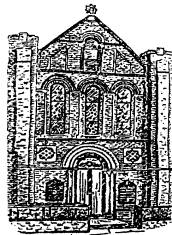


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TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] - August 19th 2012

My Dear Friends

It is good to be back with you again after my recent wanderings. I am grateful to Fr Neil, Fr Philip and all our visiting priests for their ministry during my absence. Special thanks to everyone for your tremendous response to the appeal given by the Columban Fathers on the first weekend of August, which raised over £2,000 for their work. As you know, this is the fourth of five Sundays devoted to the Sixth Chapter of John, the discourse on the Bread of Life. This week's Gospel reading gets right to the heart of it's Eucharistic message: Jesus says, *"The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you will not have life within you."*

Jesus doesn't just speak about people believing in Him. He uses the expression, the one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood. He uses Eucharistic terms, terms the ancient Christians were familiar with from their celebrations of the Eucharist and terms that we are familiar with from our Masses: *"bread", "food", "flesh", "blood", "to eat", "to drink", "will give", "for your sakes"*. Jesus, the true bread from heaven will replace the former bread from heaven, the manna and law, with his broken body and spilled blood. The concrete place where the believer encounters the true bread from heaven is in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the action where the believer shares the redemptive mystery of the Cross. Our tri-annual reflections on the sixth chapter of John are meant for us to come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the gift that we receive every time we come to Holy Communion.

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

DAILY PRAYER GROUP:	Morning Prayer 8:15am;	Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am
MEDITATION GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	Crypt
	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, Elaine Proudfoot, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Filomena Velasquez, Tony White.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Emily & Ciaran McGonagle**, who were married at Priory St on Friday.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Suggested donation is 20p. Please only use candles provided.

LIFTS TO CHURCH: If you are in need of a lift to Mass at Priory St, please make contact through the church office.

MAGNIFICAT: The Magnificat is a beautifully produced pocket-sized devotional companion, which is published monthly and has over 400 pages of carefully arranged thoughts, prayers and readings. Copies are available at £4.00.

KSC MASS: There will be a KSC Mass in memory of Simon Chaplin our youngest member who died last year and for all deceased members of the council since 1934 on Tuesday 4th September at 7:30pm Priory St. All are welcome.

MERSEA NEWS: Many thanks to Margaret Brookes for hosting our August coffee morning, at long last the weather was good. Our September coffee morning will be at the home of Pauline Aspinall; details to follow later.

MONKWICK NEWS: The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 21st August at 20A Buxton Rd Monkwick from 10:00am – 12 noon. Hostess is Grace McCartney. Everyone welcome.

100 CLUB – JULY DRAW: And the winners are.... Vivienne & Michael Andrews [1st]; Kenneth Chapman [2nd] and George Johnson [3rd]. Congratulations to you all!

CHEESE & WINE EVENING: will be hosted by Ron & Margaret Wheeler on Friday 7th September from 6pm onwards at 27 Cottage Drive Colchester. Cost is £6 which includes 1st glass of wine. Proceeds to parish funds. It is helpful to know how many would be coming. Please contact Ron & Margaret on 797850 or Bernie on 549524 to book.

RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK: Will be held in Clitheroe Lancs on 27th August in memory of the late Phyllis Bowman DSG (1926-

2012). All money received to go into campaigning and raising public awareness of issues involving the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Please fill in the sponsor forms at the back of churches. Money will be collected in September.

RIDE AND STRIDE: Cyclists and walkers of all ages are invited to cycle or walk between as many local churches and chapels as possible on Saturday 8th September. Half the sponsor money goes to the Friends of Essex Churches Trust and half to our own church funds. See our poster in the porch. Please contact John Dolamore on 765 417 for a sponsor form and a list of local participating churches and chapels.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: BCCS are looking for individuals to represent their parish (under 16's will need to be accompanied by an adult) to take part in 'Run for a Child'. This is a 5k run taking place on Wednesday 5th September at 7.00pm, Westley Heights Country Park, Basildon, with the support of Pitsea Running Club. To register your interest please contact Julie on 01268 784544 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk - Do something amazing and help us to continue our work supporting those children and families who turn to us for help - register today!

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE YEAR OF FAITH - NEWMAN'S OXFORD: On Thursday 6th of September at 7.30pm there will be an introduction to Newman's life and work in preparation for a trip to Oxford on Thursday September 13th when we will visit some of the places which are closely associated with him. These will include St Mary's (subject to restoration work) where he became vicar in 1828, and Littlemore, where he was received into the Church in 1845. Further details available from Fr Neil.

ST JOHN'S ABBEY GATEHOUSE: Will be open to visitors from 7th - 9th September as part of the English Heritage open day event. The gatehouse is all that remains of the Benedictine Abbey where Blessed John Beche was executed for his faith. Volunteers always needed to provide free tours, talks, and refreshments for the visitors. If you like history and feel you would like to get involved please either call 01206 679060 or leave your details at the presbytery.

100 DAYS OF PEACE - THE OLYMPIC LEGACY PEACE SERVICE: There will be a service to mark the Olympic ideal of peace on Friday 31st August from 6.45pm till 9.30pm at Our Lady of Christians and St Helen, Westcliff-on-Sea. The format: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.30pm followed by prayers and readings, finishing with Mass at 8.45pm. In a world where there is so much conflict and war our Christian heart calls us to pray for peace and for those who are suffering. Please come along if you can for all or part of the evening.

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 23rd August – Team 1.

ALTAR SERVERS: This Sunday 10:30am Mass – Team A.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] - 19th August 2012

Saturday August 18th	6:15 pm	Joan Boyden RIP [BB]
Sunday August 19th	8:00 am	D/Rels: O'Grady Family
	10:30 am	Cicely Berry RIP
	4:00 pm	JOINT POLISH MASS
	5:00 pm	JOINT POLISH PROCESSION
	6:30 pm	Canon John Bloomfield RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	David Ballantine RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	B Bugeja RIP
Monday 20th		St Bernard, Ab, D
	Church 7:30 am	Helen & Martin Lydon RIP
	Church 9:15 am	Eileen O'Shea RIP
Tuesday 21st		St Pius X, P
	Church 9:15 am	Bridie Murphy RIP [R&MG]
	Church 12:00 pm	REQUIEM MASS – Katherine Suffield
Wednesday 22nd		The Queenship of the Virgin Mary
	Church 7:30 am	Holy Souls
	Church 12:15 pm	Florence & Danny Farrell RIP
Thursday 23rd		Feria
	Church 9:15 am	Maureen Power RIP [TD]
Friday 24th		ST BARTHOLOMEW, Ap
	Church 9:15 am	Mike O'Keefe RIP
	Church 2:00 pm	WEDDING – Tiffany & Conan
	Church 6:30 pm	Ints: Elizabeth & John Deakin
Saturday 25th		Feria
	Church 9:15 am	Joan Boyden RIP [SVP]
	Church 1:00 pm	WEDDING – Sinaid & Stewart
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B] - 26th August 2012		
Saturday August 25th	6:15 pm	Lyn & Ritchie Cook RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	6:00 pm	KERALA MASS
Sunday August 26th	8:00 am	Private Intention
	10:30 am	Noli Enriquez & Gabrielle Sunga RIP
	6:30 pm	Mike & Bridie Kelly RIP
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Private Intention
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Kevin Doyle RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Parishioners
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	

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