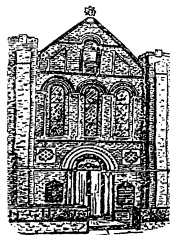


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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [A]

My dear friends,

It was very encouraging to see so many of you at our Ash Wednesday services. Let us pray for the grace to keep Lent faithfully. If we find our resolutions have fallen by the wayside already, just begin again.

This Friday is the Lent Family Fast Day, with the collection for CAFOD next weekend. Gift Aiders will use their own envelopes but please take one of the CAFOD envelopes which have some helpful information about how our donations are put to good use.

One Lenten exercise you may like to take part in is our Lectio Divina [Holy Reading]. On the Saturdays of Lent from 5pm-6pm in the Crypt there is an opportunity to reflect prayerfully on the readings for the coming Sunday. You will find it a very helpful preparation for your Sunday Mass.

I would like to give ample notice of a Day for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist on Saturday, April 16th from 10.30am-4pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. We had a Day for Readers last Autumn and this is a good opportunity for those carrying out this Ministry to reflect on the service that they give. It will be led by members of the Diocesan Liturgy Commission. As well as reflecting on the Ministry, there will be an opportunity to discuss the practical aspects. I would hope that those who carry out this valuable work will keep this Saturday free.

Over the next 5 Sundays of Lent we will include with the Newsletter a helpful

resource from the Westminster Diocese "Praying the Mass", beginning this week with the Introductory Rites. We hope this will be beneficial as we prepare for the introduction of the new Missal later in the year.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

<u>EVENTS THIS WEEK</u>			
<u>See Schedule for Changes or Extra Masses</u>			
Wednesday 16 th March	6:45-8:45	Scripture Group	Crypt
"	7:00pm	Monkwick AGM	
Thursday 17 th	7:30pm	RCIA	
Friday 18 th	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Priory St
"	7:30pm	FHC Programme	Crypt
Saturday 19 th	10-12	" "	Hall
"	10am	Mass at Mile End for Feast of St Joseph	
"	5-6pm	Lectio Divina	Crypt
Sunday 20 th	7:30-9pm	Confirmation Group	Crypt
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 @ 9.45am – 10.30am	

SICK: Please remember in your prayers: May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Denis Nolan, Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Olivia Thorpe, Ellen Woodley. Please also remember Canon Peter Walker and his wife, Caroline.

RITE OF ELECTION TODAY AT BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: We pray for our Candidates, Claire and Daniel, as they attend the Rite of Election this afternoon.

HAVE YOU ORDERED A DVD OF THE PAPAL VISIT? If so, please contact the Parish Office, **as soon as possible to collect. Cost £5.99.** [The Parish has already paid for them with the Order and there is a waiting list for DVDs not collected. Any not collected this coming week will be sold on to the Waiting List].

THANK YOU: To Ursula Ackling for the beautiful cover for the kneelers in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA would like to thank all who supported our *Quiz in aid of St Helena Hospice*. A donation of £250 has now been forwarded to them.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to donate a bloom in memory of a loved one, please enclose whatever you can afford in an envelope marked "Easter Lily" and deliver to the Priests' House.

COLLECTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS AT PRIORY STREET: will be taken up on Sunday, April 10th.

FEBRUARY 100 CLUB WINNERS: They are: 1st (£25) Stephen Rhatigan; 2nd (£15) Gail Haigherty; 3rd (£10) M J Irvine. Congratulations!

MONKWICK AGM: Takes place this Wednesday March 16th at 7pm.

LENTEN LUNCHEAS ON WEDNESDAYS IN CRYPT: After 12:15 Mass. Homemade soup and a roll for 50p. Proceeds to Childcare.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN LECTURE: Wednesday 16th March at 7:30pm. Given by Archbishop Vincent Nichols and entitled "*Living our Catholic faith in a Secular Age*". Light refreshments in the Cathedral Parish Hall will follow. There will be no charge and everybody is welcome.

HEALING MASS led by Fr Eamonn at Abbotswick House of Prayer on **Wednesday 16th March at 2.30pm**. All welcome. For further details visit www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959

LECTIO DIVINA: On Saturday evenings in Lent in the Crypt 5pm – 6pm.

ST PATRICK'S DANCE: March 19th 7:30 – 10:30pm. Tickets now on sale: Adults £7.50; children [5/12yrs] £4, available from Frances on 369568 or Nora 503410. Bangers and Mash supper plus dessert; live music and raffle.

SION COMMUNITY PARISH WEEKEND RETREAT: The Sion Community in Brentwood is organising a weekend retreat from 6pm Friday 25th March to Sunday 27th March 2011. Theme: 'By God's Grace'. Cost: £95 residential, £60 non-residential. Book early as we have limited places. For more information, please call 01277 215011 or e-mail admin@sioncommunity.org.uk

A QUESTION OF FAITH: An evening of questions on living the Catholic faith to be held at the SS Peter and Paul Parish Centre, Ilford High Road, Ilford IG1 1QP on Monday 28 March 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. Refreshments are provided and there is no charge. All are welcome. Further details from the Commission for Evangelisation and Formation on 01277 265289, the parish on 020 8478 0583 or email CEF@brentwood.org There is also a poster in the porch.

"JESUS OF NAZARETH": Copies have arrived. If you have not already done so, please collect your copy. We have one or two copies still available at £12.

DIARY DATE – INVITATION FROM GREENSTEAD PARISH: Saturday 21st May/Sunday 22nd May. Coach trip to Bruges via the Tunnel. Overnight stay at a cost of £90 p.p. inclusive of coach, tunnel toll fee and bed/breakfast. For more information or to book, please contact Jean on 865038.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday, March 17th. Team 2.

LITURGY FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [A]

13th March 2011

Saturday March 12th	6:15 pm	Christina Mooney RIP
Sunday March 13th	8:00 am	Ken Oakley RIP
	10:30 am	Gerry Smith RIP [A]
	2:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	HOLY HOUR
	6:30 pm	Marjorie RIP
<i>Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Brian McGurk RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Kathleen Brennan RIP
Monday 14th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am John Malaj RIP
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Helen Lydon RIP
Tuesday 15th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Intentions of Bridget Smallwood
Wednesday 16th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 am Holy Souls RIP
	<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm John and Julie O'Connor RIP
Thursday 17th	ST PATRICK, Bp. Apostle of Ireland	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Rosanne and Patrick McAloon RIP
	<i>Church:</i>	11:45am REQUIEM: PATRICK IRVINE RIP
	<i>Church:</i>	6:30 pm Patrick Irvine RIP
Friday 18th	Feria	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Bridie Foley RIP [A]
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Intns of Martin & Elizabeth Moriarty
	<i>Church</i>	7:30 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 19th	ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE B.V.M.	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am In Thanksgiving to B.V.M.
	<i>Mile End</i>	10:00 am Holy Souls RIP

LITURGY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [A]

20th March 2011

Saturday March 19th	6:15 pm	Beryl & Noel Blanchette RIP
Sunday March 20th	8:00 am	D/Rels: Pauk and Zlocki Families RIP
	10:30am	Joseph Hawken RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	D/Rels: Herbert/Richards Families
	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>West Mersea</i>	9:15 am	Breda Casey RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	10:15am	Peggy Wilding RIP
<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*
SCHOOLS *St Thomas More* Head: Bridget Harris

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Head: John O'Hara

www.marriagecare.org.uk or 0800 389 3801.

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