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PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd October 2016

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

If only you had faith!

First Reading:	Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 94:1-2.6-9
Second Reading:	2 Tm 1:6-8.13-14
Gospel:	Lk 17:5-10



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR: The apostles ask Our Lord, “Increase our faith”. Faith is a gift not something we can acquire by our own effort, although we can try to dispose ourselves to be more receptive through prayer and study. However, this does not mean that, once given the strength and depth of that faith is entirely in the Lord’s hands. He implies that their faith is indeed weak – less than a mustard seed – but goes on to tell a parable about servants coming home from a day’s labour and expecting to find their meal on the table. He seems to suggest that it is in and through doing their duty, responding to the gift they receive, that they will find their faith growing in strength. St Paul writes to St Timothy along similar lines. He likens the gift to a spark that we have to fan into a flame. It is the spirit not of timidity but of power, love and self-control. Power and love that are not focussed or directed are dissipated and achieve less than when channelled to a particular need or service.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* & any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Jerzy Pieckielon, Alfonso Ciaravella, Bernard Bryan, Olive Bond* and *Patrick Reilly* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Aoife Belle Thomas** baptised at Kelvedon on Saturday.

CONFIRMATION 2017: The Bishop will be coming on a pastoral visit on 17th May 2017. Forms will be available at the back of the Church for anyone who would like to receive confirmation – please return them by the end of half-term.

MASS VARIATIONS: Due to a diocesan meeting at Chigwell Mass on Thursday will be at 8.00 a.m. On Saturday confessions will be immediately after Mass and there will be no Exposition due to religious profession Mass at Brentwood 12.00 noon.

SUNDAY MISSALS: If you would like to order a yearly missal please put your name on the list which you will find at the back of each Church or contact **Patricia Short** on **01621 929254**. The cost will be in the region of £5.00 according to how many we order.

YOUNG PEOPLE NEEDED: We are meeting on **Saturday October 8th** at **3.00 p.m.** in **St Dominic’s room** to hear your ideas on what kind of parish we need for the future. Food and drinks being served. RSVP with Angie Hart: mahart66@outlook.com

TYPO NEWS: TYPO are pleased to welcome Sarah Twitchett who will be helping our youth worker Stuart Keiller over the next few months as an intern. She will be commissioned in a short service at Tiptree URC next Sunday at 4.00 p.m. If you can do come along to welcome her to the village and show your support for the work of TYPO with our young people.