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PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st March 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

This is my Son, the Beloved.

First Reading: Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:10. 15-19

Second Reading: Rm 8:31-34

Gospel: Mk 9:2-10



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: “When one has the grace to live a strong experience of God, it is as if one is living an experience similar to that of the disciples during the Transfiguration, a momentary foretaste of what will constitute the happiness of Paradise. No one, however, is permitted to live ‘on Tabor’ while on earth. Indeed, human existence is a journey of faith and as such moves ahead more in shadows than in full light, and is no stranger to moments of obscurity and also of complete darkness. While we are on this earth our relationship with God takes place more by listening than by seeing...And so this is the gift and duty of each one of us during the season of Lent: to listen to Christ, like Mary. To listen to him in his Word, contained in Sacred Scripture. To listen to him in the events of our lives, seeking to decipher in them the message of Providence. Finally, to listen to him in our brothers and sisters, especially in the lowly and the poor, for whom Jesus himself demands our concrete love” Pope Benedict XVI.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Teresa Hall, Mary Cody, Alphonso Ciaravella, Delia Cooch, Kay Smith, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Adam Czesivkovski, Margaret Riley, William Farley, Rose Farley, Mary Rand, Daphne Currie, Bert Winch, John Swan, Maude Kavanagh, Sydney Evans, Alan Lawes* and *Paul Buckley* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: As usual there will be Stations of the Cross on the Sundays of Lent at Tiptree 5.15 p.m. There will also be Stations of the Cross for children on Saturdays 4.00 p.m. at Kelvedon after the First Communion classes.

BISHOPS’ LETTER ON THE GENERAL ELECTION: The Bishops of England and Wales have released a letter addressed to Catholics across England and Wales about this year’s General Election. Over 500,000 copies of the letter have been sent to the parishes. With strong references to Gospel teaching, the letter advises Catholics to reflect on the following issues before they vote: Respecting Life, Marriage and Family, Domestic Poverty, Education, Building Communities and Caring for the World. Copies will be made available when received. **Read the letter in full here:** <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/election15>

ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST – KELVEDON & FEERING: This month’s prayer breakfast takes place on Saturday at St Mary the Virgin 8.00-9.00 a.m. All welcome.

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6th March - services will take place at **St John Houghton, Tiptree at 10.00 a.m., Christ Church Coggeshall at 10.30 a.m.** and **St Mary’s C of E School Room, Kelvedon, at 2.00 p.m.** All are welcome.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL STUDY GROUPS: This year these will take place in all three centres: Kelvedon & Feering: Tuesdays 10.30-11.30 a.m. URC and Wednesdays 8.00-9.00 p.m. St Mary Immaculate. "Balance" – a five session course for Lent on rest, work and play by Robert Warren & Sue Mayfield. Coggeshall: Thursdays 7.30-9.00 p.m. Christchurch. "Hearing God" series of four sessions by Rod Kallmier. Tiptree: Tuesdays 7.30-8.30 p.m. URC & Thursdays 10.30-12.00 noon St Luke's. "Who is Jesus? Five key events in our understanding of him". Where groups are scheduled twice a week the content and in most cases the leader will be the same on both days. The usual Lenten booklets are available at £1.00 for adults and £0.55 for children (infant and junior).

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 22nd February - £607.10.**

THE BRENTWOOD STATIONS OF THE CROSS: On Saturday 7th March from 10.00 -11.00 a.m., Fr Martin and two of the artists involved in this project will talk about the new Stations. How did the project come together? What was the inspiration behind them? What do they mean? How do you interpret them? How do they help us to look at Christ's passion, death and resurrection with new eyes? All welcome.

ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL PTA GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ: Saturday 14th March - doors open 7.00 p.m. for prompt 7.30 p.m. start in the Aquinas hall. Put your thinking caps on and get your teams together. £5 each or £15 family 2 adults and 2 children, pay on the door. Bring your own drinks and snacks. There will a raffle, (any raffle prizes gratefully accepted).

IMPORTANT DECISIONS REGARDING LOCAL AREA: As a result of a change in government policy major building developments are planned for our local area. See <http://maps.braintree.gov.uk/localviewweb/sites/localplancfs/> for a map. Coggeshall, Kelvedon and Feering will all be greatly changed if these plans go ahead. Some people will welcome change, others not; whatever the individual's perspective Braintree District Council need to know what we think, how the plans will affect us and how we want to see our community develop in the future. Submissions need to be in by **6th March**. This is not about taking sides in the debate, just informing people that BDC would like to hear what they think. A great many people in the area are still unaware of what is being proposed, this is our chance as a Christian community to act for the common good.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION: Saint John Vianney, Clayhall, Ilford IG5 0JB and the Leytonstone/Wanstead Mission of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham 7.00 a.m. on the 7th March - 11.00 p.m. on the 8th March.

War Diary 1914-1918

Next Sunday Communion for the troops at Coggeshall. Breakfast will be provided free for all those who choose to come and a conveyance free to all from Coggeshall and back. Confessions will be heard any time from 3 to 8 next Saturday and on Sunday morning from 7.15 to 8.

Parish Notices 28th February 2015

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

SUNDAY 1st March <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Intention Edward Banks <i>Baptism: Mary Kate Macdonald</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners
MONDAY 2nd March <i>St Nicholas Owen</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 3rd March	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Church in Czech Republic <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY <i>St Casimir</i> 4th March	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 5th March	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Vanessa Clark
FRIDAY 6th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	James Sheldrake RIP
SATURDAY 7th March <i>Sts Perpetua & Felicity</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m. 4.00 p.m.	Private Intention Intention Eileen Weller (sick) <i>Children's Stations of the Cross</i>
SUNDAY 8th March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Anne Jackson (birthday) Bert Winch (anniversary) <i>Baptism: Sean McGinley</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction**

Liturgical Rotas 8th March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Lanette Bridgman	Desmond Crone	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Patricia Short	Elizabeth Maxted	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Eileen Roberts	Mary Branney