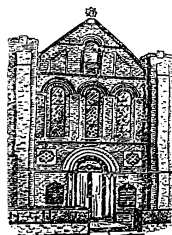


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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

October 2nd 2011

My dear friends,

The month of October is called the month of the Rosary, a 'spiritual cadence', so to speak, that derives from the liturgical Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, which is celebrated on the 7th of October. We are therefore asked to let ourselves be guided by Mary in this prayer, ancient and ever new, which is especially dear to her because it leads us directly to Jesus, contemplated in his Mysteries of Salvation: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious. In the footsteps of (Blessed) John Paul II (cf. Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*), I would like to recall that the Rosary is a biblical prayer, interwoven with Sacred Scripture throughout. It is a prayer of the heart, in which the repetition of the Hail Mary directs the thoughts and affections to Christ and therefore becomes a trusting supplication to his Mother and ours. It is a prayer that helps us to meditate on the word of God and to assimilate Eucharistic Communion, modelling ourselves on Mary who cherished in her heart all that Jesus did and said, and his Presence itself." (Benedict XVI. Angelus, St Peter's Square. October 10th 2010).

The Holy Rosary is prayed each weekday morning at 8:35 in Priory Street church. Come and pray with us.

Fr Neil Brett

DAILY Morning Prayer 8.15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8.35am (Wed 11.15am)
PRAYER GROUP Mondays at 8pm in the Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt

EVENTS THIS WEEK - Please check Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 3 rd October	8pm	Evangelium	See below
Wednesday 5 th	6:45-8:45pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
"	"	7pm SVP Meeting	
Thursday 6 th	7:30pm	RCIA	Crypt
"	7:30pm	Mersea AGM	

SICK: Please remember in your prayers June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Casiano Pasumbal, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva.

BAPTISMS : Alexander Knight and Robert Reid. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

EVANGELIUM started last Sunday ... but it's not too late to join up. We warmed-up with the *Meaning of Life* (a little light philosophy) and this week we will be looking at *Creation and Fall*. **Evangelium** is for all those who wish to fill in the gaps of their knowledge of the Faith, whether or not they are practising members of the Church. Come and see.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Denise Vallance and Marie King who have recently died. Marie's funeral has been arranged at Colchester Crematorium on Monday 3rd October at 3:30pm; Denise's at Colchester Crematorium on Thursday 6th October at 2pm. May they rest in peace.

MERCY ASSOCIATES meet next on Monday 10th October at 7.30pm at Christ Church Court (763049)

MERSEA COFFEE MORNING: The next coffee morning takes place on October 11th at the home of Sue Jenner at 64 St Peter's Road. All very welcome.

CAFOD – Family Fast Day Collection: Takes place next weekend. CAFOD is there for the world's poorest children. It's generosity making a difference – providing medical care, educational support, nutritious food and much more.

Gift Aiders have special envelopes for this collection and there are CAFOD envelopes also available this week for you to use and return. Thank you for your generosity.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER: The Knights of St Columba will be saying the Rosary in

the month of October :- 4th at Priory Street 7.30pm and 11th after Mass at 7.30pm for Simon Chaplin RIP; 18th at 7:30pm at St Teresa's, Lexden; 28th at Greenstead – Holy Hour 7:30pm. Date awaited from the Sisters at Greenstead.

FRIENDS OF PERU – QUIZ/CURRY EVENING: On Saturday October 15th in the Cardinal Bourne Hall at 7:30pm. after Mass. Tickets cost £6 per head and for more details, contact Nora on 503410; Helen 867707.

YOUTH GATHER 15th-16th October - Year 9+: A weekend of interesting speakers, outdoor activities, art, drama, music and a wonderful opportunity to make new friends. At Essex County Council's Outdoor Activity Centre in Mersea. The cost of this trip is £65 (£50 if you are using your own transport). Forms are available at www.bcys.net or by calling 01277 265286. "Get them in quick as cabin space is limited".

THE REPOSITORY IN THE CARDINAL BOURNE HALL will remain closed after the 10:30 Mass for the time being. However, a limited range of attractive cards and other items can be purchased in the church porch at any time. Please do have a look.

HALL REPOSITORY VOLUNTEERS: Fr Tony has asked me to look after the stock at the moment. We need to form a rota of those able to commit themselves for **one Sunday a month** after the 10:30 Mass in the Hall. This would involve laying out and returning items, taking money and recording sales: not very onerous! I have already had two volunteers. Please see me after Mass or contact the Office with your name, contact details and which Sunday of the month you would like.
Fr Neil

APPOINTMENTS re PRIEST REFERENCE FORMS FOR ST BENEDICT'S:

If you have a child who **DOES NOT** attend St Thomas More School, an appointment will need to be made with Fr Tony on **Friday, 21st October, between 4-6pm. [The list for October 14th is now full]**. Please ring the Parish Office on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday to book your appointment.

KELVEDON PARISH has organised a study day on the new translation of the Liturgy to be led by Fr Hugh Knapman, OSB (Douay Abbey). This will take place on Saturday 22nd October starting with Mass at 10.00 a.m. and concluding at 2.30 p.m. The morning session will look at the reasons for the changes. After a soup and roll lunch the afternoon session will look in more detail at a couple of the longer prayers. There is no charge but anyone planning attend should contact Mrs Pat Ezra (01376 570859 or patriciaezra@gmail.com) for catering purposes.

EXISTING CLEANING ROTA: Thursday 6th October – Team 3A.

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 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]
October 2nd 2011**

Saturday October 1st 6:15 pm Mary Buddo RIP
Sunday October 2nd 8:00 am Christopher Barrell RIP [A]
 10:30 am Allard Family RIP
 6:30 pm Special Intention
 8:30 am Parishioners
 9:15 am Michael Stammers RIP
 10:15 am Alan Smith RIP [PC]

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Monday 3rd **Feria**
 Church 7:30 am Intentions: Fr Anthony Meredith
 Church 9:15 am Intentions: Teresa Sales
Tuesday 4th **St Francis of Assisi, Rel**
 Church 9:15 am Simon Chaplin RIP [R&MG]
Wednesday 5th **Feria**
 Church 7:30 am May Banks RIP [WH]
 Church 12:15 pm Tony Franklin RIP
Thursday 6th **Feria**
 Church 7:30 am Intentions: Alfred Lagan
 Church 9:15 am Eileen Lodge RIP
Friday 7th **Feria [Harvest Fast Day]**
 [Y4 – STM] Church 9:15 am Simon Chaplin RIP [FB]
 Church 6:30 pm Helen and Martin Lydon RIP
Saturday 8th **St Osyth, Rel**
 Church 9:15 am Intentions: Ria and Family

**LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]
October 9th 2011**

Saturday October 8th 6:15 pm Marie King RIP
Sunday October 9th 8:00 am Intentions: Mrs E Barrows
 10:30am Patrick Burke RIP
 2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
 5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**
 6:30 pm Owen Bailey RIP
 8:30 am Sid Ashmore RIP
 9:15 am Parishioners
 10:15am Joseph Hawken RIP

West Mersea
 Mile End
 Monkwick

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 Acting: Head: Peter Johnson [549222]
www.marriagecare.org.uk or 0800 389 3801. www.brentwoodvocations.org

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