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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

November 20th 2011

My dear friends

The Church's Liturgical Year comes to a great climax today with the Feast of Christ the Universal King. All our prayers and works as a parish community are to serve the reign of Christ our King and to make Him better known and loved in the world. In our country this Feast Day is also National Youth Sunday. We give thanks for the contribution of our young people to the life of the church, and pray that they continue to be active members of the Church in the future. There will be a second collection today for our Diocesan Youth Service and a young person will speak about it at some of the Masses today.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Market next weekend on Saturday 26th November from 10am to 4:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. There is lots to buy; to eat and drink. Try your luck on the Christmas Draw, and of course Father Christmas will be there for the children. There are still some tickets for the Italian Evening on Friday, 25th November.

As the Market comes to an end we begin the season of Advent. Buy your "Walk with Me" booklet today at £1 with thoughts for each day of Advent. Don't forget the "Lectio Divina", also a helpful way to enter into the Advent readings.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

DAILY Morning Prayer 8.15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8.35am (Wed 11.15am)
PRAYER GROUP Mondays at 8pm in the Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt

EVENTS THIS WEEK - Please check Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 20 th November	8pm	Evangelium	Crypt
Wednesday 21 st	7:30pm	Lectio Divina	See below
[No Scripture Group]			
Thursday 24 th	7:30-9:30pm	FHC - Parents Meeting	Crypt
Friday 25 th	7.30-10.30pm	Italian Evening	CBH
Saturday 26 th	10.30am-4.430pm	Christmas Market	CBH

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

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: For the Diocesan Youth Service on this, National Youth Sunday.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: Austin Brook, Nathan Izebighie, Jacque O'Neill-Mitchell. God bless these children and congratulations to their families.

THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE HAS NOW BEEN ARRANGED - Friday, 27th January 2012 and Friday, 3rd February. 7-30-9pm in the Crypt. [entry via the Church]. There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up – *but* – both sessions must be attended.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Nicholson who has recently died. May he rest in peace.

ADMISSION TO ST THOMAS MORE'S SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2012: Parents wishing to apply for a place at St Thomas More's School for September 2012 will need to complete a Supplementary Information form in addition to the Local Authority Form. Forms can be obtained from the **School office** by telephoning 01206 865722 9am-3:30pm. Appointments can also be made to visit the school.

ITALIAN FAMILY EVENING – November 25th and the CHRISTMAS MARKET - November 26th. Our final meeting for stall holders and other helpers takes place TODAY in the Cardinal Bourne Hall after the 10:30am Mass. Father Christmas still needed for Friday evening and face painters needed for Saturday. Thank you. Frances and friends. Helpers list in the church porch. P.S. Some tickets still available for the Italian family Evening. Book early as tickets are selling fast.

"GRAND DRAW" SOLD RAFFLE TICKETS: Please return money and counterfoils

to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

INVITATION FROM GREENSTEAD PARISH: Christmas shopping trip to Bluewater next Wednesday, 23rd November. £12. Leave St John Payne Church at 9am, arriving back at 7pm approx. 10 seats left. Contact Jean on 863038.

LECTIO DIVINA IN PREPARATION FOR ADVENT: Reflective reading in preparation for Sundays. In the Crypt from 7:30pm on Wednesday 23rd November; Fridays 2nd December, 9th December [in church], 16th December.

PILGRIMAGE TO SOME SHRINES OF POLAND: Proposed dates: **Tuesday April 10th to Saturday 14th 2012.** Jasna Gora (Czestochowa); Wadowice (birthplace of Bl John Paul II); Kalwaria Zebrzydowska (a favourite shrine of the late Pope); Wieliczka Salt Mines; Tyniec monastery; Krakow. Meeting on **Sunday 27th November at 5:00** in crypt. Bring your credit/debit cards to book the flights for this DIY low cost trip. Leaflets at the back of the church. Further details from Fr Neil. Are you coming?

UCM: Christmas Crafts in Cardinal Bourne Hall from 2-4pm Sunday 11th December. Lots of seasonal activities including making festive table arrangements, Christmas decorations, nativity scenes and reindeer food! Special guest appearance from Santa. £3 per child or £5 for a family.

ST JOSEPH'S: Volunteers please to form a committee to help put the running of the church on a more formal footing. First meeting Wednesday 1st February 2012 at Priory Street under the guidance of Father Tony. Please pass your name to either Father Tony or your Finance Committee rep Ken Chapman.

YOUTH NEWS: Stephen Bailey, Chaplain at St Benedict's College, writes: "I am beginning to fill the places on the coach (56 seats) which I have booked to take our students to the CYMFed Flame Congress at Wembley Arena on 24th March 2012. Please follow the link below for details; <http://cymfed.org/congress/flame/2012/> The price for travel (return by coach) and ticket entry is £30". If you would like to go, [Y10 and above], Stephen can be contacted on 01206 549222; chaplaincy@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk

DECEMBER 8TH – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Joint English/Polish Mass at 6:30pm at Priory Street.

NOTICE TO RED BOXHOLDERS: 2012 MISSIO Calendars are now available, free, at the back of the Church and at Mass Centres.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thursday, 24th November, Team 4.

LITURGY FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING [A]

NOVEMBER 20th 2011 – National Youth Sunday

Saturday November 19th 6:15 pm Ints: Mr & Mrs MacDonald – G/W/A
Sunday November 20th 8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am Mannix MacManus RIP
4:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm Ints: Mr & Mrs Leslie MacDonald

Mersea 8:30 am Pat, Matt and Eddie Hogan RIP
Mile End 9:15 am Ints: Stella and Henry Toh
Monkwick 10:15 am Heather and Frank Mills RIP

Monday 21st **The Presentation of the B.V.M**
Church 7:30 am November Dead List
Church 9:15 am Phyllis, Cora & Deirdre RIP
Tuesday 22nd **St. Cecilia, V.M.**
N.B. *Church* 9:30 am Intentions of Joan Boyden

Wednesday 23rd **Feria**
Church 12:15 pm Desmond Gray RIP

Thursday 24th **Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr, & Comps, Mm**
Church 9:15 am Aleykutty George RIP

Friday 25th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am November Dead List & Dennis Drew RIP
C.G.H. *Chapel* 12:00pm Intentions of Hospital Patients
Church 6:30 pm D/Rels: Pauk and Zlocki Families RIP

Saturday 26th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Michael and Annie O'Reilly RIP

LITURGY FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT [B]
November 27th 2011

Saturday November 19th 6:15 pm Barrett Family RIP
Sunday November 20th 8:00 am November Dead List
10:30am Simon Chaplin RIP
6:30 pm Mr & Mrs Milford & Lionel Wright RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am Henry Johnson RIP
Mile End 9:15 am Yadi Khodaverdi RIP
Monkwick 10:15am 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*
SCHOOLS *St Thomas More* Head: Bridget Harris [865722]
St Benedict's Acting: Head: Peter Johnson [549222]
www.marriagecare.org.uk or 0800 389 3801. www.brentwoodvocations.org

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