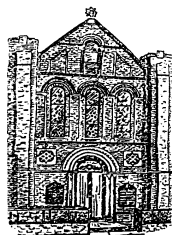


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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT [B]

March 25th 2012

My dear friends,

We are now coming to the final two weeks of Lent when we think of Jesus going towards his Passion. The purple covers over the statues remind us of this. Jesus did not only suffer physical pain of the Crucifixion, but the ridicule he endured from those who did not believe he had come from God. This argument Jesus had with the people of his time is contained in the Gospels over the next period leading to Holy Week.

Next weekend as we arrive at Palm Sunday we shall be having our own Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 31st in the Cardinal Bourne Hall from 11am – 3:30pm, led by Valerie Quinlivan on the theme “Transitions: The Gift of Growth in Later Years”. We look forward to this time of recollection before the great week begins.

If you did not receive an Easter Card, leaflets are available detailing our Holy Week and Easter Services.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK - Please see Mass Schedule for changes

Sunday 25 th March	7:30-9pm	Confirmation Group	Hall
“ “	8-9pm	Evangelium [then 13/4/12]	Crypt
Wednesday 28th	6:45pm	Scripture Course [then 11/4/12]	Crypt
“ “	7pm	Monkwick AGM	
Friday 30 th	12:00pm	Stations +	Church
“ “	12:00 pm	Hospital Mass	CGH
“ “	7:30pm	Stations +	St James the Great
“ “	pm	Student Cross Pilgrims	Hall
Saturday 31 st	11-3pm	Day of Reflection	see below Hall
“ “	7:30pm	KSC Table Top Quiz	see below Hall

DAILY PRAYER GROUP:	Morning Prayer 8:15am;	Rosary/Divine Mercy 8:35am
MEDITATION GROUP:	Mondays at 8pm	Crypt
	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

SICK: Please remember in your prayers Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Kitty Foley, Charlie George, Maurice Highfield, Pamela Lee, Pat Maloney, Maria Mahy, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Leah Patterson, Sabina Rhatigan, Hector Silva, Maria Soutar, Tim Young.

PRAYER GROUP:- We meet for Prayer and Praise every Monday at 8pm in the Crypt. Newcomers are always welcome. If you want prayer for yourself or someone else, phone 01206 271516; 07956 229153 or email colchesterprayer@gmail.com. For further information see poster in porch.

THANK YOU: “I am sure that you will be pleased to know that the WRAP project provided some 24 bed nights in halls, helping 14 different individual people stay off the streets this winter. Thank you to all who made it possible to run the project and who turned out to help. Love in Christ. Pernille Petersen on behalf of the homeless who avoided the street because of you!”

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to donate a bloom in memory of a loved one, please enclose whatever you can afford in an envelope marked “Easter Lily” and deliver to the Priests’ House.

MONKWICK AGM: Takes place on Wednesday, 28th March at 7pm.

STUDENT CROSS: On Friday 30th March a group of pilgrims will gather at Priory Street as part of the Student Cross Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The cross they will carry stands before us in Priory Street, and we host our guests for an evening meal on Friday evening and an early breakfast on the Saturday morning. Offers of food, drink and company gratefully received - contact Hywel & Pam Edwards on 867325.

“TRANSITIONS”: **Transitions: the Gift of Growth in Later Years.** It’s no sin to be sixty! A day of prayerful focusing on where God is in your lives now. A Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 31st from 11am -3:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall. [Coffee at 10:30am]. Please bring a packed lunch, and donations will go to our Parish Development Fund.

KSC – TABLE QUIZ: The Knights of St Columba are holding a table quiz in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, after Mass at 7:30pm on Saturday 31st March. All proceeds to *Columban Missionaries*. Light refreshments provided. Please bring with your own drinks. Tickets £5. Call Ron on 797850 to book or just turn up on the evening.

PALM SUNDAY: Next Sunday, at 6:30pm Castle Methodist church will be holding a Meditation, led by the Sr Patricia and the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre. The art work was created by Sr Mary Stephen and light refreshments will be served after the service.

