

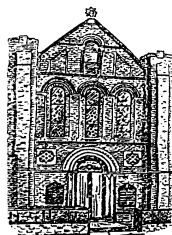
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD [A]

5th JUNE 2011

My dear friends,

We come together to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. As we celebrate it on a Sunday, it is a little more than forty days since Easter. Today, we remember the words of Jesus in John - Chapter 14: "I am going now to prepare a place for you, so that where I am you may be too". Christ has ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us, where he has gone, we hope to follow.

On Ascension Day, Our Lord also gave the Apostles the commission to proclaim the good news throughout the world. He told them to wait and pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit; who would empower them for mission. As we await Pentecost Sunday we pray very earnestly for the Holy Spirit to come down on each one of us in a new, more powerful way.

Today at the 10:30 Mass we welcome our Confirmation Candidates and formally send them forth to Confirmation next week. The Bishop gives permission for Parish Priests to administer the Sacrament on Pentecost Day when we are united with him celebrating the same Sacrament in the Cathedral that morning. Why not wear something red next Sunday in honour of the Holy Spirit, our helper and guide.

Happy Ascension Day to you all,

EVENTS THIS WEEK- Please note changes to Mass Times overleaf

Monday 6 th June	7:30 Mercy Associates Meeting	See below
Wednesday 8 th	N.B. No 12:15 Mass	See below
" "	6:45-8:45pm Scripture Group	Crypt
Friday 10 th	7:30-9:30pm UCM	Crypt
Saturday 11 th	2-4pm J&P Meeting	Crypt
" "	5:30pm Vigil Mass Mersea	See below

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, Wendy Higgins, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Casiano Pasumbal, Leah Patterson, Patrick Quinlivan, Hector Silva, Andrew Southern, Ellen Woodley.

BAPTISMS: Matthew Ethan Jarrett and Daisy-Mae Cowling. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carol Rossborough who has recently died. The funeral of Tony Golding takes place at St Teresa's next Tuesday, 7th June at 11am. May they rest in peace.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION FOR SICK & RETIRED CLERGY FUND: Will be taken up this weekend.

THANK YOU FROM CHILDCARE: For our donation of £140 in response to their Lenten Appeal. "We are truly grateful for your support...This is essential work and could not be undertaken without the support and kindness of our friends".

"100 CLUB" DRAW WINNERS FOR MAY: Julia Griffiths – 1st; Norah Hewitt – 2nd; Lesley Williamson – 3rd. Congratulations!

MERCY ASSOCIATES: Next meet on Monday, 6th June at 7:30pm at Christ Church Court (tel. 763049).

WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE: This coming Wednesday all Clergy will be attending a Meeting at Chigwell concerning the new translation of the Roman Missal. Hence only one Mass at 7:30am.

VIGIL MASS AT MERSEA: At 5:30pm on Saturday 11th June, there will be a Vigil Mass at Mersea for Pentecost. Mass will be followed by a BBQ.

CONFIRMATION MASS: Next Sunday, June 12th, at 10:30am.

MERSEA COFFEE MORNING: The next coffee morning takes place on June 14th at the home of Pauline Aspinall, 5 Prince Albert Road. All welcome.

MONKWICK NEWS: Coffee morning on Saturday 18th June between 10am – 12 noon. It will be hosted by Joyce Wrobel at 26 Queensland Drive. All welcome.

MISSIO: On Saturday, 25th June, at 3pm Bishop Thomas is celebrating Mass at Brentwood Cathedral to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Red Mission Boxes. All Mission Box holders are invited to attend. Please contact Ron Griffin – 01206 571590 – if you wish to go. Mission Today Summer 2011 Special Anniversary Issue magazines are available free at the rear of the Church.

YOUTH NEWS: Heart speaks to Heart – A Summer Youth Festival for those in school years 8-11. Join with other young people from across the South of England for a day of celebration, including music, drama, art, sport and much more. Including performances by Rise Theatre Company, and music led by Edwin Fawcett, finishing with Mass together at the end of the day. Sunday 26th June at the Aylesford Priory, Kent (£10 per person) contact the youth office for more information – 01277 265 286 / info@bcys.net or visit www.bcys.net
Brightlights Young Adult Festival – 1st - 4th July. Be a part of the UK's longest running young adult festival, set in the beautiful grounds of the Aylesford Priory. International speakers, great music, and challenging workshops are just some of the things on offer. Both camping and day tickets are available – go to www.brightlights.org.uk for booking info. *The event on 26th June is organized by the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service and on the 1-4th July by Southwark Catholic Youth Service.*

PARISH BARBECUE: June 25th. 3pm - 5pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall and Church Garden. Adults £5; Children £3; under 5's free. Tickets from Nora 503410; Frances 369568. See poster for full details.

SVP PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 3rd July. The coach will leave East Hill at 9.15 am and will return around 7.00 pm. Please pay your £10 to Anna or any member of the SVP as soon as possible.

Also, the SVP wish to thank everyone who gave so generously to their Annual Collection. The money will be used in various ways to help wherever there is need.

CAN YOU HELP? A 16 year old girl from Germany would like to live with a family in Colchester whilst she studies for a year here. She is a relative of Mr Alphonse Knapp [Mile End]. Please ring him on 851132 if you can help or need more information.

MOVING?: If you are moving, please let the parish office know. If you are newly arrived, please complete a registration form. [Forms in the Porch]. For inclusion on the parish website: admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

CLEANING TEAM ROTA: Thursday, June 9th – Team 2.

LITURGY FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD [A]
Holiday of Obligation – 5th June 2011

Saturday 4th June
Sunday 5th June

6:15 pm Lancelot Milford RIP
8:00 am Dec. Relatives: Lowe Family RIP
10:30 am Patrick Burke RIP
6:30 pm Ints. Joanne Marchant & Family
8:30 am Private Intention
9:15 am Gerry Coyle RIP [A]
10:15 am Parishioners

Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick

Monday 6th

Feria
Church **7:30 am** Jeff Cox RIP
Church **9:15 am** Dr Garret Fitzgerald RIP

Tuesday 7th

Feria
Church **9:15 am** D/Rels: Brogan/Owens Families RIP

Wednesday 8th

Feria
Church **7:30 am** Fr O'Rourke RIP
N.B. NO 12:15PM MASS TODAY

Thursday 9th

Feria
Church **7:30 am** Intentions of Mrs Doody
Church **9.15 am** Albert Gladas RIP
Church **12:30pm** **REQUIEM – SUSAN NEVILLE RIP**

Friday 10th

Feria
Church **9:15 am** Bridget Hopgood RIP
Church **6:30 pm** Dec. Relatives – Betts Family RIP

Saturday 11th

St Barnabas, Ap
Church **9:15 am** Phyllis, Cora and Deirdre RIP

LITURGY FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY [A]
12th June 2011

Saturday June 11th
Sunday June 12th

Mersea **5:30 pm** Parishioners
6:15 pm Leon Hammond RIP
8:00 am Mary & Andrew McAllister RIP
10:30am Mr & Mrs T A Joseph RIP
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**
6:30 pm Bartholomew & Sarah Hourihan RIP
8:30 am Parishioners
9:15 am Mary and John Rutherford RIP
10:15am Holy Souls RIP

West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
SCHOOLS

Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm
Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter
At least six months notice is required
St Thomas More Head: Bridget Harris

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St Benedict's Acting Head: Peter

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