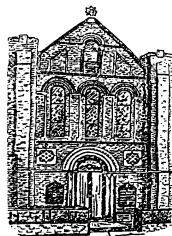


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### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD [A]

January 9<sup>th</sup> 2011

My dear friends,

**Collect for Today:** *Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling.*

We might call the Baptism of Our Lord a second Epiphany, because it is also a manifestation, a showing. The Orthodox Church call this Theophany because, at the Baptism of Christ, God appears in all three Persons. Jesus of course had no need of baptism because he was without Original or actual sin. Nevertheless he chooses to be baptised, showing the way for all of us who do have need of it.

At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened: at ours heaven was opened to us. Let us thank God for this manifestation of His power in our lives.

May God bless you all,

Fr Neil Brett

#### EVENTS THIS WEEK

|                                 |               |                    |           |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January | 7:30pm        | Mercy Associates   | See Below |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>      | 7:00 pm       | SVP                | Crypt     |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>       | 7:30pm        | RCIA               |           |
| “ “                             | 7:30pm-9:30pm | UCM                | Crypt     |
| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>       | 2pm-3:30pm    | J & P Group        | Crypt     |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>         | 7:30pm-9pm    | Confirmation 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, Nancy Drummond, Salvatore Morreale, Bridie Murphy, Baby Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Olivia Thorpe.

**CAFOD QUARTERLY COLLECTION:** Will be taken up after all Masses next weekend.

**“100” CLUB:** Reminder letters for the “100 Club” renewal will be dispatched over this weekend.

**MERCY ASSOCIATES:** Next meet on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm at Christ Church Court. Tel: 763049.

#### **PARISH GROUPS DUE TO RECOMMENCE:**

|                    |  |                             |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| SVP                | Wednesday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>      | 7pm                         |
| <b>RCIA</b>        | <b>Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>7:30pm [recommences]</b> |
| UCM                | Thursday, January 13 <sup>th</sup>       | 7:30pm - 9:30pm             |
| Confirmation Group | Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> January         | 7:30pm – 9:00pm             |
| Scripture Group    | Wednesday, January 19 <sup>th</sup>      | 6:45pm – 8:45 pm            |
| FHC Group          | Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January       |                             |

**PRIEST REFERENCE FORMS FOR ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL:** Fr Tony will be available at the Presbytery to sign the Priest Reference Form for new applications to St Thomas More School on the following dates: *Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 4pm and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January from 5pm.* To book an appointment on either of those evenings, please ring the Parish Office on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

**BAPTISM COURSE [FOR CHILDREN UP TO 6 YRS]:** The next Course has been arranged for **Friday, 11th February 2011 and Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011, 7:30-9pm, in the Crypt.** Appointments are not necessary, but both sessions *must be* attended.

**WINTER RESERVE ACCOMMODATION PROJECT [WRAP];** Keeping homeless people off the street this winter: Can you help? The relevant weeks for our Parish

are **12th-19th January 2011 and 9th-16th February 20.** It will be necessary for volunteers to sleep in the Hall overnight but for full information please ring 01206 549 885 and speak to Pernille.

**THE FRIENDS OF PERU:** are holding a Beetle Drive in the Cardinal Bourne Hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm. Adults £3:50, children £2:50 which includes hot dogs, mince pies and punch. Please come and join in a fun family evening and support the Sisters of Mercy Mission in Peru.

**TEACHING VACANCY:** St. Francis Catholic Primary School in Maldon requires a new Headteacher to commence work this September. For an application pack please contact Helen Edwards, Essex County Council, Schools Workforce Development Team, PO Box 47, County Hall, Chelmsford CM2 6WN. Tel No: 01245 436247 or email: [headships@essex.gov.uk](mailto:headships@essex.gov.uk). Closing date for receipt of applications: *Friday 21 January 2011 at Noon. Shortlisting date: Thursday 27 January 2011. Interviews will be held on Friday 4 February 2011.* Applicants are encouraged to visit the school and may contact the school office for an appointment on 01621 856698.

**DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION:** The Diocese wishes to appoint a Director of Civil Administration, who will also be the designated Diocesan Financial Secretary, to succeed Gerry Curran on his retirement at the end of April 2011 after long and distinguished service as the Diocesan Director of Finance. The Director will manage the Diocese's finance, property and administrative departments, providing advice and guidance for the Bishop and diocesan trustees and for parishes, and will implement diocesan policies on the management of financial and property assets and on all financial, property and civil law matters. The successful candidate will have senior management legal and/or financial and accounting skills gained in the charitable, professional or commercial field, and the detailed knowledge of the Catholic Church required to operate effectively. If you would like more information on the post and an application pack, please contact: Janet Steele, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AT (01277 265280; [janet@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:janet@dioceseofbrentwood.org)). The closing date for applications is 29 January 2011. Interviews will be held at Cathedral House.

**ECUMENICAL STUDY DAY ON THE HISTORY OF THE MASS:** The Ninth Ecumenical Study Day arranged by the diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Hall on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The theme for the day is 'The History of the Mass'. Abbot Cuthbert Johnson OSB, former abbot of Quarr and a renowned expert on liturgical matters, is the speaker. As usual, there is no charge for the event and a buffet lunch is provided. Please book your place by contacting [cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or by phone to 01277 265289.

**MISSIO:** During the calendar year 2010, the sum of £1099.23 was collected from Red Boxes in our parish. Thank you very much. Ron Griffin, MISSIO local secretary and promoter.

**REPOSITORY SALE NOW ON:** All Christmas items are half price, plus many other bargains. The Repository stall is open in the Cardinal Bourne Hall after Sunday 10:30 Mass.

**NEW TO THE PARISH?:** Please introduce yourself to one of the priests after Mass, complete a registration form [on the big table in the porch] and return it to the Parish Office. Please also advise the Parish Office if you move within or out of the Parish. **PARISH WEB SITE:** For all inclusions, contact [admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org](mailto:admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org)

**LITURGY FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD [A]  
9th January 2011 – Breviary Week 1**

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| <b>Saturday January 8<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>6:15 pm</b>  | Michael McInerney RIP                            |
| <b>Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>8:00 am</b>  | In Thanksgiving [PM]                             |
|  | <b>10:30 am</b> | Intentions of Chennattu Family                   |
|  | <b>2:00 pm</b>  | <b>POLISH MASS</b>                               |
|  | <b>5:00 pm</b>  | <b>HOLY HOUR</b>                                 |
|  | <b>6:30 pm</b>  | Eamonn Atkinson RIP                              |
| <i>Mersea</i>                          | <b>8:30 am</b>  | Parishioners                                     |
| <i>Mile End</i>                        | <b>9:15 am</b>  | D/Rels: Knapp Family                             |
| <i>Monkwick</i>                        | <b>10:15 am</b> | Intentions of Mgr Arthur Barrow                  |
| <b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>          | <i>Feria</i>    |  |
|  | <i>Church</i>   | <b>9:15am</b> Des Fuller RIP                     |
| <b>Tuesday 11th</b>                    | <i>Feria</i>    |  |
|  | <i>Church</i>   | <b>9:15 am</b> Vi Fitzgerald RIP [A]             |
| <b>Wednesday 12</b>                    | <i>Feria</i>    |  |
|  | <i>Church</i>   | <b>12:15 pm</b> Phyllis, Cora and Deirdre RIP    |
| <b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>        | <i>Feria</i>    |  |
|  | <i>Church:</i>  | <b>9:15 am</b> Intentions of Mary Jay            |
|  | <i>Church:</i>  | <b>11:00 am</b> <b>REQUIEM: KASHIA HURLO RIP</b> |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>          | <i>Feria</i>    |  |
|  | <i>Church</i>   | <b>9:15 am</b> Allen Jones RIP                   |
| <b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>        | <i>Feria</i>    |  |
|  | <i>Church</i>   | <b>9:15 am</b> Finbar Barry-Murphy RIP           |

**LITURGY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]  
January 16<sup>th</sup> 2011**

|   |                |                        |
|---|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Saturday January 15<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>6:15 pm</b> | Special Intention [KF] |
| <b>Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>8:00 am</b> | Timothy Beamish RIP    |
|   | <b>10:30am</b> | Margaret Rose RIP      |
|   | <b>4:00 pm</b> | <b>POLISH MASS</b>     |
|   | <b>6:30 pm</b> | Allan Jones RIP        |

*West Mersea*                    **8:30 am**    Intentions of Maureen Went  
*Mile End*                    **9:15 am**    Intentions of Mark de Guzman  
*Monkwick*                   **10:15am**    Parishioners

**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

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*St Benedict's*                    Head: John O'Hara

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