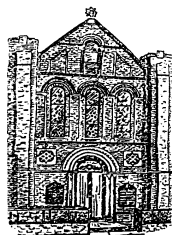


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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]
September 16th 2012

My Dear Friends

We heard from the Bishop this week that he has cancelled some engagements due to a recurrence of pneumonia. He does plan however, to be with us on Wednesday September 26th for his Pastoral Visitation. This occurs every three years, and when he came in 2009, his visit coincided with a weekend. This time he comes on a weekday to visit St Thomas More School, to talk about the parish with the priests and then preside at the Confirmation Mass at 7:30pm in the evening, to which all the parish are warmly invited. This will most probably be the last official visit of our Bishop Thomas as we await the choice of his successor in the not too distant future.

We were saddened this week to learn of the death of Fr Conrad Smith, former parish priest of Greenstead. His body will be received into St John Payne Greenstead at 4pm on Monday 24th September and the Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 25th at 11:30am. May he rest in peace.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

There will be a second collection for the Parish Development Fund on the weekend of the 22nd – 23rd September. These collections are an extremely helpful form of extra revenue to help us meet all our financial commitments.

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

Thursday 20th	7.30 pm until 9.00pm RCIA Journey in Faith	Crypt
Friday 21st	7:30pm Baptism Course	Crypt
Friday 21st	7:00pm Priory St Theatre Group "West End Hits"	CBH

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, June Bickersteth, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Gwen Cole, Ian Cole, Stanley Crane, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emery, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Jeff Guild, Maurice Highfield, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Mary (Maise) Radford, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Catherine Spicer, Filomena Velasquez, Tony White.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter McAteer, Fr Conrad Smith and William (Sam) Wood. Peter's funeral will be on Wednesday 19th September 2:30pm at Priory St followed by a service at Colchester Crematorium. Sam's funeral will be on Thursday 20th September 1:15pm at Colchester Crematorium.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Quentin Nacci. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

SCRIPTURE COURSE: There will be no Scripture course Wednesday 19th and 26th September. The course will resume on Wednesday October 6th.

100 CLUB - AUGUST DRAW: And the winners are: Fr Tony McKentey [1st]; Denis O'Neill [2nd]; John Allen [3rd]. Congratulations to you all!

ST BENEDICT'S FORMS: Fr Tony will be available to sign your application forms for St Benedict's College on Thursday 4th October and Friday 5th October from 3:30pm – 6:30pm. Please make contact through the church office to book your appointment time.

RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH: If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic or simply want to find out more about the Catholic Faith, there will be an introductory meeting on 20th September 7.30 pm until 9.00pm in the Crypt. Further information available from Fr Tony or Fr Neil - or contact Cathy O'Connor on 501146.

CATHOLICISM COURSE: of Fr Robert Barron starts on Friday October 12th at 7.30pm (put that in your diary please)

MILE END NEWS: There will be a coffee morning in the crypt at Priory St on 12th October from 10am – 12:30pm. Cakes Welcome.

MERSEA NEWS: Many thanks to Pauline Aspinall for hosting our September coffee morning, her many guests enjoyed a sunny morning with friends. The last coffee morning before our Christmas Fayre will be hosted by Sue Jenner on 9th October,

details to follow.

PARISH COUNCIL: Meets in the Presbytery this Thursday 20th September at 7:30pm.

PRIORY STREET THEATRE GROUP: presents 'West End Hits'. Come and enjoy the music from Les Miserables, Jesus Christ Superstar, Wicked and Cats in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street. Friday 21st September and Saturday 22nd September. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Tickets £5.00 and £2.50 for children and concessions. For more information please contact Lesley 01206 512310.

HELP REQUIRED: to cover volunteer holidays for the Homeless Initiative on Monday and Friday mornings in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Please make contact through the church office.

