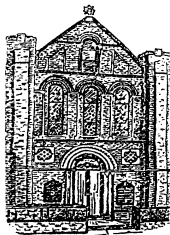


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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]

August 5th 2012

My Dear Friends

The Holy Father at last Sunday's Angelus in Castel Gandolfo made the following remarks about the Eucharist, taken from the Gospel of the "Feeding of the Five Thousand":

"In the scene of the multiplication of the loaves a young boy is also depicted, who, presented with the problem of feeding many people, puts what little he has at the disposal of the others: 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish (cf. John 6:8). The miracle does not produce its effect out of nothing: God is able to multiply our little gesture of love and make us participate in his gift. The crowd is struck by the marvel: it sees in Jesus the new Moses, worthy of power, and in the new manna, the future secured, but they stop at the material element, which they have eaten, and the Lord, "knowing that they wanted to come to take him to make him king, he retreated again to the mountain by himself" (John 6:15). Jesus is not an earthly king who exercises dominion, but a king who serves, who condescends to man to satisfy not only material hunger but above all the profound hunger for direction, for meaning, for truth, the hunger for God.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord to make us rediscover the importance of nourishing ourselves not only with bread, but with truth, with love, with Christ, with the body of Christ, faithfully participating in the Eucharist with keen understanding, to be ever more intimately united with him. **In fact, it is not the Eucharistic food that is changed into us, but rather we who are mysteriously transformed by it.**

(continued overleaf)

Christ nourishes us by uniting us to himself; he draws us into himself (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 70). At the same time, we wish also to pray that no one ever lacks the bread that is necessary for a worthy life, and inequalities be overcome, not with the weapons of violence but with sharing and love."

This weekend we welcome the Columbian Missionaries Fr Tom Ryan and Fr Pat O'Beirne who will be making an appeal at the main Masses. Please be generous with your prayers and money.

Fr Neil Brett

DAILY PRAYER GROUP:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am
MEDITATION GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm
	Tuesdays at 8pm
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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes

Wednesday 8th	7:00pm	SVP Meeting	Crypt
<u>NB</u> Thursday 9th	7:30pm	UCM Meeting	Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers, Mrs Elizabeth Akpoyoware, June Bickersteth, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Tony White.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: This weekend there will be a collection for the Missionary Society of St Columban (see below)

COLUMBAN FATHERS MISSION APPEAL: We welcome to our parish Fr Pat O'Beirne and Fr Tom Ryan from the Missionary Society of St Columban. During the weekend, they will be saying Mass throughout the parish and making their annual appeal. The Columban missionary work of evangelisation includes outreach to poor and marginalized peoples, building bridges between faiths and cultures and support emerging local Churches. They currently have missions in China, Chile, Fiji, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Peru, Pakistan, the Philippines and Taiwan.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Wednesday 15th August: There will be a Vigil Mass at Mersea on Tuesday 14th at 7:30pm with masses on the day at Priory St at 7:30am, 9:15am and 12:15pm. There will be a joint Polish - English Mass starting with a procession at 7pm. On Sunday 19th the 4pm Polish Mass will be followed by procession.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: Note that the new meeting time will now be the **second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm** unless otherwise advised.

MERSEA NEWS: Our next coffee morning will be at the home of Margaret Brookes on 14th August, details to follow later.

CHAPLAINCY WORKER: St Benedict's Catholic College is seeking a practicing Catholic for this one-year post. 37 hours per week spanning 41 working weeks in the year. The actual salary range is: £15,009-£17,056. Application forms (which must be used) are available from Mrs Karen Gregory on 01206 549222 or admin@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk The closing date for applications is Tuesday 28th of August.

MARRIAGE CARE: Marriage Care Ilford Centre are looking for suitable volunteers (male or female) to be trained as Marriage Preparation Providers / Counsellors / FOCCUS Facilitators. For further information, contact Glenda Spencer on 020 8590 7775.

PARISH BARBEQUE: Saturday 18th August 3 – 5pm: the feast of St Helen. Adults £5.00, Children 3 -10 yrs. £3. Vegetarian options available. Tea, Coffee, soft drinks will be 50p; free for children. Tickets now available from Armando / Amy: 854 921 Nora: 503410 Francis: 369568.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: 1st meeting for planning - 12th August in Cardinal Bourne Hall after 10:30am mass. All welcome.

NIGHTFEVER LONDON: is an initiative hosted by St Patrick's Catholic Church, Soho Square. The next one starts on the 5th until the 10th of August. There will be Mass at 6.00pm in the church followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm. Confession will be available during that time. That part of London will be thronged by visitors to the Olympics and volunteers will be going out to invite them in. If you'd like to take part, even volunteer, the link is: www.nightfever-online.org Posters in the porch. If nothing else, please pray!

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: BCCS are looking for individuals to represent their parish (under 16's will need to be accompanied by an adult) to take part in 'Run for a Child'. This is a 5k run taking place on Wednesday 5th September at 7.00pm, Westley Heights Country Park, Basildon, with the support of Pitsea Running Club. To register your interest please contact Julie on 01268 784544 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk - Do something amazing and help us to continue our work supporting those children and families who turn to us for help - register today!

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE YEAR OF FAITH: On **Thursday September 13th** there will be a trip to **Newman's Oxford**. We will visit some of the places which are closely associated with him. These will include St Mary's (subject to restoration work) where he became vicar in 1828, and Littlemore, where he was received into the Church in 1845. Further details available from Fr Neil. **In preparation:** On **Thursday 6th of September** at 7.30 there will be an introduction to Newman's life and work in Oxford. Details to follow.

CHURCH CLEANERS: **Thursday 9th August – Team 5.**

ALTAR SERVERS: **This Sunday 10:30am Mass – Team A.**
Sunday 12th August – Team B

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August 5th 2012

Saturday August 4th	6:15 pm	Stephen Mooney RIP
Sunday August 5th	8:00 am	Margaret Wright RIP
	10:30 am	Sarah McCabe RIP
	6:30 pm	Roger & Andrew Hayes RIP
	8:30 am	Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP
	9:15 am	Parishioners
	10:15 am	Joan Boyden RIP [C&AB]
<i>West Mersea</i>		
<i>Mile End</i>		
<i>Monkwick</i>		
Monday 6th		
		TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
	Church 7:30 am	Intentions: Pauline Medley
	Church 9:15 am	Maureen Power RIP
	Church 12:15 pm	Private Intention
		Feria
	Church 9:15 am	Mrs Lee RIP
		St Dominic
	Church 7:30 am	George Michael Fleetwood RIP [PG]
	Church 12:15 pm	Intentions: Mrs Leitao
		ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS
	Church 9:15 am	Christine Smith RIP [PG]
		ST LAWRENCE
	Church 9:15 am	Mary McGinley RIP
	Church 6:30 pm	Jack Flanagan RIP
		St Clare
	Church 9:15 am	Private Intention

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]

12th August 2012

Saturday August 11th	6:15 pm	Lionel Wright RIP
Sunday August 12th	8:00 am	In Thanksgiving [S&JC]
	10:30 am	Estrella Soriano RIP
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Private Intention
	8:30 am	Herbert Plater RIP
	9:15 am	Private Intention
	10:15 am	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>		
<i>Mile End</i>		
<i>Monkwick</i>		

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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