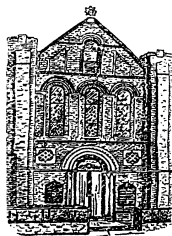


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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A] January 23rd 2011

My dear friends,

The theme chosen for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2011 is: "One in the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer" (cf. Acts 2:42). The Holy Father concluded his General Audience with the words: *"During this Week, let us pray that all Christians will grow in fidelity to the Gospel, in fraternal unity and in missionary zeal, in order to draw all men and women into the saving unity of Christ's Church."*

"Whatever may have been the position in past centuries it is no longer the case that our laws must, or should automatically reflect the Judaeo-Christian position." These are the words of the judge who fined Mr and Mrs Bull under the Equalities Act 2008 having refused to accommodate two homosexuals in their guest house. It begs the question as to what the law should reflect. Or must we base our laws on the prevailing social climate?

In the global village of modern communications, the concept of a saint by popular acclaim has been updated. The beatification of John Paul II comes when some can still remember the chorus of "Santo Subito" in St Peter's Square during those amazing scenes after his death. Here is some good news for us to share with others.

May God bless you all,

Fr Neil Brett

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 26 th	9:15am	Mass [NOT 12:15pm]	
“	6:45 pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
Thursday 27 th	7:30pm	RCIA	Crypt
Saturday 29 th	10—12	FHC Group	Hall/Crypt
Sunday 30 th	10:30am	Mass for FHC Group	

DAILY: Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am. [Wed. 11:15am]
PRAYER GROUP Mondays @ 8pm in the Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Crypt
EXPOSITION: Saturdays @ 9.45am – 10.30am

SICK: Please remember in your prayers: June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Bridie Murphy, Baby Leah Patterson, Hector Silva, Baby Cameron Smith, Olivia Thorpe.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Archibald Lynn who has recently died. May he rest in peace. His funeral has been arranged here on February 11th at 9:15am.

PRIEST REFERENCE FORMS FOR ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL: Fr Tony will be available at the Presbytery to sign the Priest Reference Form for new applications to St Thomas More School on the following dates: *Thursday 27th January from 4pm and Friday 28th January from 5pm.* To book an appointment on either of those evenings, please ring the Parish Office on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Don't forget to bring the form with you!

THE FRIENDS OF PERU would like to thank everyone who gave their support during 2010. The fundraising events and sales of Peruvian Crafts and recycled cards have enabled us to send £1000 to the Sisters of Mercy Mission in Peru.

BRES RETREAT SPIRITUALITY MORNING- Saturday 29th January 2011 9.30-12.00 entitled **"Contemplation in a busy world."** This will be led by Fr Christopher O'Donnell, O.Carm. It will take place in Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. Cost £5. Tel 01277 265285.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday, 30th January, 7.30 to 9.00pm.** Everyone welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Monday 7th February 7.30pm-9.30pm at Brentwood Cathedral Conference Centre. Sr Nuala will lead the session. Full details on the poster in the porch.

WINTER RESERVE ACCOMMODATION PROJECT [WRAP]; Keeping homeless people off the street this winter: Can you help? The relevant week now for our Parish is **9th-16th February 2011.** It will be necessary for volunteers to sleep in

the Hall overnight but for full information please ring 01206 549 885 and speak to Pernille.

ISRAEL/PALESTINE– THE UNTOLD STORIES: *Saturday, 26 February 2.30 – 4.30 pm. Venue: Peace House, Paradise Street, Oxford OX1 1LD.* A Public Meeting with guest speaker Pat Gaffney, General Secretary, Pax Christi. Pat has recently returned from a Pax Christi visit to partners, churches and NGOs in the region to learn more about life under occupation and create solidarity links with those working for peace and justice. Preceded by Network for Peace AGM at 1.30pm.

ECUMENICAL STUDY DAY ON THE HISTORY OF THE MASS: The Ninth Ecumenical Study Day arranged by the Diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Hall on Saturday 5th March from 10.30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The theme for the day is 'The History of the Mass'. Abbot Cuthbert Johnson OSB, former abbot of Quarr and a renowned expert on liturgical matters, is the speaker. As usual, there is no charge for the event and a buffet lunch is provided. Please book your place by contacting cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phone to 01277 265289.

'BE STILL' DAY: The parish of St Mary Immaculate & The Holy Archangels, Kelvedon will be hosting a quiet day, learning about silent prayer, in Lent run by Magdalen Houlihan from Clare Priory on **Saturday 26th March** from 11.00 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Tea, coffee and a soup and roll lunch provided. Donations towards Clare Priory Building Fund. For further information and to book a place contact: Eve and Peter Regelous, 01376 518486 or 07947 796783 or email eveuk@hotmail.com

DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT and raise money for **CAFOD**. Register now for the 2011 110ft abseil down Harlow Water Tower taking place on 30th April / 1st May. Organised by the Harlow Tye Rotary Club in conjunction with Dukes Barn Outdoor Adventure Organisation. For further details etc., contact CAFOD Brentwood email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or phone Joanna on 020 8502 9722.

THE BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II IN ROME [MAY 1st]: Fr Andrew Headon will be leading a 2 night, 3 day pilgrimage providing that there is an immediate response as flight prices will increase daily. For those interested, please would they contact Fr Andrew for more information on 0208 478 0583 or by e-mail: fraheadon@hotmail.com

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CATHOLIC POLICE GUILD would like to draw attention to the Guild and to encourage both serving and retired police officers and police staff to become members. If anyone is interested in joining or receiving further information, please contact Andrew Nattrass on westminster@catholicpoliceguild.org.uk or daytime telephone number 014855 543327.

CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday 27th January – Team 3D.

NEW TO THE PARISH?: Please introduce yourself to one of the priests after Mass, complete a registration form [on the big table in the porch] and return it to the Parish Office. Please also advise the Parish Office if you move within or out of the Parish. **PARISH WEB SITE:** For all inclusions, contact admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

**LITURGY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]
23rd January 2011 – Breviary Week 3**

Saturday January 22nd	6:15 pm	Mr & Mrs Milford RIP
Sunday January 23rd	8:00 am	Margaret Power RIP
	10:30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	6:30 pm	Margaret Harknett RIP
<i>Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Rose Foley RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Celestine Tighe RIP

Monday 24th	St Francis de Sales, Bp
<i>Church</i>	7:30am Canon John Bloomfield RIP
<i>Church</i>	9:15am Stephen Hilton RIP

Tuesday 25th	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Ap
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Seamus Power RIP

Wednesday 26th	Feria
N.B.	<i>Church</i> 9:15am Intentions of the Jay Family

Thursday 27th	Ss Timothy and Titus, Bpp
<i>Church:</i>	9:15 am Ken and Thia Kentish RIP

Friday 28th	St Thomas Aquinas, Pr.D.
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Caroline Long RIP
<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm In Thanksgiving [Woodley Family]

Saturday 29th	Feria
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Terry Tobin RIP

**LITURGY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]
January 30th 2011 – Homelessness Sunday**

Saturday January 29th	6:15 pm	Margaret Ratcliffe RIP
Sunday January 30th	8:00 am	Des Fuller RIP
	10:30am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
	6:30 pm	D/Rels: McCallion Family
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Parishioners
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	D/Rels: Knapp Family
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Kashia Hurlo RIP

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

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St Benedict's Head: John O'Hara

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