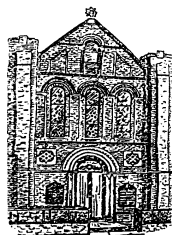


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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [B]

March 4th 2012

My dear friends,

As the Bishop reminded us in last week's Pastoral Letter, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is very much a part of our Lenten journey. He wrote: "I urge you to use this Sacrament of Mercy. We all need it and it is a powerful way of enabling us to say 'Yes' to God a little more often."

Your priests will be available for this Sacrament on the remaining four Saturdays of Lent after the 9:15am Mass until 10:30am approximately. There is also a priest available at 5:30pm. We will also have a Penitential Service on Monday, 2nd April at 7:30pm when several priests will be on hand to help you celebrate the Sacrament. Saturday morning is a special time as we have a period of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This is what the late Holy Father had to say about prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:-

"The worship given to the Trinity of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit... must fill our churches also outside the timetable of Masses. This worship must be prominent in all our encounters with the Blessed Sacrament.. adoration of Christ in this sacrament of love must also find expression in various forms of Eucharistic devotion: personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, hours of adoration, periods of exposition... Let us be generous with our time in going to meet him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK - Please see Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 3 rd March	8-9pm	Evangelium	Crypt
Monday 5 th	7:30pm	Mercy Associates	See below
Wednesday 7 th	6:45pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
"	7:00 pm	SVP Meeting	
Thursday 8 th	7:30 pm	RCIA	
Friday 9 th	12:00pm	Stations +	Church
"	7:30pm	Stations +	Church
"	7:30-9:30pm	UCM	See below
Saturday 10 th	10-12	FHC Programme	Hall

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, Alan Doleman, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Pamela Lee, Pat Maloney, Maria Mahy, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Tim Young.

BENEDICT XVI'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: Vatican City, 1 March 2012 (VIS) - Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for March is: "That the whole world may recognise the contribution of women to the development of society". His mission intention is: "That the Holy Spirit may grant perseverance to those who suffer discrimination, persecution or death for the name of Christ, particularly in Asia".

CAFOD: Lent Fast Day was last Friday 2nd March 2012: There will be a second collection today for CAFOD and for this Lent only, the Government will match £pound for £pound every donation given to CAFOD, giving them the chance to help thousands more people gain access to water and other vital services.

RITE OF ELECTION: Our best wishes to Toni, Tony, David, Claire, Joanna and Peter who were among those presented to the Bishop last Sunday and who will receive the Sacraments this Easter in our parish.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Brown, husband of Patricia, and Elizabeth Fathers who have recently died. May they rest in peace. Elizabeth's funeral is at All Saints Church, Fordham at 2pm on 5th March and Richard's funeral is on the 8th March at Colchester Crematorium Chapel at 2pm.

BAPTISM TODAY: **Aimee Gardner.** God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: Mercy Associates please NOTE change of venue for

the meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 5 March to 37 Beaconsfield Avenue.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN LECTURE: This Wednesday, March 7th, at 7.30 pm will be given by Fr Christopher Jamison, former Abbot of Worth, author, broadcaster and the man behind *The Monastery* television series. He is a hugely respected and popular speaker. The title of his lecture is: **THE REAL BIG BROTHER: MONKS, RELIGION AND THE MEDIA.** Everybody welcome – entry free. Refreshments afterwards.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: The UCM would like to invite members and their families to refreshments in the crypt following the Colchester Foundation's Third Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 18th March at 10.30am. Anyone interested in joining the group is very welcome to come along too. [Their regular meeting on the second Friday monthly takes place in the Crypt from 7:30 to 9:30pm on 10th March].

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT DANCE: Saturday 17th March in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Live Irish music, dancing and singing. Bar and Raffle. Tickets: £7:50 adults; £5 children 5-12 yrs. To book call: Pauline 768418; Armando 854921; Frances 369568; Nora 503410.

"TRANSITIONS": Day of Reflection Saturday March 31st from 11am - 3:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. [Coffee at 10:30am]. Please bring a packed lunch, and donations will go to our Parish Development Fund.

FILIPINO PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: On Palm Sunday, April 1st. Cost £10 adults; £5 children. For full details, phone 01206 854921, leave a message and Armando will call you back. *Closing date: 20th March 2012.*

APRIL DAY CENTRE "TINATHON": This Charity who, at their Day Centre in Colne Bank Avenue, Colchester, cook over 5500 lunches a year to feed the homeless are launching their first Tinathon from 1st - 30th April. They are asking for tins of fish, meat, vegetables, soup and fruit or any canned goods as long as they are in good condition and within "use by" date. Contact details for full info; 01206 761647; 07875 286147; tinathon@theaprilcentre.org.uk

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE: The Coalition for Marriage has produced a petition to the Government regarding threats to change the legal definition of marriage. Copies are available in the porch. I would urge you to sign it. They are looking for several **million** signatures. There are copies of the "10 Reasons not the legalise same-sex marriage in Britain" leaflet produced by the Westminster Declaration group still available to help inform and explain the issues. Fr Neil Brett.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thursday, March 8th - Team 1.

SUNDAY MARCH 11TH – HALF MARATHON – ROAD CLOSURES: 9.10-9.35am North Hill; 9;15-9;40 High Street; 9.15-9.40 East Hill [Eastbound only. Westbound, i.e. up East Hill as normal]. Fuller details from Linda Boughtwood at Colchester B.C.

LITURGY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT[B]

March 4th 2012

Saturday March 3rd	6:15 pm	Patricia and Peter Pryke RIP
Sunday March 4th	8:00 am	Intentions: John Foley
	10:30 am	Oksana Zakhleniuk RIP [A]
	6:30 pm	Lucy Walker RIP [PMcE]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Brian McGurk RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Clyde Jardim RIP
	4:30 pm	[STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	5:30 pm	[FILIPINO MASS
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Parishioners
Monday 5th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am In Thanksgiving [WH]
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am D/Rels: Farrell & Fuller Families RIP
Tuesday 6th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Lucy Walker RIP [BB]
Wednesday 7th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Parishioners
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Angela Jardim RIP
Thurs 8th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9.15 am D/Rels: Farrell & Fuller Families RIP
Friday 9th	<i>Feria</i>	
Y5 STM	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Kay Stickley RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Pauline Whitney RIP
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday 10th	<i>Feria</i>	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Dr Roger Sykes RIP

LITURGY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT [B] March 11th 2012

Saturday March 10th	6:15 pm	Christine Mooney RIP
Sunday March 11th	8:00 am	Maureen Allen RIP
	10:30am	Lucy Walker RIP [PR]
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Intentions: Hazel Smith [Australia]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Maura Dorning RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Jean Seesaran RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Peggy Wilding 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	<i>St Thomas More</i>	Head: Bridget Harris [865722]
	<i>St Benedict's</i>	Head: Mrs J Santinelli [549222]
	www.marriagecare.org.uk	or 0800 389 3801.
		www.brentwoodvocations.org

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