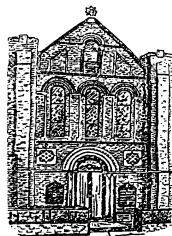


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THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST [A] 26th JUNE 2011

My dear friends

We come together on the Feast of Corpus Christi or by its other title, the Body and Blood of the Lord. This feast follows that of the Blessed Trinity for, through the Eucharist, they share with us their divine life. In the past, Corpus Christi has been celebrated on a Thursday recalling Holy Thursday, when Our Lord gave the mysteries of his body and blood for his disciples to celebrate. The disciples, that is, of every time and place.

"The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Church's life". [Vatican II]. Soon we will be using the new translation of the Roman Missal which will enhance our celebration of Mass. You will have heard the letter from all the Bishops [copies still available] and our own Bishop will write to us again in September when we start to use the new responses. Next weekend we will show you a copy of these responses and Fr Neil and I will use the homily to speak about it.

I will end with the very succinct explanation of the Eucharist by St Thomas Aquinas in his verse "O Sacrum Convivium": *O sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is recalled, our minds are filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.*

May God bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Please note changes to Mass Times overleaf – WEDNESDAY is the Feast of St Peter & St Paul and is a Holiday of Obligation

Tuesday 28 th June	7:30pm Vigil Mass	Mersea
Sunday 3 rd July	7:30pm Parish Council AGM	See below

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 at 9:45-10:30am

SICK: Please remember in your prayers May Banks, June Bickersteth, Joan Boyden, Frank Campbell, Nancy Drummond, Charlie George, Cara Maude, Bridie Murphy, Paula Nash, Casiano Pasumbal, Leah Patterson, Patrick Quinlivan, Hector Silva, Ellen Woodley.

BAPTISM TODAY: Gracie Christine Pike. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

CORPUS CHRISTI – BOZÉ CIALO: This Sunday at 3pm we will be joining the Polish community for Mass, Procession and Benediction inside St James and St Helen. It will be a polyglot opportunity to worship Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Refreshments afterwards in the Cardinal Bourne Hall will be equally varied.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Maria Zepeda-Farias, mother of Juan, Ellen Cottee and Thomas Kelly. May they rest in peace. Ellen's funeral takes place on Wednesday, 29th June at the Co-op's Wimpole Road Chapel at noon, and Thomas's funeral has been arranged for Thursday, 30th June, here at Priory Street at 11 a.m.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING : [Information just received] at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month this evening, **Sunday, 26th June, 7.30 to 9.00pm.** Everyone welcome.

ST PETER & ST PAUL, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, WEDNESDAY, 29TH JUNE: On this, the 60th anniversary of the Holy Father's priestly ordination, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the end of the 12:15pm Mass until Benediction at 7pm, preceding the 7:30pm Mass. Please sign up to spend time in adoration before Our Blessed Lord. You will find the form in the porch.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART ON FRIDAY, 1ST JULY: Masses here at 9:15am and 6:30pm.

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SVP PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 3RD JULY: The Coach will leave East Hill at 9.15am and return around 7pm.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM: Takes place next Sunday, 3rd July, in the Cardinal Bourne Hall at 7:30pm. You will see from the enclosed Financial Report that finance is not the only area of challenge. If, as a Parish we are to continue to thrive, your support is needed in a diversity of ways and attending the Parish Council AGM is a very good way to start!

CAFOD: The next CAFOD collection will be taken up on the first Sunday in July – 3rd.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: Mercy Associates meet next on Monday 4 July at 7.30pm at Christ Church Court (tel. 763049).

READ ALL ABOUT IT! Why not take a Catholic Newspaper home to read about all the imminent events in the life of the Church. [The prices are as printed on all the papers and magazines].

“CHILDCARE” FUNDRAISER: “Charity Shindig” on Saturday, 9th July at the Halfway House, Brentwood. Display of Irish Dancing Ceili Band and Caller. £22 per ticket including supper. To book and for more information - tel; 01268 784544 or 07912 277413.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA LOTTERY: The Knights of St Columba are launching a Lottery to raise funds for the Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund [BEEF] and the Brentwood Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Knights will be selling tickets in this Parish on the 10th July.

A QUESTION OF FAITH: An evening of questions on living the Catholic faith to be held at the Holy Family and All Saints Parish Hall, Guithavon Street, Witham CM8 1BN on Wednesday 13 July 2011 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. Questions will cover Moral issues and quandaries, Theology and Scripture, The church and its history and the Church in today's world. Refreshments are provided and there is no charge. All are welcome. Further details from the Commission for Evangelisation and Formation on 01277 265289, the parish on 01376 512219 or email CEF@brentwood.org

WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE COURSE has now taken a break for the summer and will start again on September 28th. The text for study will be the Gospel according to John and new people are very welcome. Another reminder will be in the Newsletter nearer the time.

MOVING?: If you are moving, please let the parish office know. If you are newly arrived, please complete a registration form. [Forms in the Porch]. For inclusion on the parish website: admin@stjamesthelessandsthelen.org

CLEANING TEAM ROTA: Thursday, June 30th: Team 1.

**LITURGY FOR THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST [A]
26th June 2011**

Saturday 25th June	6:15 pm	Intentions: Seaborn Family
Sunday 26th June	8:00 am	Joseph and Bridget Loftus RIP
	10:30 am	Parishioners
	3:00 pm	POLISH MASS/PROCESSION
	6:30 pm	T/giving – Howard Smith - Australia
<i>Mersea</i>	8:30 am	John Kelly RIP [A]
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Tony Golding RIP
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15 am	Mr T Brett RIP

Monday 27th	Feria	
N.B. NO	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Eileen Murray RIP
7:30am Mass		
Tuesday 28th		

	St Irenaeus, Bp. M.	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	James and Mary O'Dwyer RIP
<i>Mersea</i>	7:30 pm	Intentions: Mary Wynne
Wednesday 29th	SS PETER & PAUL – HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	John Reddington RIP
<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm	Mary and Patrick English RIP
<i>Church</i>	7:30 pm	Fr Frank Gavin RIP [Nottingham]

Thursday 30th	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Ruth Woodruffe RIP
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	D/Rels: Herbert/Richards Families RIP
<i>Church</i>	11:00 am	REQUIEM: THOMAS KELLY RIP
Friday July 1st	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS [A]	
Y3 STM	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Anna Varga RIP
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Intentions: Liam O'Connor

Saturday 2nd	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Thomas Brett RIP

**LITURGY FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]
3rd July 2011**

Saturday July 2nd	6:15 pm	Reginald Hammond RIP
Sunday July 3rd	8:00 am	Intentions: Lisa Kemp & Ian Hogbin
	10:30am	James Banks RIP
	6:30 pm	Thomas Brett RIP [JH]
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	Intentions: Lily Ashmore
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Holy Souls 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 Acting Head: Peter

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