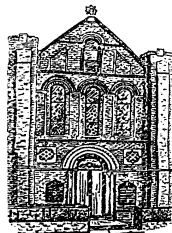


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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 8th 2012

On the feast of the Epiphany there is a tradition of announcing the date of Easter and the feasts of the year.

Aware that Jesus is the light of the world, we now listen to the Proclamation of the Date of Easter 2012:

Dear brothers and sisters:

The glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons, let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial and his rising, celebrated between the evening of the fifth day of April and the evening of the eighth day of April, Easter Sunday. Each Easter, as on each Sunday, the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning Lent, will occur on the twenty-second day of February.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the twentieth day of May.

Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on

the twenty-seventh day of May.

And this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the second of December.

Likewise, the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise for ever and ever.

Amen!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass Book page 118; Preface page 53; Eucharistic Prayer 1 page 18

DAILY Morning Prayer 8.15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8.35am (Wed 11:15am)
PRAYER GROUP Mondays at 8pm Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm Crypt

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

Monday 9 th January	7:30pm	Mercy Associates	See below	
Wednesday 11 th	6:45pm	Scripture Group		Crypt
Thursday 12 th	7:30pm	RCIA		Crypt
Friday 13 th	7:30-9:30pm	UCM		Crypt
Sunday 15 th	8pm	Evangelium		Crypt

SICK: Please remember in your prayers Maureen Allen, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Alan Doleman, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Patricia Whitney, Tim Young.

100 CLUB: John Sales writes: "Now is the time to join or renew your subscription to this venture which, while contributing to parish funds, has the added bonus of three financial prizes each month. You will have the opportunity to renew subscriptions after each Mass in Priory Street this weekend and 15th and 22nd January".

100 CLUB DRAW WINNERS FOR DECEMBER: 1st Mr M Jones; 2nd Mr A Knapp; 3rd Mr D Livesley. **100 CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW WINNERS:** 1st Mrs O Crockford; 2nd Ms T McCarthy; 3rd Mr T Kelly. **Congratulations!**

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, 8th/9th January, there will be a second collection for **Childcare [Brentwood Catholic Children's Society]**.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD: This feast is celebrated tomorrow, Monday 9th January. Mass is at 7:30am and 9:15 am.

EVANGELIUM: Will re-commence this evening, 8th January, in the Crypt after evening Mass.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: meet next on Monday 9 January at 7.30 pm at Christ Church Court (tel. 763049).

SCRIPTURE COURSE: Continues to study the Gospel of John, starting on Wednesday 11 January 2012. Everyone welcome.

RCIA: Sessions will begin again on January 12th at 7.30 pm in Crypt

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL [SPUC]; As previously advised, next weekend there will be a second collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of issues – to protect unborn children from abortion and to defend the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. For more information, visit www.spuc.org.uk

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP: present their annual pantomime Mother Goose. In the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street of Friday 20th January at 7.30 pm. and Saturday 21st January at 3.00 pm and 7.30 pm. Ticket £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for Children and concessions. For more information please contact Lesley on 01206 512310.

PRIEST REFERENCE FORMS FOR ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL: Fr Tony will be available at the Presbytery to sign the Priest Reference Forms for new applications to St Thomas More School on the following dates: *THURSDAY, 26TH JANUARY AND FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY BETWEEN 4PM & 6PM.* To book an appointment on either of those afternoons, please ring the Parish Office on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

NEXT BAPTISMAL COURSE: All baptisms in this parish are arranged during Courses which are held approximately four times a year and the next Course has been fixed for *Friday, 27th January 2012 and Friday, 3rd February 2012 in the Crypt from 7:30pm to 9pm.* There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up – but – both sessions must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church.

WINTER RESERVE ACCOMMODATION PROJECT [WRAP]: Volunteers are needed again this winter to be available when the Night Shelter is full. A minimum of 2 volunteers will be sleeping alongside a maximum of 6 homeless people in the Cardinal Bourne Hall for 1 night. From 18-25 January and 1-8 February 2012. Call Pernille Petersen on 549885 for full details.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thursday January 12th – Team 5.

5:00 pm HOLY HOUR
6:30 pm Matthew Nwadike RIP

West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick
Monday 9th

8:30 am Matt, Eddie and Pat Hogan RIP
9:15 am Parishioners
10:15am Celestine Tighe RIP
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD [B] Feast
Church **7:30 am** Helen and Martin Lydon RIP
Church **9:15 am** Matthew Nwadike RIP

Tuesday 10th *Feria*
Church **9:15 am** Anthony Clarke RIP

Wednesday 11th *Feria*
Church **7:30 am** Special Intentions
Church **12 :15 pm** Matthew Nwadike RIP

Thursday 12th *Feria*
Church **9.15 am** Matthew Nwadike RIP

Friday 13th *Feria*
Church **9:15 am** Matthew Nwadike RIP
Church **6:30 pm** Intentions: Maura, Frank & Family

Saturday 14th *Feria*
Church **9:15 am** Matthew Nwadike RIP

LITURGY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]
15th January 2012

Saturday January 14th **6:15 pm** Intentions: Rhatigan Family
Sunday January 15th **8:00 am** Kate Beale RIP

10:30am Selwyn Caldeira RIP
4:00pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm D/Rels: Herbert& Richards Families
8:30 am Parishioners
9:15 am Ints: Ria & Ben Stekelenburg
10:15am Katarzyna Hlkywiak 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* Head: Bridget Harris [865722]
St Benedict's Acting: Head: Peter Johnson [549222]

www.marriagecare.org.uk or 0800 389 3801. www.brentwoodvocations.org

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LITURGY FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD [HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION]
January 8TH 2012

Saturday January 7th **6:15 pm** Barbara and Alwyn Staines RIP
Sunday January 8th **8:00 am** Selwyn Caldeira RIP
10:30 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**