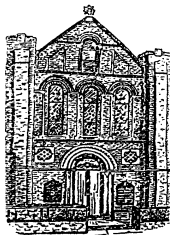


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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER [B] – April 22nd 2012

As the Catholic Church continues to grow worldwide at a remarkable rate, the question is: where? Under the title *Seoul, An Easter for the Record Books* the journalist Piero Gheddo highlights one growth point.

"There may be no other country in the world that over the past half century has seen growth as sustained as that of South Korea, including conversions to Christ. From 1960 to 2010, the number of inhabitants went from 23 to 48 million; per capita income from 1,300 to 19,500 dollars; Christians from 2 to 30 per cent, of which about 10-11 per cent, 5.5 million, are Catholic; there were 250 Korean priests, today there are 5,000." He reports the experience of one parish priest, Fr. Paul Kim Bo Rok: "Each year, we celebrate two or three rites of collective baptism of adults: each time the baptized are 200, 300, or even more, after about a year of catechumenate: that's not much, but we can't allow any more time because of the many requests for religious instruction. Deeper formation in the faith is given after Baptism, and is the task of the ecclesial movements. Becoming Christian means entering into a group that draws you in deeply, gives you norms of behaviour and effort, gives you prayers to say every day. When one enters the Church one accepts everything. This is the Korean spirit: either you accept and commit yourself, or you don't accept and go away."

Let's pray for our brothers and sisters in Asia as they see such fruit for their labours. May the conversions be ones which last. We can share in their joy as fellow members of the Church founded by Jesus Christ. I have heard various reports that the numbers at the Easter Triduum in this country were up. Not at **that** rate, to be sure, but we can take heart. Gheddo concludes: "Never be pessimistic about the future of Christianity and of the Catholic Church. We of the Old Continent are going through a crisis in our faith, but in

the young Churches the action of the Holy Spirit is giving us an injection of hope and of Paschal joy."

Read the full report at:

<http://chiesa.espresso.repubblica.it/articolo/1350223?eng=y>

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes

Wednesday 25 th	6:45pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
Friday 27 th	7:30-9pm	Baptism Course [2 of 2]	Crypt
Sunday 29	7:30-9:30pm	Confirmation Group	CBH
“ “	8-9pm	Evangelium	Crypt

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

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

BAPTISMS TODAY: Tristan, Maddy and Aidan Critchley. God bless these children and congratulations to their family.

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES for Dean Conybeare, Daisy-Mae Cowling, Lauren Gough and Oscar Swann still await collection. Please ring the Parish Office to arrange.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the family of Frank Dennis Gamble who died on the 18th April.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: There will be a second collection after all Masses next weekend for The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund, part of the Diocesan Charity, which is to help and support our retired and sick clergy when retired and/or sick.

ABBOTSWICK: 'Healing Mass' - Fr Eamonn Power will be celebrating a Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer this Wednesday 25th April at 2.30pm. All welcome. For further details visit the events page of www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING – 175th ANNIVERSARY: Takes place on *Thursday, 3rd May at 7:30pm* with Bishop Thomas McMahon and priests, past and present. Refreshments in the Cardinal Bourne Hall afterwards. There will be a practice for all those taking part in the Liturgy on Monday, 30th April at 7:30pm in the Church and a Servers' practice prior to the Mass itself at 6pm on May 3rd.

FOOD FOR THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Donations of food will be appreciated for the reception following this Thanksgiving Mass on May 3rd. Please telephone Margaret Wheeler on 797850.

THE DIOCESAN DEAF SERVICE is celebrating a Signed Mass here on May 20th at 6.30pm. Fr David Clemens will be our celebrant and people who are deaf will sign the readings. All are welcome, hearing, hard of hearing and deaf. For more information contact Sr Margaret Duffy, Brentwood Diocesan Pastoral Deaf Service. Telephone 020 8504 0406 Mobile 07989129091 bpds@dioceseofbrentwood.org

VACANCIES for the posts of Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher: at St Bede's Catholic Primary School in Chadwell Heath for September 2012. For Job details and an application pack please contact Loren Feeley on 0208 523 6502. Completed application forms should be returned to Loren Feeley at 500 Larkshall Road, Highams Park, London E4 9HH. Loren.feeley@strictlyeducation.co.uk

THE CTS NEW DAILY MISSAL ("People's Edition") with readings is now available, priced £45.

BCCS – Ladies Jubilee Supper: BCCS are delighted to be hosting a Ladies Only Supper in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The event is being held on Thursday, 31st May, at the prestigious Crondon Park Golf & Country Club in Stock. Tickets are priced at £39.50, which includes a Drinks Reception, Dinner, tea/coffee. All proceeds from the event will be going to the *Brentwood Catholic Children's Society*. For further information or to book your tickets please contact: Julie on 01268 784544/ 07912 277413 jabbott@bccs.org.uk

SR GEMMA SIMMONDS ON VATICAN II: In preparation for the Year of Faith commemorating 50 years since the opening of the Council the diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation is holding a Study Day on the subject of 'The Achievement of Vatican II'. The speaker is the well-known writer and broadcaster Sr Gemma Simmons and takes place at Brentwood Cathedral Hall on Saturday 9th June from 10.30 until 3 p.m. Please book your place by phone to 01277 265289 or by email to CEF@dioceseofbrentwood.org Admission is free and lunch is provided.

SVP PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: on Sunday 1st July £12 per person. Please phone Judy on 07970408707 to book your place on the Coach.

MOVING OUT OF THE PARISH OR MOVING WITHIN THE PARISH?: Please let the Parish Office know. **Newly arrived?** Please complete a registration form to be found in the church porch [in Priory Street on the left hand side table]. Pop the form back through the Presbytery Letter Box.

PARISH WEBSITE: For inclusions: admin@stjhamesthelessandsthelen.org
PARISH NEWSLETTER: For items: colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org
Send in by a *Wednesday morning, at the latest*, for the following weekend

please.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thursday, April 26th – Team 2.

LITURGY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER[B]

April 22nd 2012

Saturday April 21st	6:15 pm	Joan Inskipp RIP
Sunday April 22nd	8:00 am	Michael Cusack RIP
	10:30 am	D/Rels: Margaret Barber
	6:30 pm	Intentions: Patricia Roche
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Ida Ray RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Intentions: Sylvia Wright OBE

Monday 23rd	ST GEORGE, M, Patron of England
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Lucy Walker RIP
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Sidney Castell & Rose Castell RIP
<i>Church</i>	10:30 am REQUIEM – MICHAEL PROUT RIP

Tuesday 24th	St Mellitus, Bp.
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Bridie Kelly RIP [R&MG]

Wednesday 25th	ST MARK, Evangelist
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Thanksgiving [AC]
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Intentions: Samantha Hume

Thursday 26th	N.B. Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am D/Rels: Pauk & Zlocki Families RIP

Friday 27th	Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Phyllis, Cora & Deirdre RIP
<i>Church</i>	11:00 am REQUIEM – MARIE HOWLETT RIP
CGH Chapel	12:00 pm Private Intention
<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm D/Rels: Herbert/Richards Families RIP

Saturday 28th	Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Emilie & Francis Carter RIP[A]
<i>Mile End</i>	6:00 pm KERALA MASS

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [B]

[World Day of Prayer for Vocations] April 29th 2012

Saturday 28th April	6:15 pm	Intentions: Anthony Rhatigan
Sunday 29th April	8:00 am	Brian Jackson RIP
	10:30am	Thanksgiving – [Filipino Nurses]
	6:30 pm	Special Intention [JH]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Andrew King 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.

www.brentwoodvocations.org

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