

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING [A] – Solemnity
(Youth Day) - 23rd November 2014**

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My dear friends

The Church's year comes to a great climax this weekend with the Feast of Jesus Christ, the Universal King. We conclude our journey through the Gospel of Matthew and hear his most famous passage about Jesus rewarding those who have recognised him and served him in the poor and needy. In our country, this feast is observed as National Youth Sunday. We entrust all our young people to Christ the King, for they are the church of today and tomorrow. We will have a collection towards our Diocesan Youth Service as you leave Mass today to support all they do for the young people of the diocese. www.bcys.net

We will welcome Bishop Alan Williams on two occasions over the coming week. He will preside at the Deanery Mass tomorrow at St Theresa's Lexden Monday 24th at 10:30am. All our welcome. He will also preside at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday November 30th (1st Sunday of Advent) at St James the Less. After the Mass, he will proceed to St John's Abbey Gatehouse around midday to see the new sign that is to be erected there commemorating the martyrdom of Blessed John Beche.

It was a lovely surprise on the Feast of Pope St Leo the Great, Monday November 10th – when a small parcel arrived from the Cardinal Archbishop of Kraków enclosing the relic we requested of Pope St John Paul II. It consists of a small piece of cloth with the blood of the saint upon it. Enclosed was a letter from His Eminence Stanisław Dziwisz, Cardinal Archbishop of Kraków (former secretary to Pope St John Paul II) and a letter of certification to its authenticity.

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Saturday November 22nd 6:15 pm Stephen Mooney RIP
Sunday November 23rd 8:00 am Michael Hanley RIP
 10:30 am Jim Kennedy RIP [IJ]
 2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
 6:30 pm November Dead List
West Mersea 8:30 am Elizabeth & Mike Fleetwood RIP
Mile End 9:15 am Carmine Cestari & Family
Monkwick 10:15 am Parishioners

Monday 24th **St Andrew Dung Lac, Pr, and Comps, Mm**
Church 7:30 am Mrs Aleykuty George RIP
Church 9:15 am Timothy English RIP

Tuesday 25th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Wednesday 26th **Feria**
Church 7:30 am Alphonse Knapp RIP
West Mersea 9:30 am **Holy Communion Service**
Church 12:15 pm November Dead List

Thursday 27th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Ints: Fr Tom Coffey

Friday 28th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Selwyn Caldeira RIP
Church 12:00 pm **HOSPITAL MASS**
Church 6:30 pm D/Rels: Lauery & O'Dwyer families & For those fallen in war

Saturday 29th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Major E A Wright & Mrs Jane Wright RIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT [B]

Saturday November 29th 6:15 pm Mr Phil Rudgley RIP
Sunday November 30th 8:00 am Wilbur & Muriel McDonald RIP
 10:30 am Tony Southon RIP
 2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
 6:30 pm Casiano Pasumbal RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am Henry Johnson RIP
Mile End 9:15 am Thomas, Mary & John Rutherford RIP
Monkwick 10:15 am Parishioners

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As Bishop Alan endorsed our wish to have this relic for the parish, we thought it would be appropriate for him to be the first to venerate it during Mass next Sunday. We will of course make the relic available to all those who wish to venerate it in due course.

May God bless you all

Fr Tony McKentey

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

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 7:45pm Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP: Tuesdays at 8pm Crypt
SCRIPTURE GROUP: Wednesdays at 6:45pm [Term time only] Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Władysław Antończak, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Joan Donnelly, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, David Hill, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Doreen Lowe, Marie Lyons, Pat Maloney, Jean Mansell, Mary-Ann Martin, Cara Maude, David Merryman, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Stephen and Sabina Rhatigan, Catherine Spicer, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: This weekend we welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Lottie Barnham. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rocchina (Maria) Sagnella of 17 Gurden Road, Colchester. Mrs Sagnella's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 4th December at 10:30am. May she rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: This Sunday 22nd / 23rd November Feast of Christ the King (National Youth Sunday) for the Diocesan Youth Service.

FILIPINO MASS: Sunday 30th November has had to be cancelled as a priest is not available.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: Next Saturday November 29th 10:00am – 4pm. This week we are requesting help to run the stalls on the day. If you could spare us a few hours across the day from 10am – 12pm, 12pm – 2pm and 2pm – 4pm, your assistance would be most appreciated. Please phone Frances on 369 568 to arrange a time for you to help. Please continue to donate items for the stalls i.e. sweets, cakes, biscuits, bottles, cans, craft items,

alcoholic and soft drinks, and other items. Thank you for your generosity. Frances, Norah and friends.

CHRISTMAS GRAND DRAW TICKETS: Please return unsold tickets or the counterfoils with your name, contact details, and money to the presbytery by the 19th December to be entered. Help us raise funds for the church. Excellent prizes on offer. Don't miss out!

MONKWICK NEWS: Sincere thanks to all those who helped and supported our recent coffee morning and cake sale. Special thanks also to the kind anonymous donor of our new ciborium; we are truly blessed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Lectio Divina for Advent: Holy reading of the Sunday texts, at 5pm on Saturdays, beginning Saturday 29th Nov at 5pm in the Crypt.

ADVENT and the SIGN of the CROSS: Day of Reflection Sat 13 Dec in the Crypt, 11 am – 3pm. Coffee 10.30. Poster in Porch. Further info from Valerie Q 01206 612196.

PROPHET, PRIEST AND KING: I promised that we would show this DVD by Fr. Robert Barron in October. The DVD is available, but the resources to go with the series aren't. I plan to show it now in January or February. Time to invite some more friends! Meanwhile, there's "Faith of our Fathers". Fr Neil.

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS: In Search of the English Martyrs. The Second DVD will be shown during the week of the 1st of December.

CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS CARDS & DIARIES: are available in the repository in Priory Street. A small number of Advent calendars are also in stock. Why not give a good book at Christmas? Some carefully selected and attractive ones are available for different ages.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT: An excellent opportunity to prepare ourselves for the Nativity of our Lord with a reading, prayer and reflection for each day of the week. Still only £1.

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER: 20 Somethings. Elliott, newly-arrived at Essex University, has offered to launch a monthly get-together for those aged 18 to 35. To start with, the programme will be: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm in the church. At 6:30 Elliott will introduce a time of reflection in the crypt. At 7, we go for a pizza. Hope to see you there!

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER: at 74 Howe Close, Greenstead. Tea at 4.00 p.m. followed by Advent Evening Prayer at 4.30 p.m.

100 CLUB: Not a new member yet? Join before Sunday 30th November to be included in the **special Christmas prize draw** for December. Contact 01206 795623 for details.

IN CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP ALAN: An evening for young adults aged 17-35, with a unique opportunity to hear Bishop Alan share his vocational journey. What inspired him to become a priest? Hear his story on Thursday 18 December, Cathedral House Conference Room, 7.30-10.00 pm, including fish & chip supper. Full details at www.brentwoodvocations.org. The evening is free, but registration is required – call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, on 01268 281732 or email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org

COUPLES FOR CHRIST: Healthy Buddies. Every Thursday from 11:00am – 2pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. Free admission and coffee and tea. Please contact Annie 07426 169 557 or Amy 854 921. Any donations received will go to the running costs of the hall. Thank you.