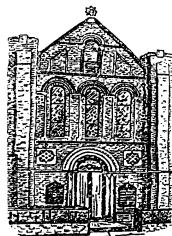


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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A] 3rd July 2011

My dear friends

Today we will be explaining the new responses to the Mass that come into effect this September. As the Bishops told us, this translation has been prepared to be more faithful to the original Latin, and to the words of scripture on which some responses are based. There is also a need to make sure that the faith of the Church is clearly expressed. We highlight here certain words from the newly translated Creed;

'Only Begotten Son'. These words also appear in the Gloria. They replace the word 'only', and they translate the Latin more fully. They reaffirm our faith that Jesus did not merely materialise as the Son of God, but that he was intentionally begotten; his presence has always been part of the divine plan.

'Born of the Father before all ages'. This replaces the words 'eternally begotten of the Father', and makes them more precise. Jesus dwelled with the Father before time began. See, for example, the first two verses of John's account of the Gospel.

'Consubstantial'. This word is a mouthful. In the entire revised translation of the Mass, this is probably the one word that will raise the most eyebrows. It replaces the expression 'of one Being', and it describes the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the previous translation, 'of one Being' was thought to be more comprehensible and closer to the original Greek of the Creed. However, the revised translation chooses a word that lies closer to the Latin equivalent, *consubstantialis*.

The question of how Jesus relates to the Father has immense importance. Heresies have divided Christians over this very issue. The early Church councils forged a vocabulary that carefully articulates orthodox faith, and they chose this word to express the dogma of Jesus' divinity. The Latin word means 'having the same substance', which is even more fundamental than 'of one Being'. 'Consubstantial' is a very unusual word. We don't use it for anything else. But it is describing a very unusual thing – the nature of Jesus Christ. He is not like anything or anyone else.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please note changes to Mass Times overleaf

Sunday 3 rd July	7:30pm	Parish Council AGM	See below
Monday, 4 th	7:30pm	Mercy Associates Meeting	See below
Saturday 9 th	2pm	J & P Meeting	Crypt

DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am. [Wed. 11:15am]
PRAYER GROUP Mondays @ 8pm in the Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt
EXPOSITION Saturdays at 9:45-10:30am

SICK: Please remember in your prayers May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Casiano Pasumbal, Leah Patterson, Patrick Quinlivan, Hector Silva, Ellen Woodley.

BAPTISM TODAY: Livinya Maria Stallwood-Williams. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: Early notification of the dates of the next Baptism Course: **Friday 23rd September and Friday, 30th September. 7:30pm in the Crypt.** If you wish to present a child – newborn to aged 6 yrs – for baptism, you will need to attend this Course. No appointment is necessary, just turn up on the evening but, both sessions must be attended. As usual, reminders will be given via the Newsletter nearer the time.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Buddo who has recently died. May she rest in peace. Her funeral has been arranged at Colchester Crematorium on Wednesday, 6th July at 1:15pm. The funeral of Monica Banks has now been arranged and will be on the 14th July at 11:30am at St Cedd & St Gregory, Mersea.

CAFOD: The next CAFOD collection will be taken up after all Masses today.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM: Takes place this evening, in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, at 7:30pm. If, as a Parish we are to continue to thrive, your support is needed in a diversity of ways and attending the Parish Council AGM is a very good way to start!

MERCY ASSOCIATES: Mercy Associates meet next on Monday 4 July at 7.30pm at Christ Church Court (tel. 763049).

UCM: There is no meeting of the UCM this month as they are manning a stall at the PTA BBQ at St Thomas More School [Friday 8th July].

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: SGBC [Seeking God's Blessing for Colchester] will be collecting food from shoppers outside Asda on Saturday July 9th from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. If any one would like to help for an hour or two giving out fliers or receiving food donations please contact Brian Ford, email:- fordxenopus@yahoo.co.uk They particularly need help at round 3.30 to 4.30 pm from someone with a van to help them deliver food donations to the Big Yellow Storage Centre.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA LOTTERY: The Knights of St Columba are launching a Lottery to raise funds for the Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund [BEEF] and the Brentwood Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Knights will be selling tickets in this Parish on the 10th July.

MERSEA NEWS: The next Coffee morning will take place on Tuesday, 12th July, at the home of Veronica Smith, 6 Trinity Close. All very welcome.

COLCHESTER DEANERY CATHECHISTS' MEETING: On Thursday, 14th July here in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9:30pm. An opportunity for all Catechists of the Deanery to explore together questions related to our present approach to sacramental preparation - Baptism, First Communion/Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Christian initiation through the RCIA process. Facilitator: Sr Nuala Gannon.

KSC STRAWBERRY TEA: On Sunday, 24th July at 3:30pm for 4pm the Knights of St Columba are laying on a strawberry tea for the senior citizens of the Parish in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street. It would be helpful to know how many to expect. Please ring Ron on 797850 or 795715 if you are attending.

THANK YOU: To all who attended and helped with the Parish BBQ last Saturday. The total raised was £440 and will be used for the continuing refurbishment of the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

"100 CLUB" JUNE DRAW: The winners are – Mike Jones [1st Prize of £25]; Sylvia Thompson [2nd Prize of £15]; Ivan Norfolk [3rd Prize of £10]. Congratulations!

TEACHING VACANCY: Headteacher – St George's Catholic Primary School, Shoeburyness – required for January 2012 [Group 2School L15-21]. Closing date 1st September 2011. For an application pack and informal visit, please contact the school – 01702 293522.

CLEANING TEAM ROTA: Thursday, JULY 7th Team 2.

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

3rd July 2011

Saturday July 2nd 6:15 pm Reginald Hammond RIP
Sunday July 3rd 8:00 am Intentions: Lisa Kemp and Ian Hogbin
 10:30 am James Banks RIP
 6:30 pm Thomas Brett RIP [JH]

Mersea 8:30 am Intentions: Lily Ashmore
Mile End 9:15 am Parishioners
Monkwick 10:15 am Holy Souls RIP

Monday 4th **Feria [or St Elizabeth of Portugal]**
Church 7:30 am Thomas Brett RIP [PG]
Church 9:15 am John Reddington RIP

Tuesday 5th **Feria [or St Anthony Zaccaria, Pr]**
Church 9:15 am Helen Lydon RIP

Wednesday 6th **Feria [or St Maria Goretti, V,M]**
Church 7:30 am Thomas Brett RIP
Church 12:15 pm Intentions: Sebastian Tanner

Thursday 7th **Feria**
Church 7:30 am Intentions: Mrs Patricia Roche
Church 9:15 am Thomas Brett RIP

Friday 8th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Intentions: Tom & Maureen McElroy
Church 6:30 pm Thanksgiving [WH]

Saturday 9th **Feria [or St Augustine Zhao Rong, Pr & Comps, Mm]**
Church 9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

10th July 2011 – **Sea Sunday**

Saturday July 9th 6:15 pm Christopher Cooke RIP
Sunday July 10th 8:00 am Thomas Brett RIP [O&BH]
 10:30am Maria Zepeda-Farias RIP
 2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
 5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**
 6:30 pm Canon John Bloomfield RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am Parishioners
Mile End 9:15 am Brendan McCarthy RIP
Monkwick 10:15am Intentions: Joan Boyden

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm*
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter*
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE *At least six months notice is required*
SCHOOLS *St Thomas More* Head: Bridget Harris [865722]
St Benedict's Acting Head: Peter Johnson [549222]
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