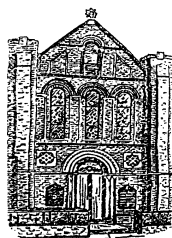


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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A] **February 6th 2011**

My dear friends,

On Thursday of this week I celebrated Mass at St Benedict's with two of the classes in their school chapel, and on Friday morning Year 4 from St Thomas More's came to the 9:15 Mass in church. It is always a joy to celebrate Mass with our young people and to hope and pray that they will always long to receive Jesus who comes to them in love in Holy Communion: "Make your home in me as I make mine in you", says the Lord.

Over the last two Sundays the First Holy Communion children have taken part in the 10:30 Mass as they proceed on their journey of preparation for First Communion. The parish family has been asked to pray for them and hopefully volunteer to be a prayer sponsor for one of the children during their preparation.

This Friday is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Patroness of our Diocese. It is also World Day of Prayer for the Sick. The 9:15 Mass is a Funeral Mass but there is also an evening celebration of the Feast at 6:30pm. Next weekend there will be a second collection towards the Diocesan Lourdes Sick and Helpers' Pilgrimage Fund.

May the Lord strengthen our faith and deepen our love as we go out to be his witnesses in the world. May we be salt to the earth and light to the world.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 7 th February	7:30pm	Mercy Associates	See below
Wednesday 9 th	6:45 pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
" "	7pm	SVP Meeting	
Thursday 10 th	7:30pm	RCIA	Crypt
" "	7:30pm	Finance Committee	
Friday 11 th	7:30-9pm	Baptism Course [1 of 2]	See below
Saturday 12 th	2pm	Justice & Peace Group	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 @ 9.45am – 10.30am

SICK: Please remember in your prayers: June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Patrick Irvine, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Cameron Smith, Olivia Thorpe.

POVERTY ACTION SUNDAY TODAY: There is a power point presentation in the Hall today after the 10:30 Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: For the Diocesan Lourdes Sick and Helpers' Pilgrimage Fund.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Manning and Theodora Robinson who have recently died. May they rest in peace. John's funeral takes place here on February 18th at 10:30am.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: The next Meeting takes place on Monday, 7th February at 7:30pm at Christ Church Court. Tel: 763049.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Monday 7th February 7.30pm-9.30pm at Brentwood Cathedral Conference Centre. Sr Nuala will lead the session. Full details on the poster in the porch.

W.R.A.P: The parish's second and last session begins this Wednesday, 9th, until 16th February 2011. If you would like to volunteer –and it will mean sleeping in the Hall overnight – call 549885 and speak to Pernille for details.

HEALING MASS AT ABBOTSWICK: The next healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer will be Wednesday, 9th February, at 2.30pm.

COLCHESTER STREET PASTORS: If you are interested in becoming a Street Pastor, you are invited to an information evening on Friday 11th February from 8pm to 10pm in St Botolph's Church Hall.

BAPTISM COURSE [FOR CHILDREN UP TO 6 YEARS]; A reminder that the next Course has been arranged for **Friday, 11th February 2011 and Friday, 18th February 2011 in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm.** Appointments are not

necessary. But both sessions *must be* attended.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: The next meeting will be held on Saturday 19th February at 2.30 pm at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood. The speaker will be Dr. Gerard Kilroy, Honorary Visiting Professor at University College London. He will speak on, "Edmund Campion and the traitor in our midst". This talk will examine events surrounding the saint's capture. For further information or to join the Society please contact Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

CATHOLIC HANDICAP FELLOWSHIP: There will a special Mass for the Catholic Handicap Fellowship for people with learning disabilities on **Sunday 20th February at 3.00pm** at Brentwood Cathedral. The main celebrant will be the Bishop of Brentwood. Everybody is welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: St James the Less and St Helen is hosting the Women's World Day of Prayer Service on **Friday 4th March at 10.15am**. This year focusing on Chile, all welcome, followed by refreshments - with a Chilean flavour - in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. If there are any ladies interested in being involved with the WWDP service, please contact me **ASAP** on 07980 312584 or via email vsledwidge@aol.com

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT: Diary date – March 19th 7:30 – 10:30pm. More information to follow.

BRES SPRING LECTURE Thursday 24th March 7.30 pm entitled "The Word of God for the Church and for the World; an exploration of the Synod document on the Bible (*Verbum Domini*) which will be given by Rev Dr Adrian Graffy.

CAFOD EVENT: To mark the season of Lent, Christian folk band "**Meditation**" from Kelvedon parish will be performing "The Journey" - a selection of music and readings following the life of Jesus - *on Sunday 27th March at 7.30pm*. This event takes place at the *Brentwood Theatre* with all proceeds to CAFOD. Tickets are £10 each and can be purchased through the Brentwood Theatre Box Office. 01277 200305 or online <http://www.brentwood-theatre.org/> (There is a £1 handling charge per transaction) This is the first concert CAFOD have been involved with and they would greatly appreciate your support. More information can be found www.cafod.org.uk/brentwood Please also see poster in the porch.

PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM: Danny Ferdinand writes: After a lengthy enforced winter break due to the inclement weather, the Parish football team returned to form with a comprehensive victory over our Ipswich based rivals Hope Church. We won 5-2 and once again Andrew Springford grabbed the headlines with a stunning hat-trick.

"100 CLUB" JANUARY DRAW: And the winners are... David Livesley – 1st prize [£25]; Jonathan Livesley – 2nd Prize [£15]; Stephanie Curran – 3rd prize [£10]. Congratulations to all.

CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday 27th January – Team 1.

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A] February 6th 2011 – Breviary Week 1

Saturday February 5th	6:15 pm	Des Fuller RIP
Sunday February 6th	8:00 am	Frank Williams RIP
	10:30 am	D/Rels: O'Grady Family RIP
	6:30 pm	Intentions: Ralph and Family
<i>Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Intentions of Joan Boyden
Monday 7th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30am Canon John Bloomfield RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9:15am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Tuesday 8th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Roger Sawyer RIP
Wednesday 9th	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Kathleen Bergin RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm D/Rels: Betts Family RIP
Thursday 10th	<i>St Scholastica, V</i>	
	<i>Church:</i>	9:15 am Vivienne Wright RIP [A]
Friday 11th	<i>OUR LADY OF LOURDES, Principal Patroness of Diocese</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am REQUIEM – ARCHIBALD LYNN RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Intentions of Joyce Wrobel
Saturday 12th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

LITURGY FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A] February 13th 2011

Saturday February 12th	6:15 pm	Intentions of the Silva Family
Sunday February 13th	8:00 am	Intentions of Joyce Wrobel
	10:30am	D/Rels: Hanley & Markham Families
	6:30 pm	Intentions of Mrs Tide & Family
	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	9:15 am	Cestari Family RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	10:15am	Katarzyna Hurlo RIP [BB]
<i>Monkwick</i>		
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	<i>Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm</i>	
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	<i>Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter</i>	
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE	<i>At least six months notice is required</i>	
SCHOOLS	<i>St Thomas More</i>	Head: Bridget Harris
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