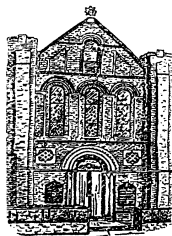


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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 14th 2011

My dear friends,

I would like to share with you the following words which form a small extract from the homily given by Robert Sarah, a Guinean Cardinal who is President of *Cor Unum* the Pontifical Council for Human Development. He was speaking to ordinands, but it might be helpful for lay faithful as well to understand this part of the role of the priest and the awesome responsibility it entails.

"If we have fear of proclaiming the truth of the Gospel, if we are ashamed of denouncing grave deviations in the area of morality, if we accommodate ourselves to this world of moral laxity and religious and ethical relativism, if we are afraid to energetically denounce the abominable laws regarding the new global ethos, regarding marriage, the family in all of its forms, abortion, laws in total opposition to the laws of nature and of God, and that the western nations and cultures are promoting and imposing thanks to the mass media and their economic power, then the prophetic words of Ezekiel will fall on us as a grave divine reproach. "Son of man, prophesize against the pastors of Israel to pastor themselves. Should not the pastors feed the flock? You have been fed with milk, you have dressed yourselves with wool. You have not strengthened the weak lambs, cared for those who were sick, healed those who were injured. You have not restored those who have strayed, searched for those who were lost. But you have governed them with violence and hardness." (Ez. 34: 2-4)

These reproaches are serious, but more important is the offence that we have committed against God when, having received the responsibility of caring for the spiritual good of all, we mistreat souls by depriving them of the true teaching of the doctrine of regarding God, regarding man, and the fundamental values of human

existence, or we deprive them of the clear water of baptism that regenerates the soul, of the sanctifying oil of Confirmation which reinforces it, of the tribunal of pardon and of the Eucharistic food that gives eternal life."

Let's all pray that all priests will be pastors who indeed feed the flock. The full address can be found at:

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/resources/robert-cardinal-sarah-address-to-ordinands-of-the-community-of-st-martin-j>

Fr Neil Brett

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

Friday 19 th August	6pm Cheese & Wine Evening	See below
Saturday 20 th	10-12 noon Monkwick Coffee Morning	"

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

CONGRATULATIONS: to Amy and Tom; and Monika and Mike married here yesterday.

TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, the Polish Mass today at 2pm will be preceded by a Procession at 1:30pm in honour of Our Lady. Both will be conducted jointly in Polish and English.

BISHOP THOMAS WRITES: "As you may be aware, some parishes in our Diocese have been affected by the rioting/criminal activity which has taken place this week. I ask for your special prayers... for all those involved both at local and national level. On Tuesday, Archbishop Vincent Nichols issued an excellent statement on the situation. I completely endorse his words". Copies of the Archbishop's statement are available in the Church Porch.

BAPTISMS TODAY: Oliver James Foley, Sharon Mukada and Archie Lee Newton. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S CHRISTMAS MARKET PLANNING MEETING: Takes place at 12 noon today, August 14th, in the Cardinal Bourne Hall at the bar end.. Thank you. Frances 364568. Norah 503410.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Anthony Walsh and Anne Gardiner who have recently died. May they rest in

peace. David's funeral takes place on Monday, 15th August at 2:45pm at Colchester Crematorium.

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.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULT EVENT: On Saturday 10th September 2011 at 11am there will be a Sung Mass at Douai Abbey Church followed by a Marian Procession around grounds of the Abbey. The Sung Mass will be Victoria's Quam Pulchri Sunt (1572), in recognition of the 400th anniversary of his death, and the motet O Sacrum Convivium. Please see <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm> If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Damian Barker on 07908 105787, or by email at juventumcatholicam@yahoo.co.uk

MERSEA NEWS: Many thanks to Margaret Brookes for hosting our August coffee morning, the sun was shining on and off, but didn't spoil the day. Our September coffee morning will be at the home of Olive Newland details follow later.

THE FOLLOWING FORTHCOMING EVENTS are to be held in the Conference Centre, Cathedral House, Brentwood. Meetings for Preparation for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress which takes place in Dublin June 10th – 17th, 2012 with Sr Nuala Gannon, IBVM (*Diocesan Delegate*).
Tuesday 20th September, 7.30-9.00pm and Saturday 1st October, 3.00- 4.30pm.
RCIA Study Evening – The Role of a Sponsor with members of the Diocesan RCIA Network. *Wednesday 19th October, 7.30–9.30pm.* For more information, please contact the Adult Religious Education & Formation for Ministry at Cathedral House on 01277 265255.

THANK YOU GIFT AIDERS: H.M. Revenue & Customs have refunded our recent Tax Claim and we have received the sum of £17,384. Good news, but the money is already earmarked for our huge operational budget. If you do not belong to the Gift Aid Scheme and you are a taxpayer – of any age – and would like more information, please contact John Sales on 795623. It really is a painless way of contributing more to the financial support of your parish.

CLEANING TEAM ROTA: Thursday, August 18th. Team 4.

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

Saturday August 13th

Sunday August 14th

6:15 pm Lionel Wright RIP
8:00 am Winnie Townsend RIP
10:30 am Intentions: Barber Family
1:30 pm **POLISH PROCESSION**
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
5:00 pm **HOLY HOUR**
6:30 pm Intentions: Mrs Tide and Family
8:30 am Holy Souls RIP
9:15 am Jon Fairey RIP
10:15 am Parishioners

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Monday Aug 15th

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Thursday 18th

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Friday 19th

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Saturday 20th

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LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

August 21st 2011

Saturday August 20th

Sunday August 21st

6:15 pm Stephen Mooney RIP
8:00 am D/Rels: O'Grady Family RIP
10:30am Janina & Gregory Nazarko RIP
1:30 pm **WEDDING: Lucy and Paul**
4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm Intentions: Mrs T and Family
8:30 am Parishioners
9:15 am Kevin Doyle RIP
10:15am Holy Souls RIP

*West Mersea
Mile End
Monkwick*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
SCHOOLS *St Thomas More
St Benedict's*

Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm
Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter
At least six months notice is required
Head: Bridget Harris [865722]
Acting: Head: Peter Johnson [549222]

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

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