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CATHOLIC CHURCH, COLCHESTER

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YEAR OF FAITH 2012
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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] October 7th 2012

My Dear Friends

On this coming Thursday 11th October, the Catholic Church throughout the world begins the *Year of Faith*. It is called for by Pope Benedict XVI and we respond to it generously. The Holy Father tells us that his overall objective is that through this *Year of Faith* we may “rediscover the joy of believing and the enthusiasm for communicating the faith” (Porta Fidei para 1).

In particular, he hopes that we will come to a deeper understanding of the truths of our faith and a renewed relationship with Jesus, Our Lord. This *Year of Faith* marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This great body of teaching guides and shapes our *Year of Faith* just as it shapes the life of the Church.

The *Year of Faith* opens with a Mass in Brentwood Cathedral this Thursday 11th October at 7:30pm, to which all are invited. It will close on the Feast of Christ the King in November next year with a solemn profession of faith in each parish. Our “*Catholicism*” course begins this Friday at 7:30pm in the Crypt, which I warmly recommend to you as part of our parish effort for this year. The bishop will send us a *Pastoral Letter* on this subject for next weekend.

May God bless you all

Fr Tony McKentey

PS The *Year of Faith* logo is explained in the newsletter.

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10 th	6:45pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
Thursday 11 th	7:30pm	UCM	Crypt
Friday 12 th	7:30pm	Catholicism Course	Crypt
Saturday 13 th	7:30pm	Film: The 13 th Day	Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Desmond Byrne, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Gwen Cole, Ian Cole, Stanley Crane, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emery, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Maria Soutar, Catherine Spicer, Jacqueline Sykes, Filomena Velasquez, Tony White.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Audrey Davis, and Bishop Michael Rowland. Audrey's Funeral will be Wednesday 10th October at 11:30am at St Cedd and St Gregory, Mersea.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: **Robert Samenas.** God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

YEAR OF FAITH RESOURCES: can be found at the back of church near the Seventh Station of the Cross. The CTS Year of Faith leaflet contains a list of key books to read – all available from www.cts-online.org.uk.

YEAR OF FAITH LOGO: The logo is composed of a square, bordered field on which a boat, symbolizing the Church, is represented as sailing on a graphically minimal representation of waves. The main mast of the boat is a cross from which sails are displayed in the form of dynamic signs which compose the trigram of Christ (IHS). The background to the sails is a sun, which associated with the trigram, refers also to the Eucharist.

CATHCOM REACH: Autumn issue is now available. A Catholic newspaper for all the family – priced 50p

100 CLUB – SEPTEMBER DRAW: And the winners are: James Dowson [1st]; Joan Herbert [2nd]; Bernie Ashcroft [3rd]. Congratulations to you all!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Volunteers are needed for the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Children's liturgy tries to provide children with an interesting and stimulating insight into the Gospel and the celebration of the Mass. People need to be able to commit to doing a liturgy about every 8-10 weeks, ideally working in pairs, with the possibility of running the liturgy for two consecutive weeks. You do not have to be a teacher, it is very easy to do and the resources are all ready for you. There will be an introductory meeting on Sunday 14th October after 10.30 Mass (approx midday) - in the Crypt. Please contact Siobhan (Shiv) Cordy-Mckenna on 07740 940520 or Angela Millward.

PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM: lost 6-2 to Kingsland. Once again we held our own for a large portion of the game but ran out of steam in the latter stages. Andrew Springford got back to his best form with a spectacular goal straight from the kick-off after we had just conceded! He also scored a consolation penalty.

DOMENICA 7 OTTOBRE: alle ore 1400 si celebrerà la Santa Messa in Italiano per Paul Saunders. **Sunday October 7th** at 2:00pm, Holy Mass will be celebrated in Italian for the intention of Paul Saunders.

YEAR OF FAITH: The 13th Day is a film which has had rave reviews from the fans of Fatima. We will show it at 7:30 on Saturday 13th of October in the crypt on the new "big" screen. Bring your friends.

