

WELCOME TO THE  
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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th August 2018

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

First Reading  
Responsorial Psalm  
Second Reading  
Gospel

Pr 9:1-6  
Ps 33:2-3. 10-15  
Eph 5:15-20  
Jn 6:51-58



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY:** “I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day”. Next Sunday in the concluding section of the Bread of Life discourse we shall hear how many disciples walked away at this point. Even animal blood is forbidden under Jewish law and this sounded like cannibalism! Even the closest friends of Our Lord could not understand, but accepted his words on trust. We know that cannibalism was an accusation made against the early Christians by pagans. They did not soften their language but sought to explain its meaning. No Christian writers doubted that the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ in a real and objective manner before Berengarius around 1000 AD. Once the question ‘how’ had been raised theologians such as St Thomas Aquinas sought to explain this mystery in terms of the philosophy of the day. Today we are aware of sub-atomic particles and that what seems solid is a complex of particles that attract and repel each other – we can think of the search for the Higgs Boson particle as an entity that explains ‘mass’. The approach taken by Aristotle was to speak of these outward, observable aspects of an object as ‘accidents’ – things that could change – and that underlying them was a different kind of reality that gave them being – substance. Tables can have different ‘accidental’ qualities - they can be made of wood, metal, plastic, etc. – but underlying this is a defining characteristic – substance – which is what makes them table not chairs. St Thomas explains that in the Eucharist the ‘substance’ of bread and wine is transformed into the body and blood of Christ, but that the ‘accidents’, the physical and chemical structure of bread and wine remain. This is why the official teaching of the Church refers to the change that takes place as ‘transubstantiation’. It is an objective change that remains as long as the outward signs of bread and wine remain rather than a symbolic and temporary change in the context of the Mass and in the mind of the recipient of Communion. This is why it is possible to reserve the Blessed Sacrament for the Communion of the sick, and as a focus of prayer and adoration outside of Mass.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Edith Hutley, Manuel Issa, Tony Hinds, Hilda Evans, Sally Heath, Helmut Hoeffft, Ellen Barron* and *Dan Hare* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**ROAD CLOSURE:** Please be aware that due to reconstruction work on Hinds Bridge at Inworth the road between Feering and Tiptree is now completely closed (not just to HGVs) until the end of September. Recommended alternative route is via Braxted Park either onto or from A12 at Rivenhall or to/from Kelvedon by Maldon Road (by The Angel) and alongside Braxted Park.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for Sunday 12th August - £882.20

**AUGUST HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS:** These days it is virtually impossible to obtain 'religious worker' visas for priests from overseas who would like to visit England during the Summer and so weekend cover is not available – except for Sunday 23rd September when we have a 'Red Box' Mission appeal from the APF. As a result I will be away Mondays to Thursdays during August, so there will be no Mass Tuesday to Thursday apart from the week beginning 13th August due to the Feast of the Assumption. In an emergency, please contact **Fr David Prior** at Witham (01376 512219) or **Fr Tom Lavin** at Lexden (01206 576898).

**SOCIAL GROUP MEETING:** Wednesday 29th August, 10 am at St John Houghton, Tiptree.

**DO YOU HAVE A SWEET TOOTH?** We are looking for 2 more "judges" for our "Great Parish Bake Off" Competition which will be held during our Autumn Fayre. You would be judging the entries with our "Head Judge", Father Gordon. If you're interested, please speak to **Gloria Streat 01621 819698/glo146@aol.com**

**GREAT PARISH BAKE-OFF:** Entry forms now available in all three churches.

**OUR NEXT NOVENA:** St. Monica. St. Monica prayed for her son's conversion for more than 15 years. She wept and prayed constantly with faith and hope in God. She is also known for her intercession for those who have fallen away from the faith and for their conversions and reversions back to the Church. If you'd like to follow, please see any of our Social Media pages or **www.praymorenovenas.com**  
The novena starts on 18th August.

#### **A DAY OF REFLECTION & ENRICHMENT FOR READERS**

Advanced Notice for Saturday, 20 October in Woodford Green.

**READERS & PROSPECTIVE READERS — PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES.**

Calling all who read the Words of Scripture at Mass. A day of reflection and enrichment has been arranged to take place at **The Becket Centre, Woodford Green on Saturday 20 October** led by Dr Marian Tolley from Shrewsbury Diocese. Marian has travelled throughout Britain running courses for Readers for many years; has a highly respected reputation for running work-shops in liturgical music; the training of deacons and for speaking on various topics relating to the liturgy. The day will start at 10 am with registration & refreshments and will end at 4 pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be available during the day.

Book your place by the Doodle link **<https://doodle.com/poll/h49mzkv7hxxqu8tw>** or email us at: **adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org**

or Bernadette at: **richard.ebling@btinternet.com** or phone: **01206 385 881**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:  
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 4**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 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
<b>MONDAY</b> 20th August <i>St Bernard of Clairvaux</i>	Kelvedon	9:00 am	Private Int
<b>TUESDAY</b> 21st August <i>St Pius X</i>	<b>NO MASS</b> Tiptree	11:00 am	<i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 22nd August Queenship of BVM	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>THURSDAY</b> 23rd August <i>St Rose of Lima</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	Kelvedon	9:00 am	Int Rymer Family
<b>SATURDAY</b> 25th August	Kelvedon	10:00 am	Private Int
<b>SUNDAY</b> 26th August <i>21st Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Private Int All Parishioners Int Deasy 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.