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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### 27TH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*He will leave the vineyard to other tenants.*

First Reading: Is 5:1-7  
Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:9.12-16.19-20  
Second Reading: Ph 4:6-9  
Gospel: Mt 21:33-43



**27TH SUNDAY:** In his homily at the mass to mark the opening of the XII Synod of Bishops on "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church" on Oct. 5, 2008, Benedict XVI spoke beautifully of today's parable: "At the end, the owner of the vineyard makes a last attempt: he sends his son, convinced that they will at least listen to him. However the contrary occurs: the tenants kill him because he is the son, the heir, convinced that they can then easily come into possession of the vineyard. Therefore, faced with a jump in quality with respect to the accusation of violating social justice, which emerges from the canticle of Isaiah, here we can clearly see how contempt for the order given by the owner is changed into scorn for him: this is not simple disobedience to a divine precept, this is the true and actual rejection of God: there appears the mystery of the Cross. "But there is a promise in the words of Jesus: the vineyard will not be destroyed. While the landowner abandons the unfaithful tenants to their fate, he does not abandon his vineyard and he entrusts it to his faithful tenants. What this demonstrates is that, if in some areas faith weakens to the point of vanishing, there will always be other peoples ready to embrace it. This is why Jesus, as he quotes Psalm 117 (118): "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" (v. 22), assures us that his death will not represent the defeat of God. Having been killed, he will not remain in the tomb, but rather that which appears to be a total defeat will mark the start of a definitive victory. His dreadful passion and death on the cross will be followed by the glory of the Resurrection. The vineyard will therefore continue to produce grapes and will be leased by the landowner "to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him at the proper time" (Mt 21:41)."

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

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Deborah Lee, Danny Mullane, Daniel McDermott, Hilda Hawes, Pam Lowth, Hanni Kyan, Bill Sullivan, Sheila Faulkner, Sarah Costello, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holden, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly,** and any unknown to us.

**OUR GOOD WISHES:** To **Daniel Bates** and **Sarah Miller** who will be married at Kelvedon this Saturday at 2.00 p.m.

**A DAY WITH MARY:** Westminster Cathedral Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October starting 9.45 a.m. and concluding with tea at 4.40 p.m. – or you may stay on for Vespers at 5.30 p.m. and the first Mass for Sunday at 6.00 p.m.

**RESTING IN GOD:** The next "Be Still" day at Clare Priory, led by Fr Ben OSA, will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. We will begin at 9.15am and end at 3.30pm. The cost is £15.00 which includes a soup lunch. If you would like to take part please contact Kathy to book a place. 01787 277326.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY:** Collection for the world's poorest children, childhood can be a time of pain, despair and survival. Pan from Cambodia was 11 when he tested positive for HIV. Months later, his parents died because of AIDS. At a time when Pan felt life wasn't worth living, CAFOD was there. Today, with CAFOD's help, Pan is healthy, happy and excelling at school. To help Pan, and many more children in need, please give what you can at Fast Day. **Please hand in your envelope this week.** Thank you for your generosity. **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:** We pray for the work of CAFOD: that it may continue to enable children around the world to reach their full potential and look to the future with hope. Lord, in your mercy...

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 25th September £692.30.**

**HEALING MASS:** At Abbotswick on Wednesday, 5th October at 2.30 p.m. celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power. For further information or travel directions call 01277 373959 or visit [www.abbotswick.org](http://www.abbotswick.org)

**PARISH FOLK GROUP:** Did you know that some members of our Parish Folk Group are available to supply liturgical music at Wedding and Funeral services as well as our normal Sunday masses? For further information please contact Mike Wigley on 01376 572244

**VACANCY BCYS BUSINESS MANAGER:** To work with the Diocesan Youth Director to maintain the business viability of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) including Walsingham House Youth Retreat Centre, which is part of the charity, the Brentwood Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (charity no. 234092). Applications need to be received by our closing date which is Friday 7th October. All received CVs will be acknowledged, and those called for interview will be informed by Wednesday 12th October. Interviews will take place in the week commencing 17th October. Send CV and covering letter to The Diocesan Youth Director at [recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**JOURNEY TO THE LIGHT TOUR:** Gerry Coates, Catholic singer songwriter and poet, will be performing a series of over 35 FREE concerts this autumn to support CAFOD and other charities. There will be a FREE Catholic Art Exhibition which includes paintings from members of the Society of Catholic Artists and the British Association of Iconographers. (Follow this link to see some of the images: <http://hguhroadshow.co.uk/Aylesford.aspx>). Gerry will also be talking about the exciting developments for Heart Gives Unto Heart Catholic Internet Radio and how people can get involved. Gerry will be visiting: St Anthony of Padua Parish Hall, Anthony Rd, Forest Gate E7 9QB on Friday 4th November at 7.30 p.m.

