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PENTECOST SUNDAY 19th May 2013 – Day of Prayer for the Church

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My dear friends

On this Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. Through the gift of the Spirit the apostles began to preach the Gospel and on that day baptised thousands of new converts. The Church came to life with great energy and joy.

Pope John Paul II said when he was here in 1982 at a Confirmation Mass; "Who is the Holy Spirit? He is the third person of the Blessed Trinity; he is sent to us by the Father and Son; he is their greatest gift; he remains constantly with us; he abides in us.

May the Holy Spirit come upon each of us with renewed strength today and inspire in us a deeper faith and love.

Today and next Sunday, our children make their First Holy Communion. May these young ones be the hope of the Church today and tomorrow, and may they always long to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

May God bless you all

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

Sunday 26th

2:00pm First Holy Communion Mass

Church

SUNDAYS: Divine Mercy followed by Rosary 3pm
DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am
EVENING PRAYER: Fridays at 6pm Church
PRAYER GROUP: Mondays at 8pm Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type): Please remember in your prayers, Anne Barry, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Rosaleen Campbell, Ian Cole, Richard Cox, Stanley Crane, Val Crane, Olive Crawford, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Gianni Emoli, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Minimol Joseph, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Val Ling, Maria Mahy, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, Paula Nash, Denis O'Neill, Margaret Norman, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Patricia Roche, The Sharfraie Family, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Ron Wheeler, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Matthews of Leigh on Sea, who died in Abberton Manor Nursing Home. May he rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Tom and Maureen McElroy** on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Jana & Graham Gifford** who were married at Priory St yesterday.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Nico Buck. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday 23rd May at 7:30pm in the crypt.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please remember in your prayers those children who receive their First Holy Communion today; a celebration for their families and for our Parish community: Theo Baker, Luke Brady, Max Gauden, Grace Kelly, Erin Rance, Emily Reedie, Evan Rivierre, Thomas Stebbing, Carlyle Sunga, Felix Szpakowski, Gimhani Thennakoon, Jakub Walecki, Francesca Wheatley and Euan Zammitt. At Mersea: Cedd Richardson. In India: Nikhil George.

POLISH MASS: The Polish Mass next Sunday 26th May will be at 12:15pm

MASS WITH FILIPINO CHOIR: Fr Norlan will celebrate a Mass in English next Sunday 26th May at 6:30pm with a Filipino Choir. All our welcome.

MERSEA NEWS: Many thanks to Sue Jenner for hosting our first Coffee morning, nice seeing everyone again enjoying a chat. We are still waiting for the sun. Hope to see you all again on 11th June at the home of Margaret Williams, 28 Coast Road, Mersea.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: will meet at 7.30pm on Monday 20th May at Christ Church Court Tel: 763049.

SVP – PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Sunday 7th July, leaving from outside the Doctor's Surgery on East Hill at 8.45am. To book phone Judy on 07970 408 707, or see any SVP member. Cost £12, to be paid in full by 23rd June please.

KSC – PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD: Sunday 9th June. Cost of coach is £12 – departure from East Hill at 9am, returning 6pm approx. To book, ring Ron Griffin on

571590 or append your name to the list in the porch at Priory St.

100 CLUB APRIL DRAW: And the winners are: Tom Smith [1st]; Richard Ebling [2nd]; Lenore Sykes [3rd]. Congratulations to you all.

FOR YOUR DIARY - CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY JUNE 2nd: as usual, there will be a joint English — Polish Mass starting at 2pm and followed by a Eucharistic Procession. At 4pm, there will be **World-Wide SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** for the Year of Faith requested by Archbishop Fisichella. It would be good for us to be united with Rome for that, so watch this space! Details below:

Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, has announced a special event to mark the centrality of the Eucharist in the observance of the Year of Faith: a worldwide Solemn Eucharistic Adoration on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) will take place on Sunday June 2nd at 4pm local time

http://www.annusfidei.va/content/novaevangelizatio/en/eventi/adorazioneeucaristica.html

Do you say morning or evening prayer or wonder what saints day it is in the church's calendar? Then you should get a copy of the ordo, included in the diocesan directory along with valuable contact information for catholic organisations across Essex. Reduced price of 50p – bargain!!