CATHOLICISM: a 12 week series of adult formation in the Faith. Fr Robert Barron presents a stunning DVD-based Catechism on Friday nights starting from **Friday 12th October at 7.30pm** in the Crypt. If you are seeking to know more about what we believe or want to refresh your faith, why not come along? Each session will last less than 1½ hours, with a chance to reflect on what we see and hear. Bring a friend. Leaflets with the full schedule of dates are available in the porch.

DAY PILGRIMAGE TO OXBURGH HALL AND WALSINGHAM. 31st October. See Fr. Neil for more details.

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE: are advertising for a head of maths and a teacher of modern foreign languages. Please see their website for further details: www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk

CLEANER REQUIRED - ST THOMAS MORE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: 2 hours per day - Monday – Friday 3.30-5.30. Term time only. £6.30 per hour. Please contact the school for more details on 01206 865722.

MILE END NEWS: The coffee morning planned for Friday 12th October at Priory St has been postponed; a new date to follow shortly.

RIGHT TO LIFE SPONSORED WALK: Pledges should be redeemed by placing a sealed envelope clearly marked "Right to Life Sponsored Walk" and with your name, either through the door at the presbytery or in the mass centre cases. Many thanks.

COALITION FOR MARRIAGE: The petition is still ongoing with over 600,000 signatures. If you have not already signed, you can do so after Mass at Priory St this weekend.

ECUMENICAL STUDY DAYS FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH: Rediscovering Vatican II. The next study day will be Saturday October 13th. Prof. Paul Murray will be considering the theme of "The Ecumenical Vision of Vatican II". The day runs from 10:30 – 3:00pm at Brentwood Cathedral Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood. CM15 8AT. Admission is free and lunch is provided. There are limited spaces, so please book by contacting CEF: 01277 265 289 or cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org

LATEST ACN NEWSLETTER: Available with their Christmas Catalogue from John Sutcliffe. 851838.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CENTRAL COLCHESTER: For many years CTCC has represented most of the Christian churches in central Colchester. It has organized Lenten and Easter activities in the town and has been a forum for lay people to discuss matters of common Christian concern. There will be an open meeting on Monday 8th October in St James School, Guilford Rd, Colchester at 7:30pm for 7:45pm to discuss the future of CTCC. If you would like to attend, please phone 01206 765 417. Light refreshments will be provided.

ALTAR SERVERS: Next Sunday 14th October 10:30am Mass – Team A.

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Saturday October 6th

6:15 pm Joseph Von Wrede RIP

Sunday October 7th

8:00 am Gisela Maria Waschle RIP

10:30 am Private Intention

2:00 pm ITALIAN MASS

6:30 pm Hector Silva RIP

8:30 am D/Rels: Rafferty Family

9:15 am Parishioners

10:15 am Mary Prior RIP

West Mersea

Mile End

Monkwick

Monday 8th

St Osyth, Rel

Church

7:30 am Helen & Martin Lydon RIP

Church

9:15 am Ints: Delaney Family

Tuesday 9th

Feria

Church

9:15 am Maurice Foley RIP

Wednesday 10th

Feria

Church

7:30 am Ints: Michael

Mersea **11:30 am FUNERAL SERVICE–Audrey Davis RIP**

Church

12:15 pm Ints: Mrs Maureen McElroy

Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe and Cuthburga, Rel

Church

9:15 am Anne McClay RIP

Thursday 11th

Friday 12th

Feria

Church

9:15 am STM Yr 4 Ints: Samantha Hume & Family

Church

6:30 pm Katie Suffield RIP

Saturday 13th

Feria

Church

9:15 am Masie Radford RIP [ER]

Church

3:00 pm WEDDING: Marie & Steven

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6:15 pm Sullivan Family RIP

Sunday October 14th

8:00 am Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP

10:30 am Gabriel Ledwidge RIP

2:00 pm POLISH MASS

5:00 pm HOLY HOUR

6:30 pm Masie Radford RIP [R&MW]

8:30 am Private Intention

9:15 am Parishioners

10:15 am Patrick Burke RIP

West Mersea

Mile End

Monkwick

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*

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