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ASCENSION OF THE LORD [B]

May 20th 2012

My dear friends

On this Ascension Day we remember Jesus' instructions to the Apostles to: "Go out to all nations and proclaim the good news".

Today, we also observe World Communications Sunday and pray for those endeavouring to put forward the message of Christ in all the many forms of media available today. In the UK we have the Catholic Communications Network [CCN] which provides support for the bishops of England and Wales and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. The office is the central point for media enquiries. It plays a key role in developing the public profile of the Church and ran the Church's media co-ordination of the Papal Visit to the UK. CCN is responsible for the website www.catholicnews.org.uk which provides the latest news, features and podcasts and information about the Catholic Bishops' Conference.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY PRAYER

*O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light,
guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.*

Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity.

*Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,
and as we confront the pain and promise of this world,
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence
and of longing for your peace.*

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes

Sunday 20 th May	8-9pm	Evangelium [Final Session]	
Wednesday 23 rd	6:45-8:45pm	Scripture Course [ditto]	Crypt Hall
Saturday 26 th	10-12	FHC Programme	
Sunday 27 th	7:30-9pm	Confirmation Group	

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Peter Irvén, Pat Maloney, Maria Mahy, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Tim Young.

SICK LIST: If you are aware of anyone who may now be recovered, do please let one of the Clergy know.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Cadryche Sunga and Sopia-Sue Hermosilla. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES FOR THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN STILL AWAIT COLLECTION FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR: Dean Conybeare, Daisy-Mae Cowling, Braeden Paterson, Oscar Swann.

SECOND COLLECTION AT PRIORY ST: As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, today there will be a second collection at Priory Street for flowers.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pamela Lee, mother of Mark, who has recently died. May she rest in peace. The funeral of Joan Boyden has now been arranged for Friday, 25th May in Priory Street at 11a.m – Reception into Church Thursday, 24th at 4:30pm.

MARRIAGE – WHAT CAN I DO?: The public consultation runs until June 14th 2012 and the Government needs to know your views, e.g. write to your MP. If unsure who, you can visit www.findyourmp.parliament.uk If you have not already done so, sign the petition on line via www.c4m.org.uk Full details on www.catholicnews.org.uk. The Bishops write "Please think and pray. Please act now so that the meaning of marriage is preserved for future generations".

CATHOLIC LIFE MAGAZINE: There are still some copies of the May issue, priced at £3.50, which contains the article by Tony Galcius on our 175th Anniversary.

CARD-CARRYING CATHOLIC: Please take one of these small, credit-card sized cards to keep in your wallet/purse. Not only are they a reminder of our duties as a Catholic but they carry an instruction to call a Catholic priest in an emergency.

MONKWICK NEWS: St Theodore's first Bring & Buy Coffee morning this season will be held in the church on Saturday, 26th May from 10am to 12 noon. All very welcome.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: Mercy Associates meet next at 7.30pm on Monday 28 May at Christ Church Court (tel: 763049)

YOUTH NEWS: [Opportunity to get involved with Evangelisation during the London Olympics for young people aged 18+](#) If you are interested in working with other young people on street evangelisation, hospitality centres, nightfever, social justice, prayer walks, perpetual Adoration, sports missions etc. during the London Olympics, then please check out [thejoshuacamp.com](#) or look up The Joshua Camp on Facebook. For more information contact the local co-ordinator, Sarah Barber on sarah@bcys.net or call 01277 265286. Registration closing date is 1st June 2012. *[This event is being supported, but not organised, by the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service].*

KSC ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD: June 10th. Leaves East Hill at 9am. For full details and to book see poster or call Justin on 241317; 07845 392684.

PARISH COUNCIL: The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday, 14th June at 7:30pm in the Crypt and a date for your diaries - **the Parish AGM is on Sunday, 8th July at 7:30pm in the Hall.**

SVP PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: on Sunday 1st July £12 per person. Please phone Judy on 07970408707 to book your place on the Coach. Money payable on or before Sunday 10th June, any cheques made out to Colchester SVP. *There are still a few seats left.*

SVP SUMMER CAMP – ALDHAM: For full details of boys' week and girls' week, please see poster in the porch.

THANK YOU RE SOUP RUN: Claire Cooper, who has now stepped down from organizing the Soup Run for nearly 8 years, would like to thank everyone who has helped her in any way over this time. She is very grateful for your support. [The new co-ordinator is Armando Signorelli - Tel.854921]

MISSIO NEWSLETTER: Free copies of the Summer 2012 edition available today. If you wish to become a Red Box holder, contact Ron Griffin after Saturday evening Mass at Priory Street or phone 571590.

PARISH EMAIL: Please use priorystreet51@hotmail.co.uk or colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org until further notice.

CHURCH CLEANING: Saturday 26th May – Team 6.

LITURGY FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD [B]

May 20th 2012

Saturday May 19th	6:15 pm	Bridget Kelly RIP
Sunday May 20th	8:00 am	Cicely Berry RIP
<i>[FHC Programme]</i>	10:30 am	FHC Children and Families
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
<i>[Signed Mass]</i>	6:30 pm	Hentry Stewart RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Mersea Community
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Mile End Community
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Monkwick Community

Monday 21st	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Ints: Jackie Ravenhall & Family
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Tuesday 22nd	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Intentions: Mrs Tide & Family

Wednesday 23rd	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	7:30am	Intentions: Stephanie Curran
<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm	Mary and William O'Connor RIP

Thursday 24th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Intentions: Lenore Sykes

Friday 25th	St Bede the Venerable, Pr.D.	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Ints: Kearney/Hamilton Families RIP
C.G.H. Chapel	12:00 pm	Private Intention
<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm	D/Rels: Herbert/Richards Families RIP

Saturday 26th	St Philip Neri, Pr	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Rev. L. Matthews RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	6:00 pm	KERALA MASS

LITURGY FOR PENTECOST [B]

May 27th 2012

Saturday May 26th	6:15 pm	Lucy Walker RIP [R&MG]	
Sunday May 27th	8:00 am	Parishioners	
	10:30am	Patrick Burke RIP	
<i>[1 of 2]</i>	2:00 pm	First Holy Communion Mass	
	6:30 pm	Iris Licence RIP [A]	
<i>West Mersea</i>	<i>[FHC Mass]</i>	8:30 am	Elunyel Heaume RIP
<i>Mile End</i>		9:15 am	James O'Shea RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>		10:15am	D/Rels: Wrobel & Wright Families RIP

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]

www.marriagecare.org.uk or 0800 389 3801.

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