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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

Do no worry about tomorrow.

First Reading:	Is 49:14-15
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 61:2-3.6.9
Second Reading:	1 Cor 4:1-5
Gospel:	Mt 6:24-34



EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR: Are we worried about the future? Some people live for today and give no thought for tomorrow – we tend to regard them as lacking prudence or feckless. We can think of Dickens' Mr Micawber living beyond his means in the constant hope that something will turn up. Others are so focussed on what might happen that they miss out altogether on the present moment. It is these to whom Our Lord speaks today. No one can prolong his life simply by worrying about it. God knows we have needs and we must entrust ourselves to his care. If we do so he will take care of us. That is not to say that we should not take ordinary precautions. We should not wait at an empty table for a meal miraculously to appear. Flowers may not weave clothes. Birds may not build barns. Flowers do push out roots to gather moisture and nutrients. Birds build nests and spend their days looking for food. What they do not do is worry about what is not in their control. One of the objectives of Lenten fasting is not to focus on our self-discipline or discomfort but to detach ourselves from obsession with material things.

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.

PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Julie Hillyard, Kay Smith, Halina Pieckielon, Helen Felgate, Isobel Kersey, 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.

DAY OF PRAYER: Many thanks to **Pat Ezra** for organising and presenting our day of prayer last Saturday and to all who helped behind the scenes with organisation and catering. Roughly twenty parishioners took part and we hope this will help their prayers lives to grow and develop during Lent.

MASS VARIATION: On Saturday I have to preside at the opening Mass for the Diocesan Finance AGM in Brentwood at 9.15 a.m. so there will be no Mass or Confessions this coming Saturday.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 7TH MARCH: This year we shall be hosting all three services: **Tiptree 10.00 a.m., Coggeshall 10.30 a.m.** and **Kelvedon at 2.00 p.m.** While the focus is on a woman's perspective the services are, of course, open to men too! If you are free please do join with the ladies of our different communities. The service this year has been devised by women in Egypt.

LENTEN RETREAT: Please join us for a residential Lenten Retreat led by the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham at Abbotswick, the Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood from 7th - 9th March 2014. All are welcome! Please call 01277 373959 for further details.

PARISH DIARY DATES: Parish Quiz Night, Friday 9th May. Parish Summer Fete Saturday 28th June. Christmas Bazaar Saturday 29th November. More details to follow.

LENT: This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. It is a time when we join spiritually with those preparing for baptism or reception into full communion this Easter by fasting, prayer and almsgiving. **Ash Wednesday** is a day of abstinence from meat for those aged fourteen and upwards and of fasting (one meal and two snacks) for those aged 18-60. It is not a holy day of obligation but Mass will be at the usual Holy Day times: **10.00 a.m. Kelvedon; 6.00 p.m. Coggeshall; 7.30 p.m. Tiptree.**

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES: The various courses and Stations of the Cross will run from next Sunday unless otherwise stated.

Stations of the Cross: unless otherwise stated – **Kelvedon Wednesdays 7.00 p.m., Coggeshall Thursdays 6.30 p.m., Tiptree Sundays 5.15 p.m.;** especially for children at **Kelvedon Saturdays** at the end of the First Communion classes.

Lenten Course: Christchurch, Coggeshall, Thursday evenings 7.45 p.m.

The theme this year will be Christian views of warfare, marking the centenary of the outbreak of World War I.

Bible Study on the Prophet Jonah: Tiptree URC Tuesdays 8.00 p.m.; St Luke's Thursdays 11.00 a.m.

Ecumenical Lent Course: Kelvedon. "Meeting God in Ordinary Places". There will be sessions on **Tuesday** mornings at the **URC 10.30 a.m.** and again on **Wednesday** evenings at **St Mary Immaculate** at **8.00 p.m.**

Times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: Tiptree Tuesdays 11.00-12.00 noon; Kelvedon Tuesdays 7.30-8.30 p.m.; Kelvedon Saturdays 10.30-11.00 a.m.

Individual aids to daily prayer and reflection: 'My Day by Day' (adults £1.00; children's £0.55); 'Walk with me' (£1.00)

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 23rd February - £617.30.**

CHORAL VESPERS: There will be a special choral vespers in the cathedral on Sunday, 16th March, at 4.15 pm with the Cathedral Choir. The music will include hymns, psalms and polyphony by the composers Victoria and Morten Lauridsen. This vespers will be attended by members of The Friends of Cathedral Music. This organisation promotes the wonderful tradition of choral music in our cathedrals and also further supports this by offering occasional grants. We would welcome as much support as possible.

QUESTIONS ON LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH: You are warmly invited to attend an evening to ask questions on living the Catholic faith, with a special emphasis on Marriage and Family Life, on **Wednesday 10th March** at **SS Peter and Paul Parish Centre, Ilford High Road, Ilford IG1 1QP** from **7.30 p.m.** Your questions can be on moral issues, the Church in today's world, Catholic marriage and family life or any question you may have always wanted to find the answer to.....Our experienced panel members will help you! Wine and nibbles provided. Further details from the parish on 020 8478 0583 or the Commission for Evangelisation and Formation on 01277 265289.

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

SUNDAY 2nd March <i>8th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Bert Winch (anniversary) Private Intention
MONDAY 3rd March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr Mark Coningsby RIP
TUESDAY 4th March <i>St Casimir</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 5th March Ash Wednesday <i>Fast & Abstinence</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Kitty O'Connor RIP Private Intention All Parishioners
THURSDAY 6th March	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 7.30p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Derek Pike RIP Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 7th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	James Sheldrake RIP
SATURDAY 8th March	NO MASS		
SUNDAY 9th March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Dec'd members Kilbane, Bradley, Moran & Tierney Families <i>Baptism: Ella Maria Thorogood</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: NO Confessions or Exposition this Saturday
due to Diocesan Finance AGM in Brentwood.*

Liturgical Rotas 9th March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Teresa Hall Clare Gallant	Jill Hinds	Ann Ross
KELVEDON	Helena McNally Patricia Pike	Giovanna Austin	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey	Eileen Roberts	Celia Butt