TEAM DOLEMAN: Kieran, Daniel and Ruth are cycling from London to Brighton this Sunday 16th September to raise money for Leukemia research. They are doing this as a tribute to their late father Alan. If you would like to know more visit www.justgiving.com/Alan-Doleman.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: September is Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) Awareness Month. We visit the housebound and lonely, help to find furniture for the needy, help in a small way with financial difficulties and in any other way we can, as well as supporting our 'twins' in India and giving to disasters worldwide. If we can help you or if you would like to join with us to help in our work contact Judy on 07970 408 707.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA (KSC): Are holding a table quiz in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory St - after Mass on Saturday 29th September 7:30pm. All proceeds will be donated to the Emmaus Charity for the Homeless. Light refreshments provided, please bring your own drinks. Tickets £5. Call Ron on 797850 to book or just turn up on the evening.

WINDOWS OF THE SOUL: An illustrated talk on the historic and spiritual background of our 18 stained glass windows at Priory St. Saturday 29th September at 11am in the church.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: From September 26th to November 4th, you're invited to join other Christians for *40 Days for Life* – prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and pray peacefully during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Marie Stopes abortion clinic, 108, Whitfield Street, London, W1T 5EA. For more information and if you'd like to volunteer, visit www.40daysforlife.com/london-whitfield, email gcnvigil@yahoo.co.uk, or phone Eddie on 07932105696.

PLEASE TAKE ONE: in the porch at Priory Street there are a selection of short articles on topical issues for your interest. Not all are official church teaching, but they will help provide a briefing on important matters. You will find a newspaper article by Cardinal O'Brien on same-sex marriage, a Nigerian bio-chemist tackling Melinda Gates on how not to spend her vast fortune and James Parker on the Olympics. Do take one!

AUTUMM FAIR: Saturday 6th October from 10am – 2pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Entrance Free. Various quality stalls with some vintage items. Raffle, refreshments on sale. Proceeds to church funds and Friends of Peru charity. Donations appreciated of vintage clothing e.g. evening dresses, 60's, 70's or nearly new. Crockery, linen and hats. Contact Francis 369568 or Nora 503410

MANY THANKS: To all those supported the Cheese & Wine evening at 27 Cottage Drive last Friday. £200 has been raised for parish funds.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 20th September – Team 5.

ALTAR SERVERS: This Sunday 10:30am Mass – Team A.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] – 16th September 2012

Saturday September 15th	6:15 pm	Daniel Farrell RIP
Sunday September 16th	8:00 am	Moya Campbell RIP
	10:30 am	May Banks RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Philis, Cora & Deirdre RIP
	8:30 am	Parishioners
	9:15 am	Private Intention
	10:15 am	Joan Boyden & Vivienne Wright RIP

*West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick*
Monday 17th

Feria

Church **7:30 am** Private Intention

Church **9:15 am** Sarah Betts RIP

Tuesday 18th

Feria

Church **7:30 am** Private Intention

Church **9:15 am** Special Intention

Wednesday 19th

Feria

Church **7:30 am** Private Intention

Church **12:15 pm** Sybil Kathleen Lyons RIP

Church **2:30 pm** **REQUIEM MASS – Peter McAteer RIP**

Thursday 20th

St Andrew Kim Taegon, Pr, M & St Paul Chong Hasang & Comps, Mm

Church **9:15 am** Mrs Mary Nina O'Dwyer RIP

Friday 21st

ST MATTHEW, Ap, Evangelist Feast

Church **7:30 am** Private Intention

Church **9:15 am** Anton and Anna Von Wrede RIP

Church **6:30 pm** Private Intention

Saturday 22nd

Feria

Church **9:15 am** Jaro and Alena Doblej

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] – 23rd September 2012

Saturday September 22nd

6:15 pm Bridie Kelly RIP

Sunday September 23rd

8:00 am Private Intention

10:30 am Simon Chaplin RIP

6:30 pm Private Intention

West Mersea

8:30 am Matt, Eddie and Pat Hogan RIP

Mile End

9:15 am Parishioners

Monkwick

10:15 am In Thanksgiving [T&N]

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 Head: Mrs J Santinelli [549222]

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