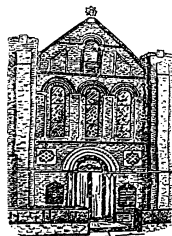


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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A] January 30th 2011

My dear friends,

It is good to be back with you after my recent break. Many thanks to Fr Neil for looking after the parish with Fr Emile's help while I was away.

Last weekend, at the conclusion of Christian Unity Week, Fr Neil preached at St Peter's in the town and we welcomed Canon Peter Walker from St James the Great, to speak at the 10.30am Mass. He was very touched by the warm welcome he received from everyone.

This weekend we observe Homelessness Sunday when all the churches pray for those in that predicament. At Priory Street there will be a small exhibition in the porch about the Colchester Night Shelter. There are also leaflets about Anchor House in Canning Town and all that they do for the homeless in that part of our Diocese.

Next weekend, Poverty Sunday, there will be a power point display in the Cardinal Bourne Hall during the Coffee Morning after the 10.30 Mass. This is a very thought-provoking presentation, which you can look at while you enjoy your coffee and biscuits.

In today's Sermon on the Mount, the Lord calls us to hunger and thirst for what is right. In that light we continue to pray and work for the alleviation of poverty and homelessness in our world.

May God bless you all,

Fr Tony McKentey

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 2 nd February	6:45 pm	Scripture Group	Crypt
Thursday 3 rd	7:30pm	RCIA	Crypt
Friday 4 th	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	Crypt
Saturday 5 th	10am-12pm	FHC Group	Hall/Crypt

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.

BAPTISM THIS WEEK: Molly Josephine Martin. God bless this child and congratulations to her family.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION : The children of this year's programme are looking at Friendships. As part of this they will be looking at prayer. We will gather names of people this weekend who would like to pray for a named child over the remaining months of their preparation. Prayer Sponsors make a valuable contribution to the preparation of the children - if you would like to volunteer names will be collected after each Mass this weekend or contact Hywel & Pam Edwards on 867325 or edwards.hywel@btinternet.com.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: The next Meeting takes place on Monday, 7th February at 7:30pm at Christ Church Court. Tel: 763049.

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.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK: On Thursday 10th February, the vigil of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For more information contact; The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740 or e-mail info@goodcounselnetwork.freemove.co.uk or see www.goodcounselnetwork.com or <http://mariastopsabortion.blogspot.com/>

BAPTISM COURSE [FOR CHILDREN UP TO 6 YEARS]; A reminder that the next Course has been arranged for **Friday, 11th February 2011 and Friday, 18th February 2011 in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm.** Appointments are not necessary. But both sessions *must be* attended.

INVITATION FROM GREENSTEAD PARISH: Thursday 17 February: Fun Quiz in the Church Hall from 7.30pm. Come and join us for an evening testing all your

senses in our Fun Quiz. Come as a team or come and join a

team. Buffet included; soft drinks available; bring your own stronger ones! Cost: £5. The evening will include a raffle and other surprises! Tickets available from Sunday 30 January from David - 863067 or Gene - 07939 086034.

RETREAT WEEKEND FOR YOUNG ADULTS (20s and 30s): Theme: *Lord, let my prayer rise before you ...* Dates: 18th - 20th February 2011. Location: Salford. Cost: by donation. The weekend will provide opportunity for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young catholic adults. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our facebook page or see poster in the porch.

BRES SPRING LECTURE Thursday 24th March 7.30 pm entitled "The Word of God for the Church and for the World; an exploration of the Synod document on the Bible (*Verbum Domini*) which will be given by Rev Dr Adrian

'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

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: St James the Less and St Helen is hosting the Women's World Day of Prayer Service on *Friday 4th March* at 10.15am. This year focusing on Chile, all welcome, followed by refreshments - with a Chilean flavour - in the Cardinal Bourne Hall.

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

CLEANERS' ROTA: Thursday 27th January – Team 4.

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

30th January 2011 – *Breviary Week 4*

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

Monday 31st	St John Bosco, Pr	
<i>Church</i>	7:30am	Bridget Baggott RIP
<i>Church</i>	9:15am	Intentions of Patricia Roche

Tuesday 1st Feb	Feria	
<i>Church</i>	9:15 am	Violet Hopgood RIP

Wednesday 2nd	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	
<i>Church</i>	7:30 am	Frederick, Elizabeth & Angelo Lucas RIP
<i>Church</i>	12:15 pm	Eric Harnwell RIP

Thursday 3rd	St Anne Line, M	
<i>Church:</i>	9:15 am	Hilda D'Souza RIP

Friday 4th	St Thomas Aquinas, Pr.D.	
<i>Y4 - STM</i>	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Jack Playle RIP [A]
	<i>Church</i>	6:30 pm Canon John Bloomfield RIP

Saturday 5th	St Agatha, V.M.	
	<i>Church</i>	9:15 am Nora Porter RIP

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [A]

February 6th 2011

Saturday February 5th	6:15 pm	Des Fuller RIP
Sunday February 6th	8:00 am	Frank Williams RIP
	10:30am	D/Rels: O'Grady Family RIP
	6:30 pm	Intentions: Ralph & Family
<i>West Mersea</i>	8:30 am	F, E and A Lucas RIP
<i>Mile End</i>	9:15 am	Parishioners
<i>Monkwick</i>	10:15am	Intentions of Joan Boyden

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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