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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*God sent his Son so that through  
him the world might be saved.*

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| First Reading      | 2 Ch 36:14-16. 19-23 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Ps 136:1-6           |
| Second Reading     | Eph 2:4-10           |
| Gospel             | Jn 3:14-21           |



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:** Today is known as 'Mothering Sunday'. Formerly the New Testament reading was taken from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians where he speaks about the heavenly Jerusalem as our mother. This gave rise to the Entry Antiphon with the words 'Rejoice Jerusalem' (*'Laetare Jerusalem'*) and a focus first on our spiritual mother the Church and secondly on our human mothers. We pray in a special way for our mothers, whether living or dead, and thank God for the role they have played in giving us life not only in the body but also in the spirit, passing on their faith and values to us. The Scripture Readings in the modern Lectionary have a rather different focus. God sent his Son into the world to bring light and salvation by being raised up on the altar of the cross. If we are discouraged in the struggle to lead a Christian life we should find hope and encouragement. Through baptism Christ has given us the grace that saves us and gives us a place in heaven. What we feel as struggle is the work of God's grace transforming us into his work of art.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Sean O'Leary, 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 *Timothy Short, Lee Saunders, James Dey, William McDivit, Eric Wilding, Evelyn Moore, Mary Crozier, Patricia Fredericks, Mary Enkel, Clare Wilding, Henry Jezierski and Halina Pieckielon* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**THE BIGGER BREAKFAST:** We host the Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast for Kelvedon and Feering this Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. All welcome.

**MISSING KEY:** The key to the cupboard (lower part of cabinet) in St Dominic's at Kelvedon has gone missing since last weekend. The materials for the Confirmation class are kept in it so Monday's session had to be improvised! Any information as to its whereabouts will be welcome.

**FOOD BANK KELVEDON:** Donors are reminded that only non-perishable goods with 3 months + to expiry date can be accepted. Some well-intentioned person has been leaving boxes of eggs.

**ILFORD MAGICAL SOCIETY:** Society return to entertain you with close-up table magic and a stage show on Saturday, 28th April. 8-11pm (Doors open 7.30pm) in the Parish Hall, St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, Grays, RM17 6SR. Tickets: Adults- £15, Children under 12 years -£9 (Ticket includes hot meal). Licensed Bar. All proceeds to Sunflower Suite, Queen's Hospital. Tickets available from Jacquie and Danielle on 01375 384134/07976 828 658.