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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

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This weekend we welcome the White Fathers, otherwise known as the "Missionaries of Africa", a brave and ambitious title! Please pray for their work and give generously to their cause as you feel God prompting you. To take the Gospel of Salvation to a whole continent is a mammoth task, but one given new impetus by the "New Evangelisation" promoted by recent popes.

Fr. Karl Rahner SJ spoke of the "theological optimism" of the Second Vatican Council as regards salvation. Perhaps it was this presumption that nearly everyone would be saved which led to the collapse of missionary work after the Council. A closer examination of what the Council actually said (see for example Ralph Martin's book "Will Many be Saved?") shows that Fr. Rahner was indulging in wishful thinking. Lumen Gentium 16 acknowledges the possibility that those who have never heard the Gospel may, under certain conditions, be saved. Very often these conditions are not met. We do not support the missions because the Church asks us to do so, nor because of some historical tradition of doing so, not even because the White Fathers are such nice people. We do it for the salvation of souls. As St Paul says, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Rom 1:16 RSV) Reread the whole of the Epistle to the Romans for Paul's understanding of the Gospel. It underpins what the Council taught.

This is what the Council **actually** says: "But very often, deceived by the Evil One, men have become vain in their reasonings, have exchanged the truth of God for a lie and served the world rather than the Creator. Or else, living and dying in this world without God, they are exposed to ultimate despair. Hence to procure the glory of God and the salvation of all these, the Church, mindful of the Lord's command, 'preach the Gospel to every creature (Mt 16:16) takes zealous care to foster the missions.'" (LG 16) As soon as we read this, we realise that it speaks to this country just as much, if not more, than Africa. May we be one in preaching the Gospel in word and deed to all around us.

On Monday we remember the fateful day when Great Britain entered the Great War. We will pray for the Fallen, offering Mass after Stations of the Cross for the repose of their souls. May they rest in peace.

Fr Neil Brett

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: Please remember in your prayers; Władysław Antończak, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Irma Knowles, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Marie Lyons, Pat Maloney, Jean Mansell, Cara Maude, Colleen Mercus, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Catherine Spicer, Angela Udall, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

SICK LIST: If you know of anyone who has recently recovered, please let one of the priests know. Thank you.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday September 26th and Friday October 3rd in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. [This course is for new-borns up to age 6]

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: Certificates for the following children are still awaiting collection: Abbey Calaanan, Olivia Geary-Cooper, Erin Goody, Michael Mukada, Betsy Osborne, Ava Pickett, Sebastian Slawinski, Elizabeth Turner, Dominic Uzukwu, Jessie Wampamba, Tilly White, Joseph

Wilkinson.

FILIPINO MASS: The next Filipino Mass will be Sunday 24th August at 4pm Priory St.

WHITE FATHER'S APPEAL: This weekend the 2nd / 3rd August we welcome Fr Joseph Cummins of the Missionaries of Africa (The White Fathers) to our parish. He will be saying all the Masses for us at Priory St on the Sunday and will make an appeal on behalf of the White Fathers.

CHEESE AND WINE FOR CHURCH FUNDS: Thursday 14th August at 6pm in Margaret Wheeler's garden at 27 Cottage Drive Colchester. £6. Please phone Margaret 797850 or Bernie 549524.

THE GREAT WAR: This Monday August 4th starting at 5:30pm. It was on this day 100 years ago that Great Britain declared war. We will say Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm followed by Mass for the dead at 6:30. After Mass there will be Exposition with Benediction at 7:30pm. There will be no Mass at 7:30am that morning.

MERSEA NEWS: The August coffee morning will be hosted by Bernadette Ebling on Tuesday August 12th at 3 Firs Road. Come along and enjoy it with friends.

PARISH FAMILY BBQ: Saturday August 16th 3 – 5pm in the church garden. Adults £6, Children (5 to 12 yrs) £3. Play area for children available. Good food. Live entertainment, Raffle. Please contact Nora: 503410 or Frances: 369568.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 6th – Team 6

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A] – 3rd August

Saturday August 2nd	6:15 pm	Xavier Swampillai & Mare Basdiambillai RIP
Sunday August 3rd	8:00 am	Mary Maloney RIP
	10:30 am	Anna Norfolk RIP [GM]
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Roger Thurlow RIP [TW]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Ints: Catherine Spicer

Monday 4th ***St John Vianney (Curé of Ars), Pr***
Church **9:15 am** Patrick Coe RIP [SVP]
Church **6:30 am** Private Intention

Tuesday 5th ***Feria***
Church **9:15 am** Margaretta Wright RIP

Wednesday 6th ***TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - Feast***

Church **7:30 am** Holy Souls RIP

Church **12:15 pm** Mr Igwe RIP

Thursday 7th

Feria

Church **9:15 am** Special Intention [JH]

Friday 8th

St Dominic, Pr

Church **9:15 am** Canon John Bloomfield RIP

Saturday 9th

ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

(Edith Stein), V, M

Church **9:15 am** Private Intention

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A] – 10th August

Saturday August 9th **6:15 pm** Lionel Wright RIP

Sunday August 10th **8:00 am** Mary McGinley RIP

10:30 am Phyllis Joseph RIP

2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**

6:30 pm Rosaleen Campbell RIP

West Mersea

8:30 am Parishioners

Mile End

9:15 am Private Intention

Monkwick

10:15 am Joseph Hawken 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*

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