

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 26th	Church	6.15 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 27th	Church	8.00 am	Ints: S. Jacob
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Ints: A. Harley
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
Live Stream	Monkwick	10.15 am	Vivien Clancy RIP

Monday 28th	St Irenaeus, Bp, M		
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Jean Silk RIP
	West Mersea	7.30 pm	Private Intention

Tuesday 29th	SS PETER AND PAUL, App <small>HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</small>		
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	John Dolamore RIP
	Church	12.15 pm	Private Intention
	Church	7.30 pm	Private Intention

Wednesday 30th	Feria		
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Mary Brennan RIP

Thursday 1st July	St Oliver Plunket, Bp, M		
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Ints: Colin Ffloyd-Thurgood

Friday 2nd	Feria		
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Frederick, Elizabeth + Angelo Lucas

Saturday 3rd	ST THOMAS, Ap		
Live Stream	Church	10.00 am	Barbara Byrne RIP

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 3rd	Church	6.15 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 4th	Church	8.00 am	Ints: Marco B
	Church	10.30 am	Private Intention
	Church	2.00 pm	Polish Mass
	Church	6.30 pm	Private Intention
	West Mersea	8.30 am	Private Intention
	Monkwick	10.15 am	Peggy Wilding RIP

FACEMASKS. It is now a legal requirement that facemasks or coverings are worn when entering all places of worship (unless you are medically exempt or under 11yrs)

- ❖ For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please email or contact our parish office.
- ❖ Visiting for the Sacrament of the Sick is possible, under certain circumstances.
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after 10am Mass and 5.30pm-6.00pm
- ❖ Mass Intentions. These can be posted through the presbytery letterbox and they will be published in the newsletter (available on the parish website or via Facebook).
- ❖ If you are self-isolating and would like to speak to a priest or have any worries, please contact us at the Presbytery on 01206 866317 and we will try to help you.

LIVE STREAM: DAILY MASSES AND A SUNDAY MASS
(Weekdays 10am, please see Schedule for Sunday Live Stream Mass Time)

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Please check out our Facebook page for Live Stream Masses and all the latest Parish/Diocese/Vatican news, Clergy/Church photos/videos. Please remember to [like](#) & [follow](#) our page!

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WITH MERSEA, MILE END AND MONKWICK

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Week Commencing 27th June 2021

"It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world". That envy breeds division in a world intended to be united with God and to be truly alive – separation from God is death. The Scripture we hear in today's Mass shows how the healing of that division overcomes sickness, and death itself. Jesus performs miracles that invite faith in Him. That faith is a response to what He reveals of Himself that sees us move towards God, closing the divide. The prayers of those who respond with faith, whether silent, like those of the woman suffering from a haemorrhage, or aloud like those of Jairus, will be answered. Their faith has saved them. Jesus often asks the sick to believe, a constant invitation he makes to all of us to reunite with God and live again. Those who continue to choose division and faithlessness will discover true death, but those of us who respond with faith will truly live, giving praise and thanks forever.

Alex Wyndham (Seminarist)

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer at 9.45 ^{am}	All Temporarily suspended
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	
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2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt (8.00 ^{pm})	



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: The Beauty of Marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 2 Corinthians 8:7; 9:13-15 Mark 5:21-43) **The triumph of love over fear.** The love that a married couple have for one another gives them the strength to overcome together the situations that occur in their life. Whether it is illness, difficult relationships with children or parents, unemployment, work issues or financial worries, Jesus tells us not to be afraid but to trust and have faith in each other and in Him.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Despite all the restrictions, let us be thankful that we can once again gather together, despite social distancing, as God's people. Please note the following norms which remain in place in order to promote a COVID 19 safe environment :-

- Churches will open 15 minutes before start of Mass
- Facemasks must be worn when entering all places of worship (unless medically exempt)
- Entrance to Church will be via the main door, exit by the side door
- Hand sanitiser is available at entrance and exit, though you may bring your own
- It will be essential that people sit where they are asked and do not move from there
- The use of face covering/mask in Church is now mandatory (please don't forget yours when attending Church) and that you wear it so that it covers both your mouth and nose.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times within Church.
- An Offertory Collection box will be situated at entrance and exit; the donation station is also useable
- No touching of Statues or Images in Church
- Toilets will be closed except for genuine emergencies.
- We are still required to have Church Stewards in attendance at each Mass and the Church will be cleaned after each Service in readiness for the next Mass to be held.
- No mingling with other people you do not live with after Mass outside the Church.

