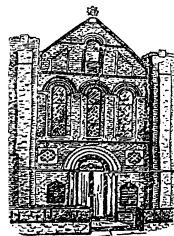


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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

February 13th 2011

My dear friends,

At this time of the year Priests are normally announcing the beginning of Lent, but this will not be happening this year until the first Sunday in March. Ash Wednesday is on the 9th March. Thereby, we follow the Sundays of Ordinary Time until the ninth Sunday which takes us through the entire section of Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount – Matthew, Chapters 5-7. There is much for us to reflect on in this important part of the Gospel.

In Jesus' new law of love he emphasises the spirit of the Law rather than the letter. For example, he goes further with the injunction; "Thou shall not kill" and tells us not have any feelings of anger and hatred in our hearts. We are to strive for peace and reconciliation with one another before we approach the Altar of God.

This week, Fr Neil is attending a Course in Rome and he will give our regards to Pope Benedict whilst he is there.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK - N.B. NO extra Masses this week

Wednesday 16 th	6:45 pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
Thursday 17 th	7:30pm	RCIA	Crypt
Friday 18 th	7:30-9pm	Baptism Course [2 of 2]	Crypt
Sunday 20 th	"	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, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Denis Nolan, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Cameron Smith, Olivia Thorpe.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: For the Diocesan Lourdes Sick and Helpers' Pilgrimage Fund.

THANKYOU: from *Childcare [Brentwood Catholic Children's Society]* for our Crib Collection, which amounted to £244.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: The next Parish Council meeting will be on Friday, May 20th at 7pm in the Crypt. The AGM takes place on Sunday, 3rd July at 7:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul Raymond Flynn and Patrick [Paddy] Irvine, of Flanders Field, who have recently died. May they rest in peace. Raymond's funeral takes place here on Monday, 21st February at 11am.

DIOCESAN YOUTH DIRECTOR, Sarah Barber writes: CYMFed Congress, on Saturday 12th March in Euston, London. Do you work with young people in a Catholic context, either voluntary or paid, in school or parish, part time or full time? If so, there is a national congress just for you. It is being organised by CYMFed, and is fully endorsed by the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. The day involves inspiring speakers (Fr J-Glenn Murray SJ, Michelle Moran, and Dave Wells), engaging liturgy, and access to lots of new resources and information for working with young people. Tickets are £14 and are available from www.cymfed.org

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT: Diary date – March 19th 7:30 – 10:30pm. Can you or do you know someone who does Irish Step Set or Ceili dancing; call out the sequence of the dance steps? If so, please ring Frances on 369568 as soon as possible. P.S. The next Social Committee meeting is today in the Cardinal Bourne Hall after the 10:30 Mass.

TEACHING VACANCIES: [1] 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. Closing date for receipt of applications: Wednesday, 2nd March, 2011 at Noon. Shortlisting date: Friday, 4th March, 2011. Interviews will be held on Friday, 18th March, 2011. Applicants are encouraged to visit the school and may contact the school office for an appointment on 01621 856698.

[2] St Bonaventure's School. Forest Gate. [a] Senior Science Lab Technician required for April 2011 and [b] Examination Officer required for September 2011. Closing Date 16.2.2011. Full details on posters under School section in the porch

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: St James the Less and St Helen is hosting the Women's World Day of Prayer Service on **Friday 4th March at 10.15am**. This year focusing on Chile, all welcome, followed by refreshments - with a Chilean flavour - in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. If there are any ladies interested in being involved with the WWDP service, please contact me **ASAP** on 07980 312584 or via email vsledwidge@aol.com

TABLE QUIZ: The Knights of St Columba are holding a Table Quiz in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, on Saturday March 5th at 7:30pm. Proceeds will be donated to *St Helena Hospice*. Light refreshments will be provided, please bring your own drinks. Tickets £4:50. Ring Ron on 797850 to book or just turn up on the evening.

BRES SPRING LECTURE: Understanding the Revised Mass Texts on Tuesday 8th March, 7.30pm with Martin Foster, Department of Christian Life & Worship, Bishops' Conference of England & Wales. To be held at Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Cost £5 per person. To book, email arefm@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277 265255. Please see poster.

MONKWICK AGM: Takes place at St Theodore's on Wednesday March 16th.

FINDING FORGIVENESS: - you are invited to a talk by the parents of Jimmy Mizen a young victim of street violence killed in 2008 at the age of 16. Barry and Margaret Mizen will share how their faith has helped them during these past two years. On Saturday 26th March 2011 at 3pm Followed by Evening Prayer at 5.30pm at: Blessed Sacrament Church Hall Melbourne Chelmsford Essex CM1 2DU. To book, please contact the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre at admin@canonesses.co.uk or call 01206-867296. See poster.

DVD OF PAPAL VISIT has been delivered. If you have placed an order, please contact the Parish Office to arrange collection and payment. [£5.99].

CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, February 24th: Team 3A.

LOST/FOUND: A gold ring has been found in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office if you have lost one.

MOVING?: If you are moving, please let the parish office know. If you are newly arrived, please complete a registration form, which are in the porch. For inclusions on the parish website: admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

**LITURGY FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]
February 13th 2011 – Breviary Week 2**

Saturday February 12th 6:15 pm Intentions of the Silva Family
Sunday February 13th 8:00 am Intentions of Joyce Wrobel
 10:30 am D/Rels: Hanley & Markham Families
 6:30 pm Intentions of Mrs Tiode & Family
 8:30 am Parishioners
 9:15 am Cestari Family RIP
 10:15 am Katarzyana Hurlo RIP [BB]

*Mersea
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Monkwick*

Monday 14th *SsCYRIL, Monk and METHODIUS, Bp. Co-Patrons of Europe Church* 9:15am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Tuesday 15th *Feria Church* 9:15 am Patrick Arundel RIP

Wednesday 16th *Feria Church* 12:15 pm Edward and Catherine McElroy RIP

Thursday 17th *Feria Church:* 9:15 am Helen Lydon RIP

Friday 18th *Feria Church* 9:15 am Philomena Dwyer RIP
Church 10:30 am **FUNERAL – JOHN MANNING RIP**

Saturday 19th *Feria Church* 9:15 am Matt Foley RIP

**LITURGY FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]
February 20th 2011 – [Education Day]**

Saturday February 19th 6:15 pm In Thanksgiving [O'Keefe]
Sunday February 20th 8:00 am Canon John Bloomfield RIP
 10:30am Parishioners
 6:30 pm Stephen Hilton RIP
 8:30 am John Kelly RIP
 9:15 am F, E and A Lucas RIP
 10:15am Mrs K Hurlo RIP [Wright]

*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
SCHOOLS**

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St Thomas More Head: Bridget Harris

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