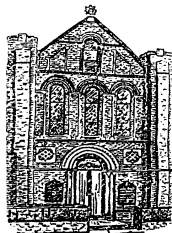


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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT [B]

March 18th 2012

My dear friends,

We come to the fourth Sunday of Lent, "Laetare" Sunday, the halfway stage of our Lenten journey. We may look back at missed opportunities since Lent began, but we have the days ahead in order to renew ourselves in readiness for the great Easter celebration.

The Liturgy on this day overflows with the theme of God's loving plan to save us in Christ. Whether we are permitted to wear a cross or not, no one can deny the consoling truth at the heart of the Gospel which we hear in today's passage from St John;

*Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.*

This weekend also coincides with Mothering Sunday and we wish all our mothers a very happy day.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK - Please see Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 18 March	8-9pm	Evangelium [then next session 13.4.12]	
Monday 19 th	7pm	Mass – Feast of St Joseph	Mile End
Wednesday 21st	6:45pm	Scripture Course	Crypt
“ “	7pm	SVP Meeting	
Thursday 22nd	7:30 pm	RCIA	Crypt
Friday 23rd	12:00pm	Stations +	Church
“ “	7:30pm	Stations +	Church
Saturday 24 th	10am	FHC Reconciliation Service	Church
Sunday 25 th	7:30-9pm	Confirmation Group	

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, 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 in the Crypt. Newcomers are always welcome. If you want prayer for yourself or someone else, phone 01206 271516; 07956 229153 or email colchesterprayer@gmail.com. For further information see poster in porch.

BAPTISMS TODAY: Orla Sutcliffe and Henry Hawke: God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alan Doleman, and Norman Hawley who have recently died. May they rest in peace. Norman's funeral takes place here on March 22nd at 11am. The funeral of Eric Proudfoot has now been arranged for April 2nd here at 11am.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: There will be a second collection after all Masses today for our Parish Development Fund. It is hoped to replace the carpet on the Sanctuary at Priory Street and there is heavy expenditure at Mile End with regard to urgent roof repairs and the gas fires there.

PARISH FOOTBALL TEAM:- "Our poor run continued when we were thrashed 7-0 by Kingsland". Sounds like some touchline support needed? The next match is on 24th March at Mile End Playing Fields. Contact Danny on dannyferdinand@hotmail.com for kick-off details.

UCM: Are holding a Spring/Easter Craft Event on Sunday 25 March, 2-4pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Lots of spring activities including bulb planting, making chocolate nests etc. £3 per child, £5 per family.

OF GODS AND MEN: Please see the poster giving details about a chance to see the multiple award-winning French film "Of Gods and Men" at the Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford on Sunday the 25th March at 7pm. All welcome. Contact the Community on 01245 604108. ALSO, at 74 Howe Close, Colchester, Essex, C04 3XD, Lenten reflection on 27th March with a repeat on 28th March, each starting at 7:15pm. together with a showing of the above film, followed by discussion. All welcome on either day. Further information from www.canonesses.co.uk

STUDENT CROSS: On Friday 30th March a group of pilgrims will gather at Priory Street as part of the Student Cross Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The cross they will carry stands before us in Priory Street, and we host our guests for an evening meal on Friday evening and an early breakfast on the Saturday morning. Offers of food, drink and company gratefully received - contact Hywel & Pam Edwards on 867325.

"TRANSITIONS": Transitions: the Gift of Growth in Later Years. Where are you on your life-map? A Day of Reflection on what you most value in later years. Saturday, March 31st from 11am -3:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. [Coffee at 10:30am]. Please bring a packed lunch, and donations will go to our Parish Development Fund.

KSC – TABLE QUIZ: The Knights of St Columba are holding a table quiz in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, after Mass at 7:30pm on Saturday 31st March. All proceeds to *Columban Missionaries*. Light refreshments provided. Please bring with your own drinks. Tickets £5. Call Ron on 797850 to book or just turn up on the evening.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Next Saturday 24th March, the First Holy Communion children will make their first confession at 10am. **There will be no Exposition next Saturday.** There will be a **Penitential Service on Monday, 2nd April at 7:30pm** when several priests will be on hand to help you celebrate the Sacrament.

CHRISM MASS: A minibus will be running to the Chrism Mass at Brentwood cathedral on April 4 leaving from Gala Bingo at 5:30pm.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: A minibus will be going to Walsingham on Saturday 26th May leaving Priory Street at 9am Contact Theresa Higgins on 01206 523501 / pilgrimages@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: For newborn and children up to age 6: If you wish to present a child for baptism of this age, the next Baptism Course has been arranged for **Friday 20th April and Friday 27th April at 7:30-9pm** in the Crypt. There is no need to make an appointment but **both sessions** must be attended. *Entry to the Crypt is via the Church.*

PARISH EASTER CARD: Is available, giving details of Easter Services.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thursday, March 22nd - Team 3a.

LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT [B]

"Laetare" Sunday - March 18th 2012

Saturday March 17th 6:15 pm Beryl & Noel Blanchette RIP
Sunday March 18th 8:00 am Caroline Long RIP

10:30 am Intentions: UCM

4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Intentions: Ria and Family

West Mersea 8:30 am Parishioners

Mile End 9:15 am Kay Stickley RIP

Monkwick 10:15am Joseph Hawken RIP

Monday 19th **ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE B.V.M. [Solemnity]**

Church 7:30 am Intentions: Guilianna & Family

Church 9:15 am Intentions: Mrs Jessie Mascarenhas

Mile End 7:00 pm Private Intention

Tuesday 20th

Feria

Church 9:15 am Agnes Oates RIP

Wednesday 21st

Feria

Church 7:30 am Maura Foley RIP [A]

Church 12:15 pm Intentions: Mary Roche

Thursday 22nd

Feria

Church 9.15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Church 11:00 am **FUNERAL – NORMAN HAWLEY RIP**

Friday 23rd

Feria

Church 9:15 am Forgotten souls in purgatory [BR]

Church 12:00 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Church 6:30 pm Canon Stan Condon RIP [N'Hampton]

Church 7:30 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Saturday 24th

Feria

Church 9:15 am Mrs Alice Kuriakose RIP

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT [B]

March 25th 2012

Saturday March 24th 6:15 pm Stephen Mooney RIP

Sunday March 25th 8:00 am Fr John Meehan RIP [Brentwood]

10:30am Dr Roger Sykes RIP

6:30 pm Ken Herbert RIP [A]

West Mersea 8:30 am Maura Dorning RIP [JB]

Mile End 9:15 am Parishioners

Monkwick 10:15am Fr Clifford Beecroft RIP [B'wood]

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]

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