

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday 27th	6.15 pm	Mr. Roger Thurlow RIP
Sunday 28th	8:00 am	Baby Joshua Walker RIP
	10:30 am	Stephen Silvere RIP
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Michael & Bridget Brady RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	4.00 pm	Malayalam Mass & Rosary
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Thanksgiving Mass for Norbertine Order, Chelmsford

Monday 29th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Thanksgiving for Good Health
Tuesday 30th		Feria
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	P. Norton RIP + Fams
Wednesday 31st		Feria
<i>Church</i>	12.15 pm	Sidney Finch & Rose Jane Castell
<i>West Mersea</i>	7.30 pm	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas
Thursday 1st November	ALL SAINTS	Solemnity - Holyday of Obligation
STM School Mass <i>Church</i>	9.30 am	T. Frost RIP + Fams
	12.15 pm	Mr. Gerry Pepe RIP
	7.30 pm	Bridget Smith RIP
Friday 2nd	ALL SOULS	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Mr. Alphonse Knapp
	12.15 pm	Mr. Luigi Ferpozzi RIP
	7.30 pm	NDL
Saturday 3rd		St Martin de Porres
<i>Church</i>	9.30 am	Canon John Bloomfield

THIRY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [B]

Saturday 3rd	6.15 pm	Ints: Paul Thurgood
Sunday 4th	8:00 am	Ron Kernott
	10:30 am	Katarzyna Antonczak-Hammond
	2:00 pm	Polish Mass
	4.00 pm	Filipino Mass
	6:30 pm	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Yadi Khodaverdi RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	The Homeless

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (confession): Saturday 9:45am - 10:30am; 5:30pm - 6.00pm
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months' notice is required
BAPTISM COURSE: www.stjamesthelessandsthelen.org under events where a list of course dates are available

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The central theme of today's readings is the overflowing mercy and kindness of a loving, healing and forgiving God for His children. The first reading tells us how a forgiving and compassionate God has been healing the spiritual blindness of His Chosen People by subjecting them to captivity in Babylon and liberating them and bringing them back to their homeland. The Jerusalem journey of Jesus in the company of the lame and the blind connects the first reading to today's gospel. The healing of the blind Bartimaeus in today's Gospel is also seen as the fulfillment of the joyful prophecy of Jeremiah about the return of the exiled Jews from Babylon to their homeland. The second reading, presents Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for sins and as the true High Priest of the New Testament. Today's Gospel explains how Jesus shows the mercy and compassion of his Heavenly Father by healing the blind Bartimaeus. Jesus is concerned with the blind beggar, Bartimaeus of Jericho. On hearing that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, Bartimaeus loudly expressed his trusting faith in the healing power of Jesus by shouting his request, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." When Jesus invited him to come near, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak. His meeting with Jesus gave Bartimaeus the gift of spiritual and physical sight, and he became a disciple of Jesus.

Fr John

PLEASE SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL CHANGES

DAILY	Morning Prayer	8:30am
DAILY	Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:50am
SUNDAYS:	Rosary/Divine Mercy	<i>following</i> 8.00am Mass
2 nd SUNDAY MONTHLY	Eucharistic Adoration	5.00pm-6.00pm
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesdays in Crypt	8.00pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: Please join with Pope Francis in praying for **The Mission of Religious** - That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Nicollas and Adam Campbell-Vencarto, Pat Keene, Venetia Hetherington, Elizabeth Pace, Vicky Culham, Peter Ledgley, Hilda Morah

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS ON THURSDAY is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are as follows: - Vigil Mass at Mersea on Wednesday, 31st October, at 7:30pm; at Priory Street on Thursday 1st November: 9:30am [School Mass]; 12:15pm and 7:30pm.

HOLY SOULS: November is the month of Holy Souls. If you wish to remember your loved ones, special envelopes are available in the porch and Masses will be offered for them during the month.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION: After all Masses this weekend there will be a collection for the Parish Renovation Fund (2 of 4).

MORNING PRAYER: Please note that from **29th October 2018** the Morning Prayer will be moved from 8.30am to **9.15am daily**.

