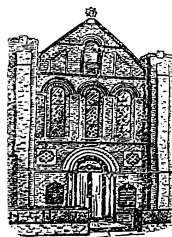


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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [B] May 6th 2012

My dear friends

Many thanks to all those who made our Mass of Thanksgiving so special on Thursday evening. Many thanks to those who contributed to the inspiring liturgy: the readers, altar servers and musicians. Special thanks to the ladies who lovingly prepared such beautiful flower arrangements and to all those who provided such plentiful refreshments afterwards.

It was good to welcome former priests of the parish. Our Bishop was one such former curate [1959 – 64]. He delivered a superb homily tracing the history of the parish up to the present day. He looked forward to the Year of Faith declared by Pope Benedict, starting in October, as an opportunity for renewal and conversion. He also mentioned our local martyr, Blessed John Beche. He was beatified on 13th May 1895. Next Saturday, 13th May, you can visit the Abbey Gatehouse from 2-4pm when prayers will be offered in honour of Our Lady, with Rosary at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm. [Space however is very limited]. The Gatehouse is all that remains of the Abbey of St John. Through that arch Blessed John, the last Abbot, was led to his martyrdom in Colchester on 1st December 1539.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ALL changes

Sunday 6 th May	8-9pm	Evangelium	See below
Tuesday 8 th	7:30pm	Rosary [KSC]	Church
Wednesday 9 th	6:45-8:45pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
Saturday 12 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, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Peter Irvén, Pamela Lee, Pat Maloney, Maria Mahy, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Tim Young.

PRAYER GROUP: We meet for prayer and praise every Monday at 8pm here in the Crypt. Newcomers are always welcome. If you want prayer for yourself or someone else, please contact 01206 271516 07956 229153 or email colchesterprayer@gmail.com. For further information, please see poster in the church porch.

FR SEAN NEYLAN, Garrison Chaplain has been appointed to serve with the Mercia Regiment at Catterick, so he will be leaving Colchester this week. We thank him for all his help over the last few months and wish him God's blessing in his future work.

BAPTISMS TODAY: Jude Robert Monger. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

THANKYOU: From Steven Webb, Director of Brentwood Catholic Children's Society for the donation of £132 from our Parish, this being the proceeds of the Lenten Lunches. "Please pass on our sincere gratitude to all your parishioners for their support of the Society".

EVANGELIUM: The Final dates for Evangelium are: Sundays, 6th, 13th and 20th May in the Crypt from 8pm – 9pm.

ROSARY – TUESDAY 8TH MAY: All are most welcome to join the Knights of St Columba on Tuesday 8th at 7:30pm in the Church to recite the Rosary.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY: Why not spend a day in England's Nazareth? *Friday 18th May. Leave Priory Street at 7:30am. Mass and*

Devotions at the Slipper Chapel. Opportunity for prayer and mediation. Return in the afternoon. Please add your name and details to the list in the porch.

KSC QUIZ; The KSC are taking part in a Quiz Competition, to send a team to challenge other teams from the country. They will represent Brentwood Diocese KSC. Please support your Local KSC on 19th May at Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street. Mass at 6.15pm, then the Competition 7.30pm. Licence and food provided.

VACANCY: Primary Schools' Chaplain, Basildon. Start September 2012, £16,055p.a. St Anne Line Infant, St Teresa's and St Anne Line Junior Schools, have developed the post of Primary Schools' Chaplain to complement the existing youth ministry in the parish and secondary school. Working with school staff to animate Masses and liturgies, as well as providing a variety of opportunities for children aged 4 – 11 to develop their faith, this is a magnificent opportunity for a practicing Catholic with experience in leading young people in worship, and communicating the faith to young people. Full details from Fr Dominic Howarth, frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org or 01268 281732. Closing date for applications: **21st May.**

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: The KSC are organising a Sponsored Walk on Saturday 2nd June in aid of **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** starting from outside the B+Q car park at 10am. Walking from there to Brightlingsea and back. Stop at Coopers Shipyard have a packed lunch or Fish+Chips from the local Chippy. Please support your KSC, or come and walk, if you want a form contact Ron on 01206 795715 or Gary on 01206 530863. KSC will be around to collect names or phone pledges.

SVP PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: on Sunday 1st July £12 per person. Please phone Judy on 07970408707 to book your place on the Coach. Money payable on or before Sunday 10th June, any cheques made out to Colchester SVP.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: with the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre. As part of our celebration of 370 years of foundation we are taking a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Dates: 14th - 21st February 2013. The cost will be approximately £1,500. If you would like to have more information, please contact us at contact-us@canonesses.co.uk or 01206 867296.

MOVING OUT OF THE PARISH OR MOVING WITHIN THE PARISH?: Please let the Parish Office know. **Newly arrived?** Please complete a registration form to be found in the church porch [in Priory Street on the left hand side table]. Pop the form back through the Presbytery Letter Box.

PARISH WEBSITE: For inclusions: admin@stjhamesthelessandsthelen.org

PARISH NEWSLETTER: For items: colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org Send in by a *Wednesday morning, at the latest*, for the following weekend please.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thursday, May 10th – Team 4.

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [B]

May 6th 2012

Saturday May 5th	6:15 pm	Una Close RIP
Sunday May 6th	8:00 am	Intentions: Mrs Tide and Family
	10:30 am	Intentions: Caroline and Family
	6:30 pm	Marie Howlett RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Special Intention [Murray]
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Marie Howlett RIP [MC]
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Parishioners
Monday 7th	Feria [May Bank Holiday]	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Helen & Martin Lydon RIP
	N.B. Church	10:00 am Mrs Mary Gleeson RIP
Tuesday 8th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Michael & Ellen Kate Conlon RIP
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 pm Rosary [KSC]
Wednesday 9th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm Mike Prout RIP
Thursday 10th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Anne Thomas RIP
Friday 11th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Alan Doleman RIP
Saturday 12th	St John Houghton, Pr, M	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Vera Doyle RIP

LITURGY FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [B]

May 13th 2012

Saturday May 12th	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs Milford RIP
Sunday May 13th	8:00 am	D/Rels: Lennon Family RIP
	[FHC Programme] 10:30am	Intentions: Miss Maria & Family
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Intentions: Ian Cole
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Michael & Bridget Brady RIP [A]
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Intentions: Joan Boyden
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	Head: Mrs J Santinelli [549222]
	www.marriagecare.org.uk	or 0800 389 3801.
		www.brentwoodvocations.org

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