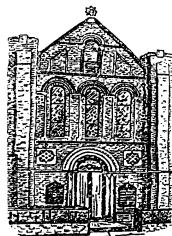


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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT [A] April 10th 2011

My dear friends,

We are now coming to the final two weeks of Lent when we are thinking of Our Lord going to his Passion. Our Lord's sufferings were not only physical but also there was the anguish caused by those who refused to believe that he was the Son of God sent by the Father.

We are resolved to follow Jesus with deep faith and love through the days ahead and into Holy Week which begins next weekend, Palm Sunday. Today you will receive an Easter Card containing all the times of the Holy Week Services and the good wishes of your priests at this special time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Your priests will be available on the Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week at 7:30pm when there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This time will be concluded with Benediction at 8:30pm approximately. Please feel free to stay for all or part of this time of prayer. There will also be Confessions at 11:30am on Spy Wednesday before the midday Mass.

Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

This will be led by Christine Hammersley and David Finnigan of the Diocesan Liturgy Commission next Saturday, 16th April, 10:30am-4pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. I hope that those engaged in this Ministry will take the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of what they do.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK - See Schedule for Changes or Extra Masses

Wednesday 13 th	12:45pm approx	Lenten Lunch	Crypt
"	6:45-8:45	Scripture Group	Crypt
"	7pm	Stations of the Cross	Mile End
Thursday 14 th	7:30-9:30pm	UCM	Crypt
"	7:30pm	RCIA	
Friday 15 th	6pm approx.	Student + Pilgrims	Hall
"	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday 16 th	8:30am approx.	Student + Pilgrims depart	
"	5-6pm	Lectio Divina	Crypt
Sunday 17 th	7:30-9pm	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:

SICK: Please remember in your prayers: Sr Mary Thérèse Bamford, May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Denis Nolan, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Wendy Higgins, Ellen Woodley.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Luigi Signorelli and Kathleen Stephenson who have recently died. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS TODAY: Eli Bascombe and Alfie Ross. God bless these children and congratulations to their parents.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to donate a bloom in memory of a loved one, please enclose whatever you can afford in an envelope marked "Easter Lily" and deliver to the Priests' House.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: There will be a second collection today at Priory Street for Easter Flowers.

LENTEN EVENTS

LENTEN LUNCHEONS ON WEDNESDAYS IN CRYPT: After 12:15 Mass. Homemade soup and a roll for 50p. Proceeds to Childcare.

MILE END STATIONS OF THE CROSS: At St Joseph's at 7pm on Wednesday, 13th April.

LECTIO DIVINA: On Saturday evenings in Lent in the Crypt 5pm – 6pm.

STUDENT CROSS : The large cross currently in Priory Street will be carried by pilgrims to Walsingham over Holy Week. The cross bearers will also gather the prayers of the communities that provide hospitality on their journey. If you are interested in helping with an evening meal on Friday 15th April or an early

breakfast followed by a short prayer service in the church on the Saturday morning (16th April) please contact Hywel Edwards on 867325. Simon Chaplin (Keeper of the Repository) will again be joining the pilgrims and can tell tales of both sore feet and sore head!

DAY FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: On Saturday 16th April in the Cardinal Bourne Hall from 10:30am to 4pm. *Please bring a packed lunch* – teas and coffees will be provided.

CHRISM MASS: 20th April 2011. A minibus will going from the Parish to Brentwood, leaving at 5:15pm from the Gala Bingo. 15 seats available. Call Theresa Higgins on 523501 or pilgrimages@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

MONKWICK STATIONS OF THE CROSS: At St Theodore's on Maundy Thursday at 10am, followed by Confessions.

“TREASURES OF DARKNESS”: The Cantus Firmus Trust present a *Good Friday Reflection* in words, music and drama at the Mercury Theatre, Colchester, on 22nd April at 7:30pm. Admission free with a retiring offering.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY MAY 1ST: Mass here, in Polish, at 2pm; 3pm - Divine Mercy Prayers. Please see Poster for full details of the Service.

SVP TEA PARTY will be held in Cardinal Bourne Hall on Saturday, 7th May, at 2.30pm with entertainment by Colne Harmony. There is no charge, but please phone Anna on 242170 *by 24th April* to book your place.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 28th May 2011. A minibus will be going to Walsingham leaving East Hill at 8am. Details from Theresa Higgins 523501 or pilgrimages@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

VANCANCIES WITH BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SOCIETY: Business Manager: Required: an experienced manager with strong financial and business experience to work as part of the BCYS Management team. The role is based at 2 sites (Cathedral House in Brentwood and Walsingham House in Canvey Island) and involves some staff line management. **Administrator based at Walsingham House (Canvey Island)** Required: highly organised, highly motivated administrator for 16 hours per week (over 4 days) to manage the day to day administration and finance system at Walsingham House. **FOR FULL DETAILS [no more space here!]** please contact Sarah Barber at sarah@bcys.net Application is by CV to Sarah Barber, Youth Office, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AT. Closing date for applications: *Friday 6th May*; interviews will take place on *Wednesday 18th May 2011*. **Gap Year Volunteers at Walsingham House:** There are still a couple of places left on the volunteer team for the academic year 2011/12. These vacancies are open to people aged 18 to 25 & help to deliver retreats both at Walsingham House and to schools and parishes. You will be resident and will be given a volunteer stipend. Please apply by sending your CV to jon@walsinghamhouse.org

WORLD YOUTH DAY MADRID 2011: There are still places available for the World Youth Day [age 16+] with the Dominican Group, through Br Lawrence Lew. Please see Fr Neil for details or contact Stephen Bailey at chaplaincy@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk

CHOIR LOFT: Please note that the Choir Loft is now out of bounds for Health & Safety reasons.

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, 14th April .Team 2.
LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT [A]
April 10th 2011

Saturday April 9th	6:15 pm	Delia Connolly RIP [A]
	8:00 am	Michael Barrett RIP
Sunday April 10th	10:30 am	Special Intention
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Theodora Robinson RIP
	8:30 am	Geraldine Mahoney RIP
	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP
	10:15 am	Parishioners

Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick

Monday 11th	Feria	
	Church	7:30 am Intentions of Bernie Irvine
Tuesday 12th	Feria	
	Church	9:15 am Helen Lydon RIP
Wednesday 13th	Feria	
	Church	9:15am Doris Murphy RIP
Thursday 14th	Feria	
	Church	7:30 am Paddy Irvine RIP
Friday 15th	Feria	
	Church	12:15 pm Phyllis, Cora and Deirdre RIP
Saturday 16th	Feria	
	Church	9:15 am D/Rels. Herbert/Richards Families RIP
Sunday 17th	Feria	
	Church	9:15 am Intentions of Elizabeth Riley
	Church	6:30 pm Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	Church	7:30 pm Stations of the Cross
	Church	9:15 am Terry Hilton RIP
	Church	1:00 pm WEDDING – JUDE AND CHIOMA

LITURGY FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [A]
17th April 2011

Saturday April 16th	6:15 pm	Ints. Max & Rita Milford [60th W/A]
	8:00 am	Mary and Patrick O'Donnell RIP
Sunday April 17th	10:30am	Arlene RIP
	6:30 pm	Intentions of Fr Tony
	8:30 am	Parishioners
	9:15 am	Irene Wales RIP

West Mersea
Mile End

Monkwick

10:15am Peggy and Maria RIP [JB]

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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