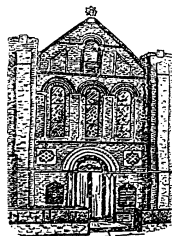


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### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A] January 16<sup>th</sup> 2011

My dear friends,

#### Collect for Today:

*Father of heaven and earth, hear our prayers, and show us the way to peace in the world. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

At first glance today the subject of the Gospel today is a repeat of the Baptism of the Lord last Sunday. On closer inspection we can see that it focuses on the "witness" aspect of John the Baptist's ministry. He identifies Jesus as the "Lamb of God" and points Him out to those with him. He goes on to describe how he saw the Spirit descending on Christ. "I am witness that He is the Chosen One of God." Our world needs witnesses. Are we ready to prepare the way of the Lord?

The Second Collection this weekend is in aid of CAFOD.

At the 10.30 on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be the annual pulpit swap marking the Week for Christian Unity. Note also the unity service, details of which can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

May God bless you all,

Fr Neil Brett

#### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:45 pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
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Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	RCIA	Crypt
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10—12	FHC Group	Hall/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, Charlie George, Bridie Murphy, Baby Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Olivia Thorpe.

**CAFOD QUARTERLY COLLECTION:** Will be taken up after all Masses today. It is a year since the earthquake in Haiti and improvements are very slow. See how our money is helping in Haiti at [cafod.org.uk/sidebyside](http://cafod.org.uk/sidebyside)

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEK:** Lilo Bacani and Olivia Geary-Cooper. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of baby Dabrowski and also George Onwuemezi. May they rest in peace. George's funeral has been arranged for Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, at 1:15pm at Colchester Crematorium.

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

*Confirmation Group* Today, 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. Don't forget to bring the form with you!

**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 9<sup>th</sup>-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.

**PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP:** present their annual pantomime: **'Fun on the high seas'**. A Pirates' Pantomime on Friday 21st January at 7.30 pm and Saturday 22nd January at 3.00 pm and 7.30 pm. In the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children and concessions. For further details contact Lesley on 01206 512310.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY;** Culminates next Sunday, evening, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, with a Unity Service at 6:30pm at St Botolph's Church. All church members are invited.

**DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS DAY:** At Chigwell Convent on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January next. Frank Maguire, the former Director of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, will be speaking from the family perspective and Helen Bassirat, from the Diocese of Shrewsbury, will be speaking from the point of view of a practitioner working in supporting those affected by domestic abuse. The day will run from 10am to 3pm and as lunch will be provided *you will need to book your place*. Please contact Elisabeth Abbott on 01277 265236 or email [elisabeth@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:elisabeth@dioceseofbrentwood.org) if you would like to attend. Full details on the poster in the porch.

**OASIS OF PEACE (MEDJUGORJE) DAY: *Come and be renewed!*** On Saturday January 29th, 2011 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 11, Church Hill, Epping, Essex, CM16 4RA, from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. With Canon Seamus Keenan. Includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confession and discussion. Bring packed lunch – drinks provided.

**BRES RETREAT SPIRITUALITY MORNING- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2011 9.30-12.00** entitled "**Contemplation in a busy world.**" This will be led by Fr Christopher O'Donnell, O.Carm. It will take place in Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. Cost £5. Tel 01277 265285.

**ISRAEL/PALESTINE– THE UNTOLD STORIES:** *Saturday, 26 February 2.30 – 4.30 pm. Venue: Peace House, Paradise Street, Oxford OX1 1LD.* A Public Meeting with guest speaker Pat Gaffney, General Secretary, Pax Christi. Pat has recently returned from a Pax Christi visit to partners, churches and NGOs in the region to learn more about life under occupation and create solidarity links with those working for peace and justice. Preceded by Network for Peace AGM at 1.30pm.

**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.

**'BE STILL' DAY:** The parish of St Mary Immaculate & The Holy Archangels,

Kelvedon will be hosting a quiet day, learning about silent prayer, in Lent run by Magdalen Houlihan from Clare Priory on **Saturday 26th March** from 11.00 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Tea, coffee and a soup and roll lunch provided. Donations towards Clare Priory Building Fund. For further information and to book a place contact: Eve and Peter Regelous, 01376 518486 or 07947 796783 or email [eveuk@hotmail.com](mailto:eveuk@hotmail.com)

**CLEANERS' ROTA:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Team 2.

**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 SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]  
16th January 2011 – Breviary Week 2**

<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>10:30 am</b>	Margaret Rose RIP
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>POLISH MASS</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Allan Jones RIP
<i>Mersea</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Intentions of Maureen Went
<i>Mile End</i>	<b>9:15 am</b>	Intentions of Mark de Guzman
<i>Monkwick</i>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Parishioners
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Anthony, Ab</b>	
	<i>Church</i> <b>7:30am</b>	Aileen Christian RIP
	<i>Church</i> <b>9:15am</b>	Maeve Healy RIP
<b>Tuesday 18th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i> <b>9:15 am</b>	Intentions of Joe Parkinson
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i> <b>7:30am</b>	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	<i>Church</i> <b>12:15 pm</b>	Ernest Jardim RIP
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church:</i> <b>9:15 am</b>	John & Julie O'Connor RIP
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>St Agnes, V.M.</b>	
	<i>Church</i> <b>9:15 am</b>	Angelique Blin RIP
	<i>Church</i> <b>6:30 pm</b>	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	<i>Church</i> <b>9:15 am</b>	Finbar Barry-Murphy RIP

**LITURGY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]  
January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011**

Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:15 pm Mr & Mrs Milford RIP  
8:00 am Margaret Power RIP  
10:30am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP  
6:30 pm Margaret Harknett RIP  
8:30 am Parishioners  
9:15 am Rose Foley RIP  
10:15am Celestine Tighe RIP

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** *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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