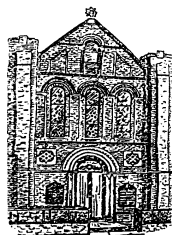


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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

September 18th 2011

My dear friends

This weekend we remember the first anniversary of Pope Benedict's visit to the UK. We give thanks for the blessings this visit brought to our country and to the Church. We continue to ask for the intercession of Blessed John Henry Newman that we may be strong witnesses to the Faith in our land.

Heritage Weekend

Many thanks to all those who helped prepare the Heritage events last weekend in providing a welcome and information for all those visitors to our Church. It was gratifying to see how many visitors were impressed by all they saw. We thank Jennie Guthrie-Stevens for putting us "on the map" for the Weekend.

Songs of Praise

This BBC programme is coming to St Botolphs Church, Colchester. They need singers for the rehearsals on the evenings of 5th October and for recordings on 13th and 14th October. The theme is one of "Colchester Past and Present" and the second programme will be aired on Remembrance Sunday. I have ordered some tickets for our Parish and I shall be liaising with likely singers to represent us.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

DAILY Morning Prayer 8.15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8.35am (Wed 11.15am)
PRAYER GROUP Mondays at 8pm in the Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please check Mass Schedule for any changes

Wednesday 21 st September	7pm SVP Meeting	Crypt
Friday 23 rd	7:30pm Baptism Course [1 of 2]	See below
Saturday 24 th	10-12 Monkwick Coffee Morning	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,

BAPTISMS : Evan Buckingham, Henry and Annabelle Ryan, and Michael Wheeler. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: As mentioned, there will be a second collection next Sunday after all Masses for our Parish Development Fund.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: The next quarterly Course has been arranged for this Friday 23rd September and the following Friday 30th September, 7.30pm in the Crypt. There is no need to make an appointment, but BOTH sessions must be attended.

MONKWICK NEWS: Our next coffee morning will be on Saturday 24th September between 10–12. It will be hosted by Joan Norman at 5 Buxton Road. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: The date of the next meeting is September 25th in the Cardinal Bourne Hall after the 10:30 Mass. A second-hand bookstall will be in the Hall, too, each Sunday after the 10:30 Mass. NO books are required thank you, but do come along and browse and buy!

HEADTEACHER VACANCIES: [1] *St Benedict's College:* The Governors of this popular and successful Catholic College are looking to appoint a dynamic and visionary Principal to lead this potentially outstanding College as it faces the challenges ahead. For informal enquiries, to obtain an application pack or to arrange a visit to the college, please contact: Mrs Mary Moriarty on 01206 514910 / moriarty.benedicts@gmail.com. The closing date for completed applications is Thursday 29th September 2011. [2] *St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Harwich* is currently advertising for a new Headteacher. For information and application forms phone 01245 436247 or email headships@essex.gov.uk Closing date for receipt of applications is 26th September 2011.

SIMON CHAPLIN RIP: Simon's funeral has now been arranged for Tuesday, 27th September at 11:45am here at Priory Street.

CAFOD SPONSORSHIP: Stephen Moriarty will be running in the Royal Parks Half Marathon in London on 9th October this year to raise money for CAFOD. He has set up a JustGiving page which can be accessed by this website <http://www.justgiving.com/stephen-moriarty> and also has sponsorship forms at the 6:30pm Sunday Mass. My aim is to raise a minimum of £200 but obviously anything over and above that number would be fantastic.

PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM: Danny Ferdinand reporting – “The new season has begun and we played the current champions Frinton Free Church last Saturday at Shrub End. Despite a promising start we were comprehensively beaten 8-0. We did, however, come close to scoring on a number of occasions. The St. James 'Man of the Match' was awarded to Daniel Pembroke who was making his debut as a goalkeeper. Only a string of high calibre saves managed to keep the score in single figures. Our next fixture is on September 24 against St. Johns C/E”.

EVANGELIUM is a course to fill in the gaps in our knowledge of the Faith. It is based on the Catechism and utilises religious art to develop the themes. It will last until May with convenient breaks, 25 modules in all. The first session will start on Sunday 25th of September after the evening Mass in the crypt.

A JOURNEY IN FAITH [RCIA]; Recommences on Thursday, September 29th, for those thinking about becoming a Catholic or wishing to find out more about the Catholic Faith. Starting at 7:30pm in the Crypt.

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 14th October and Friday, 21st October, both dates between 4-6pm.** Please ring the Parish Office on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday to book your appointment.

GIFT AID: Do you subscribe by standing order? If so, please collect your “Special Collection” envelopes from the boxes in the porch. They are for use between now and March 2012. Thank you.
John Sales.

SALE OF NEW TRANSLATIONS: If you have ordered booklets and not yet collected them from the Parish Office, please do so as soon as you can. Paid for or not, they will be put into general circulation otherwise. Thank you.

THANK YOU: The Knights of St Columba wish to thank supporters who turned up for the Table Quiz. We managed to raise £200 for the East Anglian Children's Hospice.

MERSEA NEWS: Many thanks to Olive Newland for hosting our September coffee morning also all those that came. The last coffee morning will be at the home of Sue Jenner details to follow.

CLEANING ROTA: Thursday 22nd September – Team 1.

**LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]
September 18th 2011**

Saturday September 17th 6:15 pm Christina Mooney RIP
Sunday September 18th 8:00 am Thomas and Gladys Lane RIP
10:30 am Julian van Sertima RIP
4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm Parishioners
8:30 am Intentions: Teresa Hogan
9:15 am Intentions: Jacinta Tang
10:15 am Intentions: Editaa Humphreys

*Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick*

Monday 19th

Feria

Church

9:15 am Sybil Kathleen Lyons RIP

Tuesday 20th

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

Church

9:15 am Michael & Ellen Kate Conlon RIP

Wednesday 21st

ST MATTHEW, Ap, Evangelist

Church

12:15 pm Intentions: Margaret Wright

Thursday 22nd

Feria

N.B.

Church

9:30 am Winnie O'Donnell RIP

Friday 23rd

St Pius of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio], Pr, Rel

Church

9:15 am Mgr Sebastiano Corsanego RIP

Church

11:00 am **REQUIEM – ELLEN WOODLEY RIP**

Church

6:30 pm Noli Enriquez RIP & baby Sunga RIP

Saturday 24th

Our Lady of Walsingham

Church

9:15 am D/Rels: Herbert/Richards Families RIP

**LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]
September 25th 2011**

Saturday September 24th

6:15 pm James Holden RIP

Sunday September 25th

8:00 am Intentions: Louisa Fabi

10.30 am Maureen McVann RIP

6:30 pm Parishioners

West Mersea

8:30 am Monica Banks RIP

Mile End

9:15 am Chris Barrell & Bob McLaren RIP

Monkwick

10:15am May Banks RIP [JN]

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

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