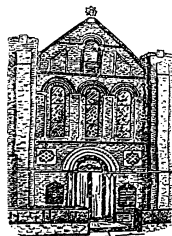


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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER [A]

Divine Mercy Sunday - May 1st 2011

My dear friends,

First of all, many thanks to everyone for a wonderful celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Special thanks to all those who helped in the Liturgy and in the various Ministries. The Church now embarks on these days of the Easter Season to celebrate our faith in the risen Lord.

This weekend, Divine Mercy Sunday, we will witness the beatification of Pope John Paul II. Days of great joy for us to celebrate the life of one of the holiest people of our times. After today, we can pray for his intercession. Please take note of the special Divine Mercy devotions this afternoon when we will be united with our Polish community.

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the White Flower Appeal, full details of which appear in this Newsletter. On 22nd May there will be the annual collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society in our parish and on the 5th June, the Diocesan collection for the Sick Clergy Fund will be taken up.

May God bless you all during these special days of prayer and celebration.

Fr Tony McKentey

PLEASE SEE SCHEDULE FOR CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Events This Week

Wednesday 4 th May	6-45pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
“	7pm	SVP Meeting	
Saturday 7 th	10-12pm	FHC Group	Church/Hall
“	2:30pm	SVP Tea Party	Hall

DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am. [Wed. 11:15am]

PRAYER GROUP

Mondays @ 8pm in the Crypt

MEDITATION GROUP:

Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt

EXPOSITION:

Saturdays at 9:45am-10:30 am

SICK: Please remember in your prayers: Sr Mary Thérèse Bamford, May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Wendy Higgins, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Denis Nolan, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Andrew Southern, Ellen Woodley.

BAPTISM TODAY: Neveah Agyemang. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

BAPTISM COURSE FOR CHILDREN UP TO 6 YRS: If you would like to present a child for Baptism, the next Course has been arranged for Friday, 27th May and Friday, 3rd June in the Crypt from 7:30pm-9pm, Appointments are not necessary, but *both* sessions must be attended.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY TODAY: This year the Holy Father will beatify John Paul II on this wonderfully appropriate day. It was Pope John Paul who instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy and he died after the Vigil Mass of Divine Mercy in 2005. We will be joined by the Poles in celebrating this occasion. There will be a Mass in Polish at 2:00pm this afternoon followed by Exposition and then the **Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm**. After the St Faustina Praises there will be Benediction and then Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy. There will also be unveiled a new image of this great pope which has been obtained for the parish. If you aren't going to Rome, join us at Priory St to pray for the first time publicly for his intercession!

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: The Committee for Seeking God's Blessing in Colchester [SGBC] writes: Colchester Food Bank will be at the Waitrose Supermarket on May 7th from 9.00 a.m until 4.00 pm. inviting shoppers to donate items of food. Volunteers are needed to distribute fliers and receive and sort food. Contact Brian Ford (823877) if you can help.

SPONSORED WALK IN AID OF CHILDCARE [BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY]: The Knights of St Columba are organizing a sponsored walk of 4-5 miles on Saturday 7th May, starting at St Cedd's, Mersea, at 10am. Funds are urgently needed for Childcare if they are to continue their invaluable work with families in the Diocese, including our parish. Sponsors/walkers please contact

Gary on 530863; Ron on 795715.

QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 7th May at 7:30 in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. £2.50 a ticket, bring your own wine/beer. Soft drinks, tea, coffee and snacks available. All proceeds to help fund young people of the parish who are going to Lourdes with The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Phone Diane Porter 01206 797780 for tickets.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children [SPUC] will be holding an appeal in the parish next weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this very worthy cause.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: Mercy Associates meet next on Monday 9 May at 7.30 pm at Christ Church Court (tel 763049).

MERSEA NEWS: Mersea Coffee Mornings begin again on Tuesday May 10th at the home of Judy Cooper – 62 East Road – from 10:30am. All are very welcome.

AGM – UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: Takes place on Friday, 13th May at 7:30pm in the Crypt. Please note that future meetings of the UCM will take place on the second FRIDAY in the month in the Crypt from 7:30-9:30pm.

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR APRIL: 1ST – Simon Chaplin; 2nd – David Hopgood; 3rd – Ron Smith. Congratulations!

MIDSUMMER DINNER IN AID OF BEACON HOUSE: On Friday 24th June at the Barn Brasserie, Gt. Tey. **S.G.B.C** is promoting this event. Beacon House [on East Hill] is a Christian mission to the homeless and people in insecure accommodation and this particular event is being arranged by Teresa Hall, a trustee for Colchester Night Shelter. Full details from Mrs Teresa Hall, 01206 213399.

UEFA Champions League Trophy Tour: *Anchor House*, the *Catholic Homeless Charity* in Canning Town, will host the UEFA Champions League Men's and Women's Trophies during their limited UK tour on **Wednesday 4th May** between **12.00pm and 3.00pm**. Should you wish to visit to see the cups and possibly to have your photograph taken with them, then do come along. There will also be football freestylers and other activities to keep everyone entertained. Entry is free and light refreshments will be served. *Contact & further info:* Frank van Velzen, Catholic 2012 Office, Anchor House, 81 Barking Road, London E16 4HB; 07519 928311;
frank-vanvelzen@anchorhouseuk.org

MOVING?: If you are moving, please let the Parish Office know. If you are newly arrived, please complete a Registration Form [in the porch]. For inclusions to the parish website: admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

LITURGY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER [A]

May 1st 2011 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday 30th April	6:15 pm	Ints: Isabel & Hector Silva [Golden Wedding]
Sunday May 1st	8:00 am	Brian Jackson RIP
	10:30 am	Phyllis, Cora and Deirdre RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS/DIVINE MERCY SERVICE
	6:30 pm	Maura Foley RIP
<i>Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Ints: Michael and Ellen Finn
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Bob McLaren RIP & Christopher Barrell RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Parishioners

Monday 2nd	ST GEORGE, Patron of England
Bank Holiday	<i>Church</i> 8:00 am Private Intention
N.B.	<i>Church</i> 10:00 am Bridget Lloyd RIP

Tuesday 3rd	SS PHILIP AND JAMES, App
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am Abraham Joseph RIP

Wednesday 4th	The English Martyrs, Mm
	<i>Church</i> 7:30 am Intentions of Thomas Brett
	<i>Church</i> 12:15 pm Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Thursday 5th	Feria
	<i>Church</i> 7:30 am Private Intention
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am For Healing [EW]

Friday 6th	St John Payne, Pr. M.
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am Intentions of Mrs Tide & Family
	<i>Church</i> 6:30 pm Intentions of Jo Barnacle

Saturday 7th	Feria
	<i>Church</i> 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP

LITURGY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER [A] May 8th 2011

Saturday 7th May	6:15 pm	Una Close RIP [A]
Sunday 8th May	8:00 am	Francis Carter RIP
	10:30am	Leodegaria Tocmo RIP
	6:30 pm	Mgr Peter Dooling RIP [Notts]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	D/Rel: Healy & Barr Families RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Holy Souls 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

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St Benedict's Head: John O'Hara

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