are interested in attending this event, please email Peter Johnson maryandpeter13@btinternet.com for more info and advise that you are attending event.

BCYS YOUTH MASS: Thursday 6th October, Brentwood cathedral. Starting from 6pm for pizza, we are then delighted to be joined by Fr Paschal Uche and others to share their vocations stories and answer any of your questions, before we begin Youth Mass at 7:30pm where Fr Paschal will also be preaching. Open to all those in years 9 and above, no booking necessary.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER on 22nd - 23rd October, Mersea Island. Guest speakers Barry and Margaret Mizen will be sharing the incredible story of how they chose to forgive the man who killed their son Jimmy the day after his 16th Birthday. The SVP will also be leading a workshop, and there will be the chance to try a brilliant range of activities from climbing, high ropes, archery and so much more! The cost is just £55 for the weekend, with coach travel and all meals included. This event is for anyone in years 9-13, and you can book NOW at www.bcys.net/events



PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE. Give comfort to those who suffer because of the violence. Give comfort to those who mourn their dead, and strength to neighboring countries to welcome the refugees. Convert the hearts of those who resort to arms and protect those who work to promote peace

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM: Monday 26/09/22: **Team 4** / Thursday 06/10/22: **Team 1**
CBH COFFEE MORNING: 25/09/22: **Yolande + 1** / 02/10/22: **SVP**