

WELCOME TO THE
PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS KELVEDON
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th August 2018

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*I am the living bread which has come
down from heaven*

First Reading	1 Kings 19:4-8
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 33:2-9
Second Reading	Eph 4:30-5:2
Gospel	Jn 6:41-51



NINETEENTH SUNDAY: Today's Gospel reading from Our Lord's 'Bread of Life Discourse' is prefaced by a first reading taken from 1 Kings. The Prophet Elijah is dispirited by his situation in life and wishes he were dead. However, God has a great task in store for him. He must journey forty days to Mount Horeb in the North of Israel where he is to encounter God and learn his purpose. To put fresh heart in him and strengthen him for the journey God sends an angel to provide him with bread and water just as he provided manna for the Israelites in the time of Moses. This is why hymns in honour of the Eucharist describe it as 'food of travellers' – 'esca viatorum'. Life is a journey for all of us. The consoling presence of Christ in the Eucharist is God's way of sustaining us and renewing us in spirit on our own journey when the going gets tough or life just seems flat and pointless. The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist not only strengthens us but is a pledge and foretaste of the final encounter with the Lord at the end of our lives. This is especially true when that journey is close to its end and our next Communion is likely to be our last. This 'last Communion' is called 'viaticum' – 'food for the journey' - and is one reason why when someone is seriously ill the priest should be called while they are still conscious and able to receive the Eucharist. This step should not be delayed out of a misplaced sense that the person will be frightened. The priority should be their spiritual need to be ready to see God face to face. Often it is the family rather than the dying person that does not want to face the reality that death may be close.

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY: Wednesday is the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at the usual Holy Day times: Kelvedon 10.00 a.m.; Coggeshall 6.00 p.m.; Tiptree 7.30 p.m.

On **Tuesday 14 August**, the **Vigil of the Feast of the Assumption**, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

HOLIDAY PERIOD: It has not been possible to arrange weekend cover and so I shall be away from after Monday morning Mass until Thursday evening during August apart from any funerals that may arise. In an emergency please ring **Fr David Prior** at **Witham: 01376 512219**.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Hanni Kyan, David Jordan, Ellen Doyle, Jacqueline O'Reilly, Orlando Greci, George Madden, Gertrude Aves, Florence Watts, James Ruane* and *Ronald Ingram* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ST PAUL SUNDAY MISSALS: There are a number of spare copies of the St Paul Sunday Missal at the back of the church at Kelvedon. If you would like a copy, please take one, and may we suggest a £1 donation.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 5th August - £791.94**

SAVE THE DATE! NEXT SOCIAL GROUP MEETING! Our next Social Group meeting will be held on **Weds 29 August, 10:00 am** to plan the Autumn Fayre. **PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION:** the meeting will be held at **St. John Houghton, Tiptree**. We warmly extend an invitation to those of you who live in and/or worship in Tiptree. If you ever wanted to see what the Social Group was about or meet the members, please do attend! All welcome, refreshments provided. Coggeshall---we've not forgotten you! We plan on holding a future meeting at St. Bernard's.

AUTUMN FAYRE DONATIONS: In the coming weeks, we will be asking for donations mainly for our cake stall/tea room, bottle tombola, and produce stall. We realise with the hot, dry summer we've had we may not have the abundance of produce as last year, but if you have any to spare, we'll take it! We will also be needing jams, chutneys, relishes etc, and cuttings from plants. Please note, no seeds this year. Many thanks!

BCYS YOUTH GATHER: 20 - 21 October 2018, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea. This event is open to those in school year 9 and above. We are delighted to be back at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island for our annual Youth Gather, where there is new cabin accommodation and a brilliant range of outward bound activities. We will combine opportunities for climbing high ropes, abseiling, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you fresh insights into yourself, and your faith, by telling their stories. One of our speakers for this Autumn will be the lively, humorous and engaging speaker Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott. The cost includes lunch and dinner on Saturday 20th, breakfast and lunch on Sunday 21st, two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, and a night in a Mersea log cabin – all of this for just £50. This price is thanks to National Youth Sunday parish collections, to help us subsidise such opportunities. Applications for this year's Youth Gather on Mersea Island are now open! You can apply by creating an account at www.bcys.net and applying on the Events page.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) is seeking to recruit a **Young Vincentians Programme Manager**, and a **Mini Vinnies Officer** as part of the expansion of our youth programme.

Young Vincentians Programme Manager: £30k pa; full time permanent contract. Closing date: 15:00 on Thursday 23rd August 2018. Interviews: Thursday 30th August 2018. Start date: ASAP.

Mini Vinnies Officer: £23k pro rata; 2 days/wk; one year contract. Closing date: 10:00 Monday 20th August 2018. Interviews: Friday 24th August. Start date: ASAP.

Both roles based at national office. For more details & application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/>

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 3**

SUNDAY 12th August <i>19th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	All Parishioners Henry Sheldrake RIP Private Int
MONDAY 13th August <i>Sts Pontian & Hippolytus</i>	Kelvedon	9:00 am	Private Int
TUESDAY 14th August <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	8:00 am 11:00 am	Private Int <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 15th August <i>Assumption of BVM Holy Day of Obligation</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	All Parishioners Private Int Int. Rymer Family
THURSDAY 16th August	Kelvedon	10:00 am	Private Int
FRIDAY 17th August	Kelvedon	9:00 am	Private Int
SATURDAY 18th August	Kelvedon	10:00 am	Private Int
SUNDAY 19th August <i>20th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9:00 am 11:00 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm	Tony Hinds (ann) All Parishioners <i>Baptism: Ethan William Clench</i> Dec'd members Issa family

*Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 10:30-11:00 am.
Exposition & Benediction resume in September*

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS AND MINISTERS OF WELCOME
Please refer to your Liturgical rota.