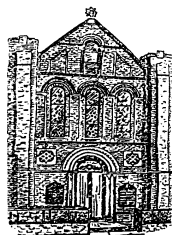


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [B] April 29th 2012

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, is the day chosen as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Pope Benedict has written to us this year on the theme "Vocations, the Gift of the Love of God". He hopes that local communities 'will become places where vocations are carefully discerned and their authenticity tested, places where young men and women are offered wise and strong spiritual direction.' That is a challenging vision for parishes to achieve but as the Holy Father points out 'In this way, the Christian community itself becomes a manifestation of the love of God in which every calling is contained.'

Anyone considering Priesthood is warmly invited to contact Fr Dominic Howarth, Diocesan Vocations Director. This year three students will begin in seminary at Valladolid in September: Brenden Thompson, Ian Yardley and David Peace. Our prayers are asked for them and for existing seminarians Eamonn Hyde, Gary Dench, Patrick Daly and David Pearce, as well as Nick de Keyser and Matthew Bemand. Nick and Matthew will be ordained Deacons in June and Priests in October. For young men and women aged 18 – 30 and wanting a place to reflect, pray and chat about vocation, you are very welcome to the new **Brentwood Vocations Discernment Group**.

Meeting monthly, an evening together includes a meal, a talk by a Priest or Religious sharing their vocational journey, a time of quiet prayer and a chance to ask questions both in a group and one to one. For more details contact Fr Dominic. The **Invocation Festival** takes place on 6th-8th July, in Birmingham, and is an amazing weekend of speakers, prayer, reflection and

celebration for those who want to have time and space to discern God's call in their life. It is open to men and women aged 18 – 35 and it is a superb weekend. For more information: www.invocation.org.uk The website www.brentwoodvocations.org is also full of useful information. To contact Fr Dominic please email: frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org or call 01268 553425 at any time.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes

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| Sunday 29 th April | 7:30-9:30pm | Confirmation Group | CBH |
| “ “ | 8-9pm | Evangelium | Crypt |
| Monday 30 th | 7:30pm | Mercy Associates Meeting | See below |
| “ “ | 7:30pm | Liturgy Practice for May 3 rd | See below |
| Tuesday 1 st May | 7pm | Mass – Feast of St Joseph | Mile End |
| Wednesday 2 nd May | 6:45-8:45pm | Scripture Course | Crypt |
| “ “ | 7pm | SVP Meeting | |
| Thursday 3 rd May | 7:30 pm | Mass of Thanksgiving | See below |
| Sunday 6 th | 8-9pm | Final Evangelium Session | Crypt |

DAILY Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am

PRAYER GROUP: Mondays at 8pm Crypt

MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm Crypt

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: Sebastian and Austin Nungari and Holly Saliba. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the family of Caitlin Green who has recently died.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: There will be a second collection after all Masses today for The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund, part of the Diocesan Charity, which is to help and support our retired and sick clergy. "As a Charity we rely on the generosity of the parishes and individual donations to keep the Fund in a healthy state. Another valuable means is by making a bequest in your Will: a *Form of Bequest* can be found on page 162 of the Brentwood Diocesan Directory. Your generosity through donations, the annual collection and bequests is greatly appreciated." *The Administrators of the Fund.*

MERCY ASSOCIATES: meet next at 7.30pm on Monday 30 April at Christ Church Court (tel. 763049).

MASS OF THANKSGIVING – 175th ANNIVERSARY: Takes place this *Thursday, 3rd May at 7:30pm* with Bishop Thomas McMahon and priests, past and present. It is hoped we will all gather together for this special celebration of a great milestone in our Parish History. 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

MAGNIFICAT FOR MAY: On sale in the church porch, price £4.

SVP: would like to thank everyone who supported us at the Refreshments in CBH last Sunday when a total of £58.42 was raised. Thanks, too, to those who worked so hard.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: with the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre. As part of our celebration of 370 years of foundation we are taking a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Dates: 14th - 21st February 2013. The cost will be approximately £1,500. If you would like to have more information, please contact us at contact-us@canonesses.co.uk or 01206 867296.

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 EMAIL: The Parish email has been "down" for most of last week. Please be patient if you await a reply, the cause is possibly a 40page attachment with photos in connection with our 175th Anniversary celebrations!

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, May 3rd – Team 3B.

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [B]

April 29th 2012 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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

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| Monday 30th | Feria | |
| | <i>Church</i> | 7:30 am Private Intention |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9:15 am Canon John Bloomfield RIP |
| Tuesday May 1st | Feria [or St Joseph the Worker] | |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9:15 am May Banks RIP |
| | <i>Mile End</i> | 7:00 pm Holy Souls RIP |
| | <i>Church</i> | 7:30 pm Intentions of KSC |
| Wednesday 2nd | St Athanasius, Bp, D. | |
| | <i>Church</i> | 7:30 am Holy Souls RIP |
| | <i>Church</i> | 12:15 pm Martin and Nancy O'Grady RIP |
| Thursday 3rd | SS PHILIP AND JAMES, App | |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9:15 am D/Rels: Critchley & Whiteside Families |
| | <i>Church</i> | 7:30 pm MASS OF THANKSGIVING |
| Friday 4th | THE ENGLISH MARTYRS | |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9:15 am Intentions; Union of Catholic Mothers |
| | <i>Church</i> | 6:30 pm Private Intention |
| Saturday 5th | Feria | |
| | <i>Church</i> | 9:15 am Michael Prout RIP [PMcE] |

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [B]

May 6th 2012

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| Saturday May 5th | 6:15 pm | Una Close RIP |
| Sunday May 6th | 8:00 am | Intentions: Mrs Tide & Family |
| | 10:30am | Intentions: Caroline & Fmaily |
| | 6:30 pm | Marie Howlett RIP |
| <i>West Mersea</i> | 8:30 am | Special Intention [Murray] |
| <i>Mile End</i> | 9:15 am | Marie Howlett RIP [MC] |
| <i>Monkwick</i> | 10:15am | Parishioners |
| 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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