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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A) – 1st June

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My Dear friends

We celebrate today the feast of The Ascension of our Lord. Forty days after his Resurrection, he returned in glory to his Father's house to prepare a place for us there. We remember his commission on that day to the apostles to proclaim the Good News to all the nations. Therefore, the church designates this day as World Communications Sunday, when we are asked to pray for those who work for the church in the field of communications.

The Catholic Communications Network (CCN) is the media office for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The CCN 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 and places a key role in developing the public profile of the church.

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From Ascension to Pentecost, we pray more earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us all, especially those from our community who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next weekend.

May God Bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

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.

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
EVENING PRAYER:	Fridays at 6pm	Church
PRAYER GROUP:	* Mondays at 7:45pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type): Please remember in your prayers, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Emma Cooper, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Irma Knowles, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, **Marie Lyons**, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, **June Mayhew**, Colleen Mercedes, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, **Valerie Thurston**, Catherine Spicer, Ida Twynham, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Marie Miller and Margaret Mary Warren. Marie Miller's funeral has already taken place. And Margaret's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 18th June at 1:45pm Priory St.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: This Sunday we welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism Fabian Escobedo at the 10:30am Mass & Tilly White at 12noon. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

KSC ANNUAL DAY OF PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD PRIORY: Sunday 8th June. Cost: £13 for adults for the coach; half price for children; very young children free. Coach leaving East Hill at 9am and pick up also from London Rd., Stanway and High Street, Witham. Bring a packed lunch or there is a restaurant on site. To book, please contact Stewart Taylor on 01206 271606 or 0754829333 OR Justin Nathan on 07845 392684 or 01206 241317.

UNUSED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS? Do you have a musical instrument gathering dust in a drawer or cupboard, once used by you or your children, but no more? At St Teresa's, Basildon, children are working with classical musician James Rhodes to form a school orchestra. Could you donate your instrument? Please contact Fr Dominic Howarth, 01268 281732, or email frdominic@basildoncatholics.org. We will pay postage or arrange a pick up, and your instrument will be put to very good use – it could truly transform the life of one of our children, as they discover new talents. Thank you.

DEANERY MUSIC DAY: Following the very successful Deanery Music Day last year at St Monica's in Wivenhoe, a Music Day has been arranged again this year and will

be hosted by St Teresa's, Lexden, on the 28th June. This event is open to all, not just the music group; for example, children learning instruments. Tea and coffee will be provided but participants are asked to bring a packed lunch. For full details, please contact Lesley on 01206 512310.

SVP WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: 6th July. Coach departs from Ipswich Road Colchester at 8:30am and from East Hill at 8:45am. *PLEASE BE PROMPT.* Tickets £12. Limited availability, so if you have not already confirmed your place, please call 01206 841236 as soon as possible. Thank you.

KSC SPONSORED WALK IN AID OF BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: If you sponsored this event and have still pay, please hand moneys to a member of the KSC or post through the presbytery letter box in an envelope suitably marked; either way as soon as possible. Thank you.

100 CLUB – NOT A MEMBER YET?: Why not join, with the chance of winning monthly cash prizes? Cost: only £8 for the rest of 2014. For details, please call John Sales on 01206 795623 or 07854 430957. E mail john.sales1@ntlworld.com

NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AT THE GATEHOUSE: On the 21st June from 11.00am - 2.00pm the Catholic Heritage Group will once again be at the St Johns Abbey Gatehouse to celebrate the feast of St John the Baptist the Patron Saint of the Abbey. Traditionally there was a Fair to celebrate the day, so we will have a stall with Walsingham Cake, prints and histories with possibly a prayer or two and will be happy to show you the new finds discovered recently. We may be joined by the Town Watch but no promises as yet. Please join us if you can.

MERSEA NEWS: Many thanks to Pauline Aspinall for hosting the first coffee morning of the year and thanks to all those who came. Our June coffee morning will be at the home of Margaret Williams, 28 Coast Road, on Tuesday, 10th June, starting at 10:30am. Hope to see you all there.

UCM FAMILY PICNIC: On Sunday 15th June from 12:30pm. Meet at Castle Bailey, Upper Castle Park. All parishioners are welcome.

FILIPINO FAMILY EVENING 21st June in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. From 7:30 – 10:30pm. Filipino buffet with veg options. Tickets £8, children 5 to 12 yrs £4, under 5 is free. Tickets available now – please ring Armando / Amy 854 921. All proceeds to church funds.

DIARY DATE FOR 2015: *In the Footsteps of Jesus:* The first Full Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land takes place from the 1st to 9th July 2015. Visit the sites in Jerusalem and Galilee, as well as visits to Christian Communities to see and hear about what is really happening in their lives. Detailed itinerary to follow soon. Cost £1595. It looks to be a wonderful and exciting pilgrimage. Please contact Fr Paul Fox at St Mary's, Hornchurch, on 01708 447761 or email hornchurchstmmq@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday June 12th – Teams 2 / 4.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD [A] – JUNE 1st

Saturday May 31st 6:15 pm Lionel Wood RIP
Sunday June 1st 8:00 am Henry Stewart RIP

10:30 am Reginald Hammond RIP
 2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
 6:30 pm Roger Thurlow RIP
 8:30 am John Cawley RIP [MC]
 9:15 am Gerry Coyle RIP [UC]
 10:15 am Irene Smith RIP [PC]

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Monday 2nd *Feria*
Church 7:30 am Helen & Martin Lydon RIP
Church 9:15 am Ints: Tierney family
Tuesday 3rd *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
Wednesday 4th *Feria*
Church 7:30 am Anna McEnerney
Church 9:30 am Anna Norfolk RIP [P&AW]
Thursday 5th *St Boniface, Bp, M*
Church 9:15 am Elizabeth & Mike Fleetwood RIP
Friday 6th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Patrick Burke RIP
Church 6:30 pm Ints: Rosemary and Maryanne Gitonga
Saturday 7th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Kathleen R Joyce RIP

PENTECOST SUNDAY [A] – JUNE 8th

Saturday June 7th 6:15 pm Roger Thurlow RIP [R&AK]
Sunday June 8th 8:00 am Dudley Southon RIP
 10:30 am Leon Hammond RIP
 2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
 5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**
 6:30 pm Lancelot Milford RIP
 8:30 am Parishioners
 9:15 am Bridget & Michael Brady RIP
 10:15 am Molly Hefford RIP

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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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