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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (A)

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My dear friends

A Happy new Year to everyone as we come together on the first Sunday of 2014 to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Traditionally on this day, the feasts of the year are solemnly proclaimed:

Know, dear brethren that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the 5th day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 20th day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 1st day of June will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 8th day of June, the feast of Pentecost

On the 22nd day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 30th day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen

May God bless you all throughout the coming year.

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 8pm	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, Rosaleen Campbell, Karl Collins, Emma Cooper, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Amy Daggitt, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Christine Farrell, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Mirella Leonardi, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Margaret Norman, Ijeoma Ozor, Leah Patterson, Piotr Ploskonka, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Bernard Stevens, **Roger Thurlow**, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Martin Dwyer - former headteacher of St Thomas More School, John Cawley and Valerie Winnard. Martin's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 7th January at 12:30pm. John's Funeral will be on Wednesday 15th January at 11:45am at St Cedd and St Gregory - West Mersea. May they rest in peace.

PRAYER GROUP: The prayer group's first meeting in the new year will be this Monday 6th January.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: White Flower Appeal this year is Sunday 12th January. In addition to making a donation to this important work of defending life from conception, you can support Connie Wood and Mary Doogan by signing the declaration which the SPUC have set up. These two brave midwives won in court last April the right to refuse involvement in abortion but an appeal against this decision has been made by their employers to the Supreme Court. Leaflets to help you support them will be available after Mass on the 12th.

SVP: Next meeting is this Wednesday 8th January 10:30am.

BAPTISMS: Joseph Wilkinson who was baptised last weekend and Dexter Girvan who will be baptised this weekend. May God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be on Friday February 21st and 28th in the Crypt from 7:30pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry into the Crypt is via the Church [This course is for new-borns up to age 6]

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in 2014, the next parents meetings will be this Thursday January 9th

at 7:30pm in the Crypt. This is for children presently in Year 3 and upwards and who belong to this parish.

PARISH INCOME: We all know that we have a responsibility in ensuring that our Parish can pay for itself. During the month of December the money received each week on average in the collection bags has reached our budget target. We are grateful for all that you give, please continue to do so generously as costs are rising, not going down. Thank you.

WITNESS TO HOPE: this week in the Crypt. To launch our preparations for the double canonisation in April, we will be showing the DVD Witness to Hope - the biography of Blessed John Paul II - on Monday 6th at 10:00am, Friday 10th at 7:30pm and Saturday 11th at 2:30pm. It's just under 2 hours' long and I'm hoping that there will be volunteers to offer refreshments! Do join us for one (or more!) of these showings.

A long weekend in Krakow for the Canonisation: Yes, we know that it will take place in Rome, but it is already impossible to find a flight or a bed at a sensible price. Why not consider joining the crowds on the 27th April in the place where the Archbishop of Krakow fought for the Faith and to which he returned as John Paul II in that series of historic encounters which changed the world? We will be led by the same local experts as made our last trip to Poland so successful. Fr. Neil would appreciate signs of interest from possible pilgrims.

100 CLUB – DECEMBER DRAW: And the winners are: Elizabeth Griffin [1st]; Eddie Caldeira [2nd], Catherine Wood [3rd]. **100 CLUB – CHRISTMAS DRAW:** And the winners are: Michael Firmin [1st] (£100); Pauline Gilmore [2nd] (£70), Eva Read [3rd] (£40), Ron Griffin [4th] (£20), Mary Davies [5th] (free sub), Kay Knight [6th] (free sub).

LOURDES - Summer 2014: The 25th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage runs from 26th to 31st July 2014. From £618 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £418 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There is a full programme to opt in and out of, and everyone is welcome. There are brochures at the back of the church, or visit www.brentwoodlourdes.org for much more information and to order a brochure.

WINTER RESERVE ACCOMODATION PROJECT: Volunteers are needed to help run shelters for homeless people that the Night shelter doesn't have room for. Please ring Gemma English on 01206 844 751 for more information. Thank you and God Bless.

St Thomas More's Primary School 2014-15 Intake: Any parent wishing to apply for a place at St Thomas More's School must complete a Supplementary Information Form in addition to the Local Authority application form. Forms are available to download on the school's website www.stthomasmores.co.uk or by contacting the office on 01206 865722.

ST THOMAS MORE FORM SIGNING: Fr Tony will be available to sign the application forms in connection with the above Intake on Thursday 23rd January and Friday 24th January from 4pm-6pm. Please contact the Parish Office to book your appointment time. *Bring the completed forms with you, ready to sign, and if*

your child was not baptised here, please bring a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - 5th January (HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)

Saturday January 4th	6:15 pm	Sam O'Halloran RIP
Sunday January 5th	8:00 am	Holy Souls RIP
	10:30 am	D/Relts: Alice & Philip White
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Joan Norman RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Ints: Margaret Malone
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Gregory McElhinney RIP
Monday 6th		Feria of Christmastide
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Phyllis, Cora & Deirdre RIP
Tuesday 7th		Feria of Christmastide
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Mrs Mary Sebastian RIP
<i>Church</i>	12:30pm	REQUIEM MASS – Martin Dwyer RIP
Wednesday 8th		Feria of Christmastide
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Ints: Sr Gregory
<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm	Joe McEnaney RIP
Thursday 9th		Feria of Christmastide
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Ints: Sady Cronan
Friday 10th		Feria of Christmastide
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Ints: Sr Christine
<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm	Ken Herbert RIP [JH]
Saturday 11th		Feria of Christmastide
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Ints: Joe Rodrigues

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - 12th January

Saturday January 11th	6:15 pm	Michael McInerney RIP
Sunday January 12th	8:00 am	June O'Dwyer RIP
	10:30 am	Fiorenzo Matiz RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	James Connolly RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Mavis St George RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Celestine Tighe 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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