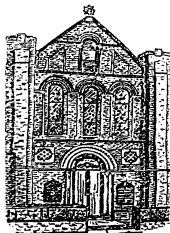


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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

OCTOBER 9TH 2011

My dear friends,

This weekend the Diocese of Brentwood is launching a special time of prayer for the election of a new bishop to lead us. Our present Bishop, Thomas McMahon, has reached the retirement age of 75 when all bishops give their resignation to the Pope. We remember Bishop Thomas in our prayers for all the great leadership he has given us over the last thirty years, but now we must pray for a worthy successor. With the Newsletter there is a separate insert telling you how a new Bishop is elected. You will all receive a prayer card to keep by your side in the time ahead. Every Parish is asked to have a Holy Hour today for this intention, which happily coincides with our usual one on the second Sunday of the month. This will be the intention of our Holy Hour today from 5-6pm and we will recite the Rosary in this month dedicated to Our Lady's special prayer.

Thank you all for your generous response to the Parish Development collection two weeks ago which raised over £900. We have spent a little money on some new hymn books for Priory Street and we are grateful for those who contributed to these and our other Liturgy books which will be needed very soon, in Advent.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

DAILY Morning Prayer 8.15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8.35am (Wed 11.15am)

**PRAYER GROUP
MEDITATION GROUP:**

**Mondays at 8pm in the Crypt
Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt**

EVENTS THIS WEEK - Please check Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 9 th October	8pm	Evangelium	Crypt
Monday 10 th	7:30pm	Mercy Associates Meeting	See below
Tuesday 11 th	10-30-12	Mersea Coffee Morning	" "
" "	8pm	Rosary [KSC]	" "
Wednesday 12 th	6:45-8:45pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
Thursday 13 th	7:30pm	RCIA	Crypt
Friday 14 th	7:30pm	UCM	Crypt
Saturday 15 th	7:30pm	Quiz/Curry evening	See below

SICK: Please remember in your prayers June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Casiano Pasumbal, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva.

BENEDICT XVI'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: VATICAN CITY, 30 SEP 2011 (VIS) - Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for October is: "That the terminally ill may be supported by their faith in God and the love of their brothers and sisters". His mission intention is: "That the celebration of World Mission Day may foster in the People of God a passion for evangelisation with the willingness to support the missions with prayer and economic aid for the poorest Churches".

BAPTISMS TODAY : Lily Walker and Emanuel Rranci. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

CAFOD – Family Fast Day Collection: Takes place this weekend. Please don't forget to hand your envelopes in today – whether CAFOD printed or Gift Aid printed or just the cash will be perfect! Thank you for your generosity.

MERCY ASSOCIATES meet next on Monday 10th October at 7.30pm at Christ Church Court (763049)

MERSEA COFFEE MORNING: The next coffee morning takes place on October 11th at the home of Sue Jenner at 64 St Peter's Road. All very welcome.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER: The Knights of St Columba will be saying the Rosary in the month of October; 11th after Mass at 7.30pm for Simon Chaplin RIP at Priory Street; 18th at 7:30pm at St Teresa's, Lexden; 28th at Greenstead – Holy Hour 7:30pm. Date awaited from the Sisters at Greenstead.

FRIENDS OF PERU – QUIZ/CURRY EVENING: On Saturday October 15th in the Cardinal Bourne Hall at 7:30pm. after Mass. Tickets cost £6 per head and for more details, contact Nora on 503410; Helen 867707.

YOUTH GATHER 15th-16th October - Year 9+: A weekend of interesting speakers, outdoor activities, art, drama , music and a wonderful opportunity to make new friends.

At Essex County Council's Outdoor Activity Centre in Mersea. The cost of this trip is £65 (£50 if you are using your own transport). Forms are available at www.bcys.net or by calling 01277 265286. "Get them in quick as cabin space is limited".

POLISH INVITATION: 5:00pm Sunday 16th October Cardinal Bourne Hall. The Polish community invites everyone to a celebration of the life of **John Paul II** on the anniversary of his elevation to the Chair of St. Peter. There will be recordings of his own words in Victory Square, Warsaw, and readings from his papal and artistic works including *Familiaris Consortio*, *Memory and Identity* and *The Jeweller's Shop*. Some of these will be translated into English. See the posters in the porch.

CHURCH CLEANERS' MEETING: Takes place on Tuesday, 18th October in the Room next to the Crypt. New Rotas, groupings and cleaning store will be explained. Contact: Helena on 01206 794636. [Existing Rota for 13th October – Team 4].

SECRETARIAL VACANCY: The Diocesan Education Department is looking for someone with Secretarial skills to work at Cathedral House on Mondays and Fridays only, from 9 am to 5 pm. Further information can be obtained from Janet Simmons at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood. Telephone: 01277 265284. Please tell your family and friends. Closing date 19th October 2011.

APPOINTMENTS re PRIEST REFERENCE FORMS FOR ST BENEDICT'S:

If you have a child who **DOES NOT** attend St Thomas More School, an appointment will need to be made with Fr Tony on **Friday, 21st October, between 4.50pm-6pm**. Please ring the Parish Office on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday to book your appointment.

REPOSITORY: Thank you to those who have volunteered to work on the Hall Repository. We have just the 3rd and 5th weeks of the month to cover. Please contact one of the priests or Diana at the office if you are free to do this.

BLOW AWAY THE WINTER BLUES: The SVP are organizing a 5 day break on the Isle of Wight – 6th to 10th February 2012 - staying at Warners Bembridge Coast Hotel. Half board, entertainment, free bar from 6 pm to 11pm and two free excursions for only £279 pp. Please see poster in porch or ring Anna on 01206 242170.

MOVING?: If you are moving please let the Parish Office know. If you are newly arrived, please complete a Registration Form [in the porch].

For inclusions to the parish website: admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

October 9th 2011

Saturday October 8th 6:15 pm Marie King RIP
Sunday October 9th 8:00 am Intentions: Mrs E Barrows
 10:30 am Patrick Burke RIP
 2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
 5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**
 6:30 pm Owen Bailey RIP

Mersea 8:30 am Sid Ashmore RIP
Mile End 9:15 am Parishioners
Monkwick 10:15 am Joseph Hawken RIP

Monday 10th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Intentions: Christine Smith

Tuesday 11th *Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthburga, Rel*
Church 9:15 am Special Intention [R&MG]
Church 7:30 pm Simon Chaplin RIP [KSC] & *Rosary*

Wednesday 12th *Feria*
Church 12:15 pm Terry Sheeran RIP

Thursday 13th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Intentions: Mrs Rig & Family

Friday 14th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Parishioners
Church 6:30 pm Intentions: Edward Henley

Saturday 15th
Church 9:15 am Ken Herbert RIP

LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY - NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

October 16th 2011

Saturday October 15th 6:15 pm Baby Gabriel Ledwidge RIP [A]
Sunday October 16th 8:00 am Intentions: Brendan Burke
 10:30am May Banks RIP [IJ]
 4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
 6:30 pm Margaret and Sam Gibb RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am Herbert Plater
Mile End 9:15 am Derrick Foley RIP
Monkwick 10:15am Alan Smith RIP [DN]

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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