COUPLES FOR CHRIST (CFC): A series of seminars starting on June 15th from 2-6pm in the Crypt. The seminars are the first step in hopefully forming a CFC local chapter. The CFC family ministry is intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life. The members have committed themselves to the Lord and to one another so that they may grow in maturity as men and women of God and fulfill their primary vocation of raising up families under the lordship of Jesus Christ and for the service of the Kingdom of God. The ministry started in the Philippines, and has spread around the world through migrant Filipinos who established CFC chapters in their host countries. Although many of the members are Filipinos, Catholics of any nationality are welcome. If couples are interested in joining, please contact Amy on 854 921 or Gani on 07825 265 198 for full details.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Monday 27th May is the Feast Day of St Augustine of Canterbury, and we will be going to Ramsgate to share in the festivities. If you'd like to join us, please indicate to Fr Neil so that we can decide the transport. We wouldn't need to leave before 8 am, honest.

INTERESTED IN HISTORY? The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) will take place at SS Peter and Paul, High Road, Ilford on 25th May 2013 at 2.30 pm. Dr. James Hagerty will be giving a talk entitled, ' John Carmel Heenan - The Brentwood Days'.

COLCHESTER DEANERY MUSIC DAY: Saturday, 15th June 10.00 am — 4.30 pm St Monica's Church, De Vere Lane, Wivenhoe. Directed by Frances Novillo & Andrew Wright. ALL are welcome, even if you do not play an instrument or cannot read music! Workshop for singers & instrumentalists covering psalms for the seasons, Mass settings and forthcoming songs and hymns for Sundays. Please bring music stand if required (instrumentalists). Event is free - just bring your own lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. It would be helpful if you could book your place for the day for organisational purposes. email: music@dioceseofbrentwood.org or Tel. No. 01277 265288.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 23rd May - Team 4

PENTECOST [C] – Solemnity 19th May 2013

Saturday May 18 ^{tt}	1	6:15 pm	Ints: Maurice Highfield		
Mile End		6:00 pm	KERALA MASS		
Sunday May 19 th		8:00 am	Ints: Esther Kemball		
		10:30 am	Ints: Anna & Ivan Norfolk [PG]		
		2:00 pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS		
		4:00 pm	POLISH MASS		
		•	Ints: Julie & Family		
West Mersea			Joy Richardson		
Mile End 9:15 am		9:15 am	Parishioners		
Monkwick		10:15 am	Ints: John Pereira & Family		
Monday 20 th	Feria				
	Church		Verna Wilshaw RIP		
	Church	9:15 am	Ints: Bridget & Mary Brady		
Tuesday 21 st	Feria				
nd	Church	9:15 am	D/Rels: Pauk & Zlocki Families RIP		
Wednesday 22 nd	Feria				
	Church		John Roche RIP		
***	Church	12:15 pm	Ints: Adrian Sykes		
Thursday 23 rd	Feria				
	Church	9:15 am	Holy Souls RIP		
Friday 24 th	Feria				
•	Church	9:15 am	Fr Jim Brand RIP		
	Church	6:30 pm	In Thanksgiving [LS]		
Saturday 25 th	Saturday 25 th St Bede the Venerable, Pr, D				
-	Church	9:15 am	Ints: Brenda Roderigues		

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY [C] – Solemnity 26th May 2013

Saturday May 25th
Sunday May 26th
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8:00 am
Rev. L Matthews RIP
10:30 am
Doreen Whittam RIP

NB
12:15 pm
POLISH MASS
2:00 pm
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

6:30 pm Ralph & Sheila Knight RIP

West Mersea 8:30 am Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP

Mile End 9:15 am Margaret Wilson RIP

Monkwick 10:15 am Parishioners

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