

WELCOME TO THE
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

6th May 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A man can have no greater love than
to lay down his life for his friends.*

First Reading	Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 97:1-4
Second Reading	1 Jn 4:7-10
Gospel	Jn 15:9-17



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Who can be saved? When Jesus sends out his disciples at first he tells them to go only to the House of Israel but gradually he opens up his call. When the Syro-Phoenician woman comes to seek healing for her son he is won over by her pleading for the crumbs that fall from the table. After his resurrection he tells the disciples to bring the Good News to the whole earth. Still, we learn from the Acts of the Apostles that some of the disciples, especially those from a Pharisee background, felt that pagans ought to convert to Judaism first. Peter was reluctant too until he had a vision in which the Lord invited him to eat of food that was not kosher. This lies behind his words when he speaks to Cornelius and his household. In case he is still in doubt the Holy Spirit anticipates baptism showing among the pagans the signs that the disciples had experienced at Pentecost. Our own vision must not be limited by our expectations – God calls everyone to accept his gift of love. We must reach out to those who seem to us the most unlikely and leave the rest to the Holy Spirit to plant a seed in their hearts and prompt them to respond to God’s gift.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Pam Dixon, Rona Roberts, Ann Ross, Rosemary Tuite, Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Thomas Murphy, Frank Walsh, Melloney Kentish, Betty Rebhahn* and *Thomas Buckland* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CONFIRMATION: As we think of the Holy Spirit coming down upon Cornelius and his household we pray in a special way for those preparing for Confirmation on **Pentecost Sunday: Magda, Adam and Krystof Antczak, Joseph Davis, Caitlyn Kelly, Sam and Grace Lincoln, Annais O’Brien and Annabel Staines.**

ASCENSION: A reminder that following the decision of the Bishops of England and Wales last year the Feast of the Ascension will once more be kept on the 40th day after – this Thursday – rather than the following Sunday. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation** with Mass at the usual times: **Kelvedon 10.00 a.m.; Coggeshall 6.00 p.m.; Tiptree 7.30 p.m.**

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY: Pope Francis on May 1, 2018, made a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love to launch the Marian Month and pray the Rosary — in particular for peace in Syria. “Dear brothers and sisters, day after tomorrow, May 1, in the afternoon, I will initiate the Marian Month with a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love,” the Holy Father proclaimed after praying the Regina Coeli with the crowds gather in St. Peter’s Square on April 30, 2018. “We will pray the Rosary, praying in particular for peace in Syria and in the whole world. I invite you to unite yourselves spiritually and to prolong throughout the month of May the prayer of the Rosary for peace.” We will crown the statue of Our Lady in Kelvedon at end of 11.00 a.m. Mass today.

MAY DEVOTIONS: All parishioners are invited to Devotions to Our Lady, during May, after the 6.00 p.m. Sunday Mass at St John Houghton, Tiptree. At the end of the last hymn we will walk in procession with the statue of Mary to the garden where Gosia and family will lead the Litany of Loreto and one decade of the Rosary. This year we join our prayers with the intentions of our Diocese.

THY KINGDOM COME PARISH EVENTS: COGGESHALL - Saturday 12th from 3.00 - 4.00 p.m. Adoration lead by Pat Ezra. **TIPTREE - Tuesday 15th** Exposition and Rosary from 11.00 a.m. - 12:00 noon followed by tea and cake. **KELVEDON - Thursday 17th** from 7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. Exposition. We will also have a candle lit ceremony before Masses on **Sunday 13th** for the intentions of all parishioners (Pray for 5). Please, put these dates in your diary and support our prayer by attending one or more of these events. New prayer resources are also available. Thank you.

SEAN O'LEARY: Sends his compliments and thanks to everyone for their prayers following his recent time in hospital. He is now much better and enjoying life.

GIFT AID: Please collect your year end statements from the back of the church. Grateful thanks to all our parishioners who contribute so generously to support our parish financially. By signing the gift aid declaration, the parish will benefit and can reclaim 25 pence in each pound donated. If you are not currently in the envelope scheme or the gift aid scheme and would like to join, please have a word with **Fr Gordon** or **Roma Raymond** on **01621 869219** or **roma@school.f9.co.uk**.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sundays 22nd/29th April - £686.00** and **£831.00**.

FOODBANK: There is a new food list for **May** on the notice board. It includes items such as cereal bars, cereal, tinned cold meats, tomatoes, sponge puddings, vegetables and rice pudding. Cartons of fruit juice, custard, instant mash, tea bags (40's) coffee (small jars) chocolate bars i.e. KitKat/Penguin, toilet rolls and long-life bags.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Music for a Spring Bank Holiday - 7:45 p.m. on Saturday 26th May at The Most Holy Redeemer, Laindon Rd, Billericay CM12 9LL. The Most Holy Redeemer Singers present a concert featuring Emma Gibbins (Director of Music Newport Cathedral) playing the Makin Organ in the Church. The first half will be choral with some familiar classics and the second half will be an organ recital by Emma. Entry will be free and there will be a retiring collection in aid of St Luke's Hospice.

TANDEM SKYDIVING: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has secured Tandem Skydiving places on **Saturday 7th July 2018** at Headcorn Airfield in Kent and is inviting applications from adventurous people throughout the diocese who would like to experience the excitement of a 10,000 feet freefall parachute jump and can commit to raising £500 for bccs. For more information and an application pack, please contact Julie Abbott - 07912 277413/jabbott@bccs.org.uk

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 2**

SUNDAY 6th May <i>6th of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners In thanksgiving (Maureen & Glenn Mann – Ruby Wedding) Private Intention
MONDAY 7th May	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 8th May	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 9th May	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 10th May ASCENSION <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	All Parishioners Evelyn Barraud RIP Private Intention
FRIDAY 11th May <i>Bl John Rochester</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Henry Sheldrake RIP
SATURDAY 12th May <i>St John Houghton</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Fr Augustine Davidson RIP
SUNDAY 13th May <i>7th of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Canon Tony McKentey RIP All Parishioners

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: this Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.*

Liturgical Rotas 13th May	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Derek Hand Neville Bridgman	Gabrielle Ruiz	Felix & Hugo Ruiz
KELVEDON	Patricia Short Jadwiga Smith	Helena McNally	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Valerie Bartlett	Michael Maund	Jude Cody