BRES/CSJR MAY 2012 LECTURES: BRES/CSJR Lecture 3rd May 7.30pm. *TOPIC: 'Trafficking Women'*. Speaker: Sr Lynda Dearlove RSM, MBE [Director of Women @ The Well]. BRES Spirituality Evening 10th May 7.30pm *TOPIC: The Eucharist at the Heart of Home and School and Parish*. Speaker: Fr Martin Boland MA, STL. [Dean of Brentwood Cathedral]. Both lectures take place at the Conference Centre, Brentwood – cost £5. Contact BRES 01277 265285 Email marycronin@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CHRISM MASS: A minibus will be running to the Chrism Mass at Brentwood cathedral on April 4 leaving from Gala Bingo at 5:30pm.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: A minibus will be going to Walsingham on Saturday 26th May leaving Priory Street at 9am Contact Theresa Higgins on 01206 523501 or pilgrimages@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

WALK FOR WATER WITH CAFOD this Lent – 2 ½ mile leisurely walk plus trail for children, around Hanningfield reservoir on Friday 13th April. Suggested £5 donation per adult, children free. Meet at the visitor centre (Hawkswood Road, Downham, Billericay, Essex CM11 1WT) from 1.30 pm for a 2pm start. No need to book, just turn up or phone the CAFOD Brentwood office on 020 8502 9722 with any queries.

[The Parish CAFOD Lenten Fast Day collection, which is to be specifically utilised for clean water/sanitation projects, amounted to £2388, and the Government will match this figure £ for £. **Thank you!** Also, CAFOD advise that in 2011 an extra £183,000 was raised on Gift Aided donations.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: For newborn and children up to age 6: If you wish to present a child for baptism of this age, the next Baptism Course has been arranged for **Friday 20th April and Friday 27th April at 7:30-9pm** in the Crypt. There is no need to make an appointment but **both sessions** must be attended. *Entry to the Crypt is via the Church.*

MARRIAGE CARE(Colchester and Ipswich Centre) is looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to join the centre as a publicity officer. Timings are flexible and range from 2-4 hours per week. If you have strong networking skills and enjoy working with people, this may be the opportunity for you. For more information, contact Nileema Vaswani (Head of Centre) by emailing nileema@marriagecare.org.uk or telephone 07791044566

CHURCH CLEANING: Thursday, March 29th - Team 4.

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT[B]

March 25th 2012

Saturday March 24th 6:15 pm Stephen Money RIP
Sunday March 25th 8:00 am Fr John Meehan RIP [Brentwood]
 10:30 am Dr Roger Sykes RIP
 6:30 pm Ken Herbert RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am Maura Dorning RIP [JB]
Mile End 9:15 am Parishioners
Monkwick 10:15am Fr Clifford Beecroft RIP [Brentwood]

Monday 26th **ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD [Solemnity]**
Church 7:30 am Richard Brown RIP
Church 9:15 am Intentions: Mrs Christine Smith

Tuesday 27th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Intentions: Annamelia and Family
Church 7:30 pm **POLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Wednesday 28th **Feria**
Church 7:30 am Intentions: Mrs Tide and Family
Church 9:15 pm Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP

Thursday 29th **N.B. Feria**
Church 9.15 am Intentions: Jomol Abraham

Friday 30th **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Mrs Bridget Ross RIP
Church 12:00 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
CGH Chapel 12:00 pm Intentions: Hospital Patients
Church 6:30 pm D/Rels: Herbert/Richards Families RIP

Saturday 31st **Feria**
Church 9:15 am Angela Stonson RIP
Mile End 6:00 pm **KERALA MASS**

LITURGY FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [B]

April 1st 2012

Saturday April 1st 6:15 pm Moira and Dennis Pryke RIP
Sunday April 2nd 8:00 am Canon John Bloomfield RIP
 10:30am D/Rels: Marius/Petersen Families
 6:30 pm Intentions: Mrs E MacPaclan
West Mersea 8:30 am Maura Dorning RIP [EG]
Mile End 9:15 am Carmine Cestari&Fappiaro Gelsomina
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]
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