

WELCOME TO THE  
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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th August 2018



### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF YEAR

*Whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.*

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| First Reading      | Jos 24:1-2. 15-18 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Ps 33:2-3. 16-23  |
| Second Reading     | Eph 5:25-32       |
| Gospel             | Jn 6:60-69        |



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY:** In today's Gospel we hear the conclusion of Our Lord's explanation of his words about the Bread of Life. To take at face value that we are to eat his body and drink his blood not just symbolically but in a real, albeit mystical and sacramental way, takes faith. We must believe something contrary to what our senses tell us. Many of his followers walked away – this was too much for them. Those who remained did not find it any easier to get their minds around what Jesus was saying, but they had faith in him and accepted his words on trust. "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God." We profess our own faith in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament not only in words but also in gesture. We kneel in adoration, not simply for prayer, before the King of Kings. We greet him with a genuflection when we come before the tabernacle, especially but not only when we enter and leave the Church. At the consecration of the Mass the priest holds up the Body of the Lord and his Precious Blood in the chalice for us to behold with loving eyes and to adore. Long before the introduction of the acclamation at this point it was the custom for us to say the words of St. Thomas, "My Lord and my God"! When we approach the altar to receive Holy Communion we should make a conscious act of faith and love. If we are not kneeling and space permits it is praiseworthy to express this outwardly by a sign such as genuflection or bow. After receiving Our Lord we should spend a few moments in thanksgiving enjoying this wonderful and intimate presence and if circumstances permit extend this by a time of private prayer after Mass. It is a foretaste of our life with God in eternity. "It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Nellie McMahon, Agnes Hinchliffe, Maggi Barrett, Brian Kennedy, Canon John Sloane, Hanna Wickard, Colleen Furze* and *Eduardo Menditta* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Ethan William Clench** baptised at Kelvedon last Sunday.

**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. In an emergency, please contact **Fr David Prior** at Witham (01376 512219) or **Fr Tom Lavin** at Lexden (01206 576898).



## Parish Autumn Fayre Sat 29 Sept 2018

St John Houghton - Tiptree  
Starts at 11:00 am

There will be all sorts of autumnal  
and Christmas items on sale

Put the date in your diary  
Not to be missed

**SOCIAL GROUP MEETING:** Weds the 29th, 10AM @ St John Houghton, Tiptree. All welcome! Refreshments served. This will be to plan the Autumn Fayre.

**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.

**KERALA FLOODS - AN SVP APPEAL:** As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA:** You are invited to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on **Thursday 20th September 2018 at 915am in the Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT**. Bishop Alan Williams will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to:

**[roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)**

Further information about the Apostleship at: **[www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)**

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** Supporters are invited from all over the diocese to come and take part in the **Barleylands Fun Walk** on **Sunday 2 September 2018**. This is a great fun, family event with a choice of walks on the Barleylands site in Billericay, the longest being no more than 3 miles and a shorter walk which is suitable for children & toddlers. This community event starts with a BBQ at 12.00 and with walks due to start at 1pm & finish around 2pm, it is an ideal opportunity for families or parish groups to get together & have a fun afternoon while raising much needed funds for 'BCCS'. For a sponsorship form and more information, please go to [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) or contact **Alison** on [arg.cardoness@googlemail.com](mailto:arg.cardoness@googlemail.com)

**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](http://www.bcys.net) and applying on the Events page.

### **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](mailto:adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or Bernadette at: [richard.ebling@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.ebling@btinternet.com) or phone: **01206 385 881**

**ROAD CLOSURES:** As you are probably aware Hinds Bridge at Inworth the road between Feering and Tiptree is now completely closed (not just to HGVs) until the end of September. Numerous other roads in the area are also scheduled for temporary closure. Go here to find out where and when: <https://essex.roadworks.org/>

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:  
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 1**

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| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>26th August<br><i>21st Sunday of Year</i>   | Coggeshall<br>Kelvedon<br>Tiptree | 9:00 am<br>11:00 am<br>6:00 pm | Private Int<br>All Parishioners<br>Int Deasy Family    |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>27th August<br><i>St Monica</i>   | Kelvedon                          | 9:00 am                        | Private Int  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>28th August<br><i>St Augustine</i>   | Kelvedon<br>Tiptree               | NO MASS<br>11:00 am            | <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i>              |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>29th August<br><i>Beheading of St John<br/>the Baptist</i>                         | Kelvedon                          | NO MASS                        |  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>30th August<br><i>Sts Margaret Clitheroe,<br/>Anne Line &amp; Margaret<br/>Ward</i> | Kelvedon                          | NO MASS                        |  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>31st August<br><i>St Aiden</i>  | Kelvedon                          | 9:00 am                        | Private Int  |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>1st September<br><i>St Sebbi</i>  | Kelvedon                          | 10:00 am<br>12:15 pm           | Private Int<br><i>Tridentine: Nora Dale RIP</i>        |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>2nd September<br><i>22nd Sunday of Year</i>   | Coggeshall<br>Kelvedon<br>Tiptree | 9:00 am<br>11:00 am<br>6:00 pm | All Parishioners<br>James Sheldrake RIP<br>Private Int |

***Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 1 Sept 10:30-12:00 noon  
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction***

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