BAPTISM TODAY: We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Isabella Rose. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM: This takes place in Cardinal Bourne Hall on **Sunday 4th November with a start time of 12pm (noon)** and will finish at approximately 1pm. Provision has been made for children to be supervised in crypt whilst parents attend meeting, if required.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018/2019: The Programme will commence in November with the **Parents Session** on **Friday 9th November 7.30pm – 9.00pm** in the Crypt and the **Children's Session** on **Saturday 10th November 10.00am – 12.00 Noon** in Hall and Crypt. For further information contact Hywel and Pam Edwards via prioryst_fhc@btinternet.com or 01206 867325.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: for new-borns and children up to age 6 yrs. will take place on **Thursday 29th November 2018** here in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9.00pm (entrance to Crypt is via Church). No appointment is necessary and all baptism dates will be arranged during the Course

MILE END NEWS: The next Coffee Morning is on **4th November** after the 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's will be held at the Dog & Pheasant – All are most welcome.

CHRISTMAS MARKET on November 24th: This coming week the request is for donations of unwanted gifts, Jewellery and Perfumes. Please drop all donations into Presbytery or speak to Frances or Norah after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday or contact Norah (01206) 503410 or Frances (01206) 369568 to arrange collection.

ACN CREAM TEA: Come and join us for a friendly and yummy cream tea on Saturday **3rd November at 3pm** in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. All proceeds to **Aid to the Church in Need**. £5 per person. Bring some friends and a little something for the raffle. Please reserve seats with Anne 07880852738.

RIDE + STRIDE: **Thank you** to all sponsors and everyone who took part in this event £266.00 was raised in sponsorship with £133.00 received from Ride and Stride for the Parish Fund.

WEDNESDAY FILM GROUP: The next showing is on **7th November with a start time of 1.15pm** screening *"The Robe"*. Everyone is most welcome. No Entrance fee just make a donation towards refreshments. Please see noticeboard for future films and dates.

HEALING SERVICE at English Martyrs, 240 Alma Ave, Hornchurch RM12 6BJ: If you are feeling stressed, anxious, emotionally/psychologically broken or generally struggling with life, you are warmly invited to attend the Healing Service on **Saturday 1st December from 6-8pm** for emotional, psychological and spiritual healing. To register your attendance please email HealingService@English-Martyrs.com or contact Mandy on 0780 1470 516.

PAN-AFRICAN ANNUAL MASS: for the African Communities will be held on **Sunday 28th October at 2.30pm** - Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 51 Cambridge Park, Wanstead, London E11 2PR. The Mass will be followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: Quiet Day **Wednesday 31st October 10:00am to 3:00pm** at 74 Howe Close, Colchester, CO4 3XD. Please come for the day or call in for part of the day. Please contact T: 01206 867296 or email crssuk@canonesses.co.uk to let us know if you are coming. Bring lunch. All welcome.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: Bringing the story of St Nicolas to life with the wonderful music of Benjamin Britten in a one-off semi-staged performance on **Saturday 17 November at 7pm**. Tickets are just £15 and can be booked online at Eventbrite.co.uk - St Nicolas or obtained from 01277 219746 or BrentwoodChoralSociety@gmail.com

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: A stunning opportunity to come-and-sing Handel's Messiah with professional soloists and orchestra in a Cathedral is one that many amateur singers covet. On **15 December** at Brentwood Cathedral they have an opportunity to realise that dream. Booking is now open and you can download the booking form from the Cathedral website or book by contacting David Worsfold on 01277 221445 or david.worsfold@zen.co.uk.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE, ABBOTSWICK: November Service to commemorate loved. Those with relatives and friends commemorated at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a service of prayer on **Thursday 29th November at 6.00pm**. The names of those remembered here will be read out during the service, which will include hymns and scripture readings and will be followed by tea and cakes. Please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277373959 if you have any questions; otherwise, simply turn up on the evening.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: Please keep donating much needed items and remember those we are helping in your prayers

❖ **SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society):** Telephone number - 07493 439427.

❖ **CARDINAL BOURNE HALL BOOKINGS:** cb.hall@btinternet.com
or Tel: 07758 805263 [**answerphone only** – please leave a message]

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday 1st November 2018: Team 1.