THE PARISH STEWARDS ARE HERE TO HELP AND DIRECT YOU TO YOUR SEAT(S), PLEASE BE POLITE TO THEM AS THEY CAN ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE CHURCH IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND DIOCESAN REGULATIONS.

Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who has reason to believe that they have been in contact with someone who has, should not attend church or volunteer in any capacity until they have received medical advice that it is safe to do so.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound especially Elizabeth Pace, Hilda Morah, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Valerie Thurston, Jimmy Clarin, Jim Lynas. We pray for all persons who have contracted Covid-19 and their families.

UPDATE!

➤ **CANCELLATION OF PARISH BBQ/DAY ON SUNDAY 18th JULY.** We are sorry to advise that this event has had to be cancelled due to the extension of the Covid 19 restrictions. We will advise new date when restrictions have been lifted.

DIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTION: There will be a 2nd collection after all Masses today for **Peter's Pence. Be a sign of Mercy;** Today we take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a significant way to support the Universal Church. In part, this collection, supported by Catholics around the globe, helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world. It also supports the ongoing activities of the Holy See. Please be generous today.

SUNDAY MASSES (8^{am} & 10.30^{am}): We are pleased to advise that a member of the Norbertines will celebrate these Masses this Sunday. Please give them a big welcome and keep them in your prayers.

MERSEA NEWS: Please use the following links for reserving seats at Mass (right click booking form and open hyperlink) alternatively, links for booking forms are on website under mass times:
Sun 4th July [Booking Form](#) **Sun 11th July** [Booking Form](#) **Sun 18th July** [Booking Form](#)

NEW CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION COURSE 2021: The Confirmation course started last Saturday 20th June in Cardinal Bourne Hall at 4^{pm} until 6^{pm} followed by all candidates attending the 6.30^{pm} Mass in the Church after. The course will run every Sunday up to the end of school term. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who is interested in his or her child making this sacrament.

SAVE THE DATE: The SVP would like to invite you to a **Tea Party on Saturday 21st August 2021** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. More details to follow nearer the time. We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. All monies will be used to help those in need.

GATEHOUSE MASS: The attached link is for those interested in watching the Gatehouse Mass which took place on 24th June 2021 <https://youtu.be/ITXujRBZaU8>. This is also available on our Facebook page.

FAITH FOR THE FAMILY: This will be a short friendly interactive discussion with Fr Paschal on each Sundays Gospel readings on Mondays at 5^{pm} (via Zoom) lasting approx. 30 mins. It would be great if all family members (all ages) could drop by, you don't have to commit to weekly! If interested in participating - Meeting ID: 843 2602 2208/ Passcode: 883004. We hope to see you there.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: you are invited to **Reimagine** a 20-minute meditation reflecting back on the last 18 mths and looking forward in hope on Friday 9th July at 5.30^{pm}. No need to book: Meeting ID: 819 3350 2799. Passcode: 821594. Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81933502799?pwd=ZEtWVlZHeGtuTlI3bjUwZ093UGNOdz09>

RED MISSIO BOXES (APF): Please remember to collect your emptied "Red Boxes" from the Presbytery. Full boxes can also be dropped off here. Thank you.

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.

PARISH FINANCES: If you wish to make an offering/donation this can be done in various ways:

- By dropping envelope through Presbytery door (please write on envelope Mass Offering or Parish Maintenance) or in the Donation Basket situated at Church entrance & Exit
- Diocesan Online Donation platform (where donations can also be gift aided):-
 St. James the Less & St. Helen <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester>
 St. Cedd & St. Gregory: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-b>
 St. Theodore of Canterbury: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=colchester-d>

Everything that happens in our parish is only possible with your support. Thank you