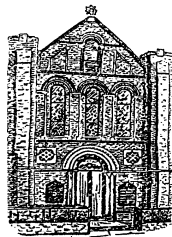


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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

August 7th 2011

My dear friends,

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

We welcome Fr Simon and Fr Benedict of St Martin's Missions today to give the annual Mission Appeal. They are a Dominican Order authorised by the Bishop to make such appeals in the Diocese this year.

TODAY'S LITURGY

As Matthews relates it, the incident described in today's Gospel is clearly symbolic. The boat represents the Church; the disciples are beaten by the winds and the wars of persecution. Jesus is not with them physically; he is in heaven, praying to the Father. However, in the hour of need he comes to them, and with his presence calms their fears and brings them peace.

The incidence of Peter sinking and being saved by Jesus is probably a reference to Peter's failure during the Passion, and his restoration after the resurrection. The writer would have known this, and almost certainly had it in mind when telling this story.

In any case, Peter represents the typical disciple, caught between faith and doubt. Jesus' rebuke, "Man of little faith! Why did you doubt?" is directed at us, who often start out courageously only to lose heart when faced with a crisis.

The prophet Elijah adopted a very militant, even bloodthirsty, approach in his battle against idolatry. Now on the run for his life, he takes refuge in a cave where he is taught that God's ways are not man's ways. God's approach is as gentle as a breeze.

DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am. [Wed. 11:15am]
PRAYER GROUP Mondays @ 8pm in the Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt
EXPOSITION Saturdays at 9:45-10:30am

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please check Mass Schedule for any changes

Tuesday 9 th August	10:30-12	Mersea Coffee Morning	See below
Wednesday 10 th	7pm	SVP Meeting	See below
Friday 12 th	7.30-9.30pm	UCM Meeting	Crypt

SICK: Please remember in your prayers May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Casiano Pasumbal, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Ellen Woodley.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Penny and Ian married here yesterday.

BAPTISM TODAY: **Alfie Patrick Tough.** God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND: This year's Mission Appeal will be held in the Parish this weekend on behalf of *St Martin's Missions* – a part of the Dominican Order. We welcome Fr Simon and Fr Benedict who between them will be preaching at all Masses.

"100 CLUB" JULY DRAW: The winners are Jonathan Livesley – 1st prize of £25; Michael Irvine – 2nd prize of £15 and Hywel Edwards – 3rd prize of £10. Congratulations!

MERSEA NEWS: Coffee Morning this Tuesday, 9th, at the home of Margaret Brooks, 71 Queen Anne Road. All most welcome from 10:30 to 12.00.

SVP MEETING: Change of venue for the meeting this Wednesday which will now take place at "Roundwood", 48 Lexden Road, West Bergholt, CO6 3BX.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S CHRISTMAS MARKET PLANNING MEETING: Takes place at 12 noon next Sunday, August 14th, in the Cardinal Bourne Hall at the bar end. We are pleading to all Parish Groups, and to parishioners in general, for their help, support and ideas to join us in this and subsequent planning meetings. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you. Frances 364568. Norah 503410.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: *Pope Benedict XVI* writes that "precisely because Mary is with God and in God, she is very close to each one of us. While she lived on this earth she could only be close to a few people. Being in God, who is actually 'within' all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God". Our Lady "knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness. She always listens to us and,

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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – SUNDAY AUGUST 14th: The usual Polish Mass which takes place on the second Sunday of each month at 2pm will, this month, be preceded by a Procession in honour of Our Lady.

A CHEESE & WINE EVENING will be held at the home of Ron and Margaret Wheeler – 27 Cottage Drive – at 6pm onwards on Friday, 19th August, to help cover expenses for the Grand Draw in November. Cost £5 and they do need to know numbers attending. Please ring 797850 or Bernie on 549524.

MONKWICK NEWS: Our next Coffee morning takes place on Saturday, 20th August from 10-12 noon. It will be hosted by Grace McCartney of 20a, Buxton Road, CO2 8QU. All most welcome.

CAFOD - Are you 18 – 30? Do you want to change the world?

Are you ready to take an adventure that will change you and those around you? Your journey begins and ends in the UK, but takes you to one of the poorest countries in the world to meet amazing people and share their lives. St Mary's College (Blackpool), Just Youth (Salford) and YMT (Consett) in partnership with CAFOD and the Society of the Holy Child Jesus are offering an exciting gap year experience. The placement lasts for 10 months during which you will receive food and accommodation, a monthly allowance, travel expenses, mentoring and support. Places are limited and the deadline is fast approaching - 22nd August - so for more information and to download an application form visit www.cafod.org.uk/stepintothe-gap or if you'd like to chat about this opportunity, please call Helen Gough on 07770 733 574.

BCCS RUN FOR A CHILD: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society [Childcare] is looking for individuals to represent their parish and take part in 'Run for a Child'. This is a 5K run taking place on Wednesday 7th September at 7.00pm, Westley Heights Country Park, Basildon, with the support of Pitsea Running Club. All runners MUST pre-register for the event and under 16 will need to be accompanied by an adult. Do something amazing and help us continue our work supporting children and families in the Diocese – please register today.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Please note that scaffolding will be in place outside St James the Less from tomorrow, August 8th for one week.

MOVING?: If you are moving, please let the parish office know. If you are newly arrived, please complete a registration form, which are in the porch. For inclusions on the parish website: admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

CLEANING TEAM ROTA: Thursday, August 11th. Team 3C.

LITURGY FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

August 7th 2011

Saturday August 6th	6:15 pm	D/Rels: Byrne & Welham Families RIP
Sunday August 7th	8:00 am	John Lorimer RIP [Mick M]
	10:30 am	Intentions: Miss Ria and Family
	6:30 pm	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Peggy Burke RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Rev. Canon Richard Smith RIP [MD]
Monday Aug 8th	St Dominic, Pr	
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Bridie O'Hallorhan RIP

Tuesday 9th **ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, V.M**
Church **9:15 am** Patrick Quinlivan RIP [R&MG]

Wednesday 10th **ST LAWRENCE, Deacon, M**
Church **7:30 am** Special Intention
Church **12:15 pm** Mary McGinley RIP

Thursday 11th **St Clare, V**
Church **7:30 am** Rev. Canon Richard Smith RIP
Church **9:15 am** Terry Hilton RIP
Church **11:00 am** **REQUIEM – WILLIAM TURNBULL RIP**

Friday 12th **Feria**
Church **9:15 am** Paul Burton RIP
Church **4:00 pm** **Wedding Rehearsal**
Church **7:30 pm** Ray de la Nougerede RIP

Saturday 13th **Feria**
Church **9:15 am** Patrick Quinlivan RIP [PG]
Church **2:00 pm** **WEDDING – Amy and Tom**
Church **4:00 pm** **WEDDING – Monika and Mike**

LITURGY FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY August 14th 2011 – Holyday of Obligation

Saturday August 13th	6:15 pm	Lionel Wright RIP
Sunday August 14th	8:00 am	Winnie Townsend RIP
	10:30am	Intentions: Barber Family
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Ints: Mrs Tide and Family
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Holy Souls RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Jon Fairey RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Parishioners

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
SCHOOLS *St Thomas More*
St Benedict's

At least six months notice is required

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