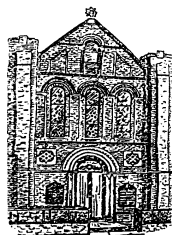


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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]
July 15th 2012

My Dear Friends

During this week I will begin my summer break. Fr Neil will return and will care for your pastoral needs with the help of Fr Ignatius. I hope you all manage to enjoy some rest this summer in between the showers. It was good to see the Olympic Torch passing by East Hill the other day. I am sure that the Olympics will provide great excitement later this month.

Recent weeks have been very busy. I was pleased to celebrate the Leavers' Mass at St Benedicts and most recently, for year 6 at St Thomas More. We wish all our young people every blessing as they continue on life's journey.

In the Gospel today, the Lord encourages the disciples to travel light, as their most important possession is Christ and his message. With the Lord accompanying us on life's journey, we have all that we need.

May God Bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

DAILY	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm Crypt [see below] Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm 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, Tim Young.

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

SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION: The SVP would like to thank everyone for their generosity in giving to our Annual Collection, which raised an amazing £1,030.54

SVP MASS & DISTRICT MEETING: There will be a Mass for the work of SVP on Monday 23rd July at 7pm followed by the SVP district meeting in the crypt. The next regular meeting of the SVP will be Wednesday 25th July.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Power, mother of Fr Eamonn Power. May she rest in peace.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: Has been arranged for Fridays, September 14th and 21st in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. [This Course is for new-borns up to age 6].

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA. A big thank you from David Offord of the AoS for all the support and encouragement that was received during the weekend. Last week's collection so far has raised £1,215.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: The next **CAFOD** collection takes place on July 22nd. There is also the Annual Mission Appeal on the weekend of the 4th and 5th August given by the Columban Missionaries.

MERSEA NEWS: Many thanks to Olive Newland for hosting our July coffee morning, thanks to all those who came & supported it. Our next coffee morning will be at the home of Margaret Brookes on 14th August, details to follow later.

MONKWICK NEWS: The next coffee morning will be on the 21st July at the

home of Joyce Wrobel, 26 Queensland Drive, Birch Glen. 10am – 12 noon. Everyone welcome.

KSC: are looking for unwanted bunting, for a Strawberry Tea event to be held in the CBH Hall Priory Street, on **Saturday 21st July in the afternoon** for Senior Citizens.

EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE 2012: A weekend for young Catholic adults – **August 3rd – 5th at the Oratory School, Reading.** A chance to deepen your faith, to mix with other Catholic young adults and to join in prayer, the Sacraments and Adoration. Excellent speakers and opportunities for discussion. This year's special guest is the Apostolic Nuncio to the Court of St James, the Most Reverend Excellency Antonio Mennini. For more information and to book www.evangelium.co.uk of see Posters in the porch.

PARISH BARBEQUE: Saturday 18th August 3 – 5pm: the feast of St Helen.

PAN-AFRICAN ANNUAL MASS: 16th September 2012 at St George's Catholic Church Walthamstow, followed by a reception. Celebrant will be Bishop Alan Hopes. Various African choirs from Congo, Ghana, Uganda, Zambia, Nigeria and Zimbabwe will be in attendance. All our welcome.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS [YCA] - NATIONAL WEEKEND AT DOUAI ABBEY: September 14-16th 2012. The Retreat will be led by Fr de Malleray [FSSP] and run by YCA with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge. For full information visit www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: with The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham. Have you ever wondered if God might be calling you to become a religious Sister or Brother? If you are a man or woman aged 18-35, come and find out about the joy of living religious life in England's newest religious community. To find out more visit <http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org/> and click on events.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP: Friday 3rd August. Open to all men and women aged 17 – 30. If you are reflecting on where and who God is calling you to be and you want gentle company and conversation with others. Guided by Fr Dominic Howarth and Sr Anne Spilberg OSU. Includes a fish and chip supper, and a time of quiet prayer and Adoration, as well as a chance for discussion and questions. For full details, email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org or call 01268 281732.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Thank you for all who supported the Walk for BCCS. All Sponsor Money needs to be collected. Please put in an Envelope with KSC BCCS Walk written on it and place in collection basket or to any member of the KSC. Thank you.

GENTLE REMINDER: colchester@dioceseofbrentwood.org is the only email address to use. If you are still sending to priorystreet51@btopenworld.com IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 19th July – Team 2.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR July 15th 2012

Saturday July 14th	6:15 pm	John McGinley RIP
Sunday July 15th	8:00 am	Brigid Lowe RIP
	10:30 am	Dorothy Burke RIP
	4:00 pm	POLISH MASS
	6:30 pm	Bridie Murphy RIP [MF]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Margaret Kelly RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Canon Richard Smith RIP [OH]
Monday 16th	Feria	
NB	Church	9:15 am Joan Boyden RIP [TW]
Tuesday 17th	Feria	
	Church	9:15 am Stephen Hilton RIP
Wednesday 18th	Feria	
	Church	7:30 am Intentions: Stella Song
	Church	12:15 pm Helen Harrison RIP
Thursday 19th	Feria	
	Church	9:15 am D/Rels: Herbert & Richards Families
Friday 20th	Feria	
	Church	9:15 am Nancy McCornaick RIP
	Church	6:30 pm Intentions: Culley Family
Saturday 21st	Feria	
	Church	9:15 am Canon John Bloomfield RIP

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 22nd July 2012

Saturday July 21st	6:15 pm	Joe Mooney RIP
Sunday July 22nd	8:00 am	Canon T W Clarke & Family RIP
	10:30 am	Mr K T George RIP
	6:30 pm	Margaret Power RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Anna Mele RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Joan Boyden RIP [GM]

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]

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