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COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2016

Ascension Sunday has been designated by the Catholic Church as Communications Sunday when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media. The Catholic Communication Network [CCN] is the media office for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The CCN provides support for the Bishops and Church in England and Wales in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professions. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image.

POPE FRANCIS - WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY MESSAGE

"The Church is called to practise mercy as the distinctive trait of all that she is and does. What we say and how we say it, our every word and gesture, ought to express God's compassion, tenderness and forgiveness for all. Love, by its nature, is communication: it leads to openness and sharing. If our hearts and actions are inspired by charity, by divine love, then our communication will be touched by God's own power".

Today the new Diocesan Website is being launched and you can access it on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net

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Saturday May 7 th	6:15 pm	Robert Ratcliffe RIP
Sunday May 8 th	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP
	10:30 am	Intentions: Sykes Family
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Eugina Dimech RIP
Monday 9 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Thomas and Bridget Lohan RIP
Tuesday 10 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Ann Thomas RIP
Church	7:30 pm	Rosary
Wednesday 11 th	Feria	
Church	9:15 am	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
Church	12:15 pm	Mary Grace RIP
Thursday 12 th	St John Houghton, Pr, M	
Church	9:15 am	Derek Harvey RIP
Friday 13 th	St Erconwald, Bp	
Church	9:15 am	Mrs Grace Varghese RIP
Church	6:30 pm	Polish Mass & Procession
Saturday 14 th	ST MATTHIAS, Ap	Feast
Church	9:15 am	Mr and Mrs Milford RIP
Church	1:30 pm	WEDDING: Alex and Kerri
	PENTECOST SUNDAY [C]	
Saturday May 14 th	6:15 pm	Una Close RIP
Sunday May 15 th	8:00 am	Sean Lohan RIP
	10:30 am	Ints: Sisters of Mercy Mission - Peru
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Pat Loan RIP
West Mersea	8:30 am	Parishioners
Mile End	9:15 am	John Sutcliffe RIP
Monkwick	10:15 am	Intentions: Mary Davies [O&BH]

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:45-10:30am; 5:30-6pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: At least six months notice is required

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy and Rosary
9:15am
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy
8:35am
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays - Crypt
8:00pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Percy Abrahams, Pat Banks, Lorraine Belmonté, Frank Campbell, Margaret Eddis, Margaret Griffin, Jim Harvey, John Harvey, Bert Hewitt, David Hill, Jan Holden, Joan Jackson, Ronald Jay, Julie Jefferies, Athene Jones, Pat Keene, Marie Kent, Patrick King, John Lawlor, Peter Ledgley, Nathanael Lee, Joanne Leon, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Mercus, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Charles Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Jordi Fleix Pujol, Ronald Quijano, Stephen Rhatigan, Chris Sands, Margaret Scammell, Maureen Sheeran, Aimée Stammers, Fiona Stephenson, Filomena Velasquez, Mary Wallace, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Laud and Kimberley married here yesterday

THANK YOU FROM BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP: "Thank you for your great support for Christian families in the Holy Land, which raised £3479... you are always in our prayers".

NEXT WEEKEND - MISSION APPEAL WITH THE KILTEGAN FATHERS: St Patrick's Missionary Society, or Kiltegan Fathers, will be making their Appeal at all Masses in the Parish next weekend.

MONKWICK NEWS: Our first coffee morning of the year will be on Saturday, 14th May from 10am to 12 noon. It is being hosted by Michael Firmin, East View, Langham Lane, Boxted, CO4 5HY. We look forward to seeing you there.

KSC - ROSARY IN MAY: The rosary will be said on the following Tuesdays and venues: Here at Priory Street on 10th May at 7:30pm; St Teresa's, Lexden, on the 17th, 24th, 31st May at 7:30pm.

JOHN FRANCIS SUTCLIFFE RIP: John died on the 8th March when visiting Zambia with his wife. He was buried in a very special place for him in Kaoma on the 12th March. Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul on Wednesday, 18th May, at 12:15pm, with light refreshments afterwards in the Crypt.

FILMS FOR FAITH IN MAY: 18th May "Fatima – Part 2"; 25th May "The Miracle of Marcelino". The showing commences at 1:30pm in the Crypt. All welcome.

MASS FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE CATHOLIC POLICE GUILD: Will be celebrated by Fr Paul Fox at Our Lady of Ransom Church, Rayleigh, on 23rd May at 11am.

THE ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: will meet at [The Ursuline Convent, The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY](#), on Saturday 28 May at 2.30 p.m. The speaker will be Sister Nuala Gannon, IBVM on 'Mary Ward - a Recusant, yet a Woman for our time. We are delighted to be able to welcome Sister Nuala, who did outstanding work throughout the Diocese for over 17 years and who will be known to very many people. All are welcome. Non-members are asked to pay £3 to help defray expense of Hall hire and refreshments.

YEAR OF MERCY EVENTS: All at Cathedral House Hall, Brentwood. "Pathways to Prayer": Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas – Saturday 21st May, 10:30-12.00. "Laudato si" and the Year of Mercy. Speaker: Fr Martin Boland – Saturday 4th June. 10:30-12.00. "Amoris Laetitia" [The Joy of Love] Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Saturday 25th June, 10:30-12:00. To book, contact Brentwood Religious Education Service [BRES] Office on 01277 265285 or email lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 28TH MAY 2016: Transport has been arranged and will leave East Hill at 8:30am. For more details and to book, please contact Theresa Higgins on 523501.

YEAR OF MERCY MASSES AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: The next Sunday Mass during this Year of Mercy at the Cathedral takes place on June 12th at 6:30pm welcoming those who are unemployed or have been made redundant and are struggling to find work and make ends meet. Preacher: Fr James Kennedy CMF.

VACANCIES: Class teachers- Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 for September 2016. Head teacher Mr Dan Craft. St Peter's RC Primary Dagenham RM9 6UU is looking for teachers with drive and ambition who relish a challenge. Please contact the school on 02082706524 or through the website <http://st-peter.bardagelea.org.uk/> Closing date 18th May.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Prudential Ride London 100 Sunday 31st July 2016 : The closing date for entries for this Olympic legacy 100 mile cycling event is **Wednesday 25th May 2016**. If you would like to be considered for one of our places, can commit to raising a minimum of £600 (excluding Gift Aid) and are willing to pay a £50 registration fee, please contact Libby on 01268 784544 / iphillips@bccs.org.uk for an information pack.

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS: There are *still many boxes uncollected*. If yours is among them, please collect it from the porch in Priory Street. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS ROTA: Thursday, May 12th – Team 3.

CARDINAL BOURNE HALL: To book: cb.hall@btinternet.com 07758 805263