

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday August 27th	6:15 pm	Stephen Mooney RIP
Sunday August 28th	8:00 am	Edna Nutall RIP
	10:30 am	Arthur William Kirk RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Colin Taylor RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Intentions: Fr Tony
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Margaret Cameron RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Parishioners
Monday 29th Bank Holiday	10:00 am	Passion of St John the Baptist [Bank Holiday] Dec. Rels. Caldeira Family RIP

Tuesday 30th **Feria**
Church **9:15 am** Intentions: Mrs M L Family

Wednesday 31st **Feria**
Church **12:15 pm** Sir Longinus Oagubor RIP

Thursday Sept 1st **St Sebbi, King of the East Saxons**
Church **9:15 am** Intentions: Sykes Family

Friday 2nd **Feria**
Church **9:15 am** Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Saturday 3rd **ST GREGORY THE GREAT, P.D**
Church **9:15 am** Adriano Mariano RIP

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]

Saturday September 3rd	6:15 pm	Jim O'Hare
Sunday September 4th	8:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	Intentions: Marco Bertoni
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4:00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Deacon Yves Ferriere RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Virginia Mitchell 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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From Adrian Lowe, Seminarian.

On the first Monday of the month, I go to a local coffee shop and treat myself to a filter coffee with a chocolate caramel shortbread – hopefully I am not giving too much away about my coffee habits! I hand over £3.20 and I am given my food and drink. It is a transaction, one of many that we usually carry out each day – someone buys us a drink, we buy one in return; we are invited to dinner and so invite our hosts to us next time; we open a door for someone, they open the next door for us. These are all normal, healthy things that are a part of life and these transactions extend right through all that we do: I am supportive of my friends and those close to me, but I expect the same in return; parents care for their children and later in life the reverse often happens. It would be strange to have a wedding where one party agrees to take the other for better or worse, richer or poorer, in sickness and health and for the other part of the couple to say nothing! It is an **exchange** of vows.

The Gospel asks us today to examine how much of our life consists of transactions, of costs and calculations, and to evaluate if we can practise being able to love without any expectation of being paid back in this life. Pope Francis has written two beautiful lines about this, that 'life grows by being given away' and 'life is attained and matures in the measure it is offered up to others.'

Let us pray this week for the grace to keep growing in love and humility, to take the lowest place at table and await our reward in the next life.

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

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 Resume on September 7th

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 Mercedes, 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.

FATHER TONY UPDATE: Fr Tony has had his second operation and is making a good recovery. It is expected he will remain in hospital for a brief time before starting his convalescence. Those wishing to send cards, please bring them to the Parish Office for forwarding. Thank you

BAPTISMS TODAY: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, Emma, Chinyere, Chioma and Julius William. God bless these children and congratulations to their family.

CHOIR PRACTICE: starts on Thursday 1st September 7:30 in the Church. Returning to 10:30 Mass on the 4th September. New singers or musicians welcome. For more information contact Lesley 01206 512310.

FILMS FOR FAITH RECOMMENCE ON 7th SEPTEMBER: In the crypt at 1pm for a 1:15pm start. The film being screened is the Richard Burton classic, "The Robe". All are welcome and refreshments will be provided.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Will take place on 7th September at 7:30pm. In the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (R.C.I.A.): The Journey in Faith programme is a series of informal weekly meetings to provide knowledge and guidance to those adults who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Have you or someone you know ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Are you married to a Catholic or about to get married and want to know more? Perhaps you have been baptized as a child but for various reasons haven't received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation. Then this programme may be for you. The first meeting will take place on *Thursday 8th September* at 7:00pm in the Crypt. Please come along if you are keen to find out about the Catholic Faith. Give your name and contact details to one of the Priests, to the Parish Office or contact Cathy O'Connor 01206

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HERITAGE WEEKEND 9TH/10TH SEPTEMBER: Are you interested in history and like meeting people? Volunteers are needed to help at St. John's Abbey Gatehouse. For more information please call Pauline on 01206 768418

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: The Knights of St. Columba are having their annual pilgrimage to *Clare Priory, Suffolk on the 10th Sept. 2016*. All parishioners are welcome. Cost £16. Please contact Stewart Taylor for details on 07545 829333.

MERSEA NEWS: The next Mersea Coffee Morning takes place on Tuesday, September 13th, and will be hosted by Anne Marie Jacobs at Rewalls Farm, starting at 10:30am. All are most welcome.

THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR NEW BORN UP TO AGED 6: Will take place on *Fridays 16th and 23rd September in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9pm*. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. There is no need to make an appointment – just turn up. Both sessions must be attended, and the date of baptisms will be booked during the course.

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS: "So Many Decades - Jukebox Musical". Follow two children through the decades of musicals 1930's – 2000 to complete a homework assignment. Sing along to well known songs. Friday 16th and Saturday 17th September 7.30 pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Door open 7.00 pm. Adults £5 children and concessions £2.50. For more information contact Lesley 01206 512310.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Day of Reflection and Presentations – Saturday 17th September 11am – 3pm. Prayer in the Parish. Poster in the Porch.

THE POLISH COMMUNITY invite you, on *18th September from 5pm-8pm*, in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, to a celebration of Polish and English music with coffee and Polish cakes, to commemorate St Stanislaus Kostka. All welcome – free entrance.-

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Recommences on Wednesday, September 28th, here in the Crypt, 10:00-12:00. Topic: the First Letter of St John.

MONKWICK NEWS: The next coffee morning at St Theodore's takes place there on 1st October between 10am and 12 noon and will be hosted by Mary and Christine M. Thanks to everyone who attended our Coffee Mornings this summer. They have all been very enjoyable!

MISSIO MAGAZINES: For Autumn 2016 are available at the entrance to the Church, free. If you are not already a Red Box holder but wish to become one, please contact Ron Griffin after Saturday 6:15pm Mass at Priory Street, or telephone 01206 571590.

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, September 1st : Team 3.

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