**PRAYER FOR LIFE: ADORATION FOR LIFE:** The monthly prayer vigil will be at 6.30pm this Tuesday, followed by the weekly silent session from 7.30pm.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** This ministry has been run nearly single-handedly by **Charlotte Ezra** since she was only 13 years of age, nearly a child herself. Although we have a couple of volunteers helping her now, we need more people to sit with her as helpers - no preparation involved - or as leaders when Charlotte is not available. Again, we have the resources – books, materials, guides, dvd's, etc.- which are very easy to follow. It only requires a bit of work the day before and being basically 'a mum' during the day for 20 minutes. Charlotte is willing to train any one that wishes to help. At the moment, Charlotte has to do every Sunday and if she is not available, there is no liturgy. We need a large enough team to be able to have one person on duty every 4 or 6 weeks. Please, contact me or Charlotte if you wish to help.

**EASTER HOLIDAY DAY CAMP FOR CHILDREN:** Charlotte Ezra is organising 3 days packed with activities for our children to live and learn, share and make friends during the Easter Holidays. We need volunteers to help to run the day to day organisation of the Day Camp and also to help with the different activities for the group. Volunteers should be 16 and over!

**POST-FIRST COMMUNION GROUP:** We are very excited at the prospect of creating a new group for children up to 13 years of age that have made their First Communion already. Aware of the difficulty of meeting on weekly basis, we have come up with the option of running a fund-raising group (how much money they raised is not important). We believe it is possible to work by project –meeting once every 4-6 weeks - fundraising for a children's hospice on the one hand and on the other, maintaining pen-pal relations with the children of our twin parish in Uganda. Father Gerard has been informed and is happy to work with us. We need therefore a group of mothers that can run this exciting new group as a team. We need a head of the team in order to manage it properly. If this kind of job appeals to you, please come forward. The Parish really needs your help to lead our lovely children into doing charity in Jesus name.

**Finally,** not related to the children's ministry but important never-the-less, we would like to hear from anyone that can play the piano or the organ to help the music ministry to fill in the odd Sunday on the rota. Please, contact **Peter Morgan** if you would be interested. Help and guidance would be available!

If you would like to help or just find out in a friendly way about your own ideas or any of the above ministries, please contact Angie Hart and find out more about these opportunities to serve our parish and help our young to learn, by example, how beautiful it is to serve our Lord. With many thanks, **Angie Hart 01787 224383 home, 07719 577923 mobile, email [mahart66@hotmail.com](mailto:mahart66@hotmail.com)** (Please, if there is no reply, leave message on the answerphone and I will come back to you ASAP).

## CHILDREN MINISTRY APPEAL

Over the last 3 years, our Parish has been blessed with more children participating in the ministries available to them and we are very grateful to them and their parents for their support.

Parents are vital in keeping the faith growing in their children and improving their attitude to service, particularly as members of the Christian family to which they belong. It is for this reason that we are appealing for more parents, mothers, fathers (or grandparents), willing to help us increase the ways in which our children can participate and develop a feeling of belonging so important in this, our apparently 'broken society'. Please, if you have in the past considered the idea of participating more actively or if you are one of those parents who feel there are not enough things to do for your children in this parish, come and talk to me either about your ideas on how to improve our ministry or about your willingness to help more actively.

I am very conscious of the many factors that contribute to the dwindling of our desire to volunteer. One of the main issues is the feeling that once one volunteers, one is 'trapped' and asked to do more and more or do the job forever. This is one of the reasons why I am so determined to create a 'team' for every activity or group we develop. If we have sufficient people helping with the children's ministries, the responsibility and the commitment is shared. I agree that is not possible for one person to take on too much, especially if the person has young children at home. Please, consider that the more people we have in the teams, the easier it becomes on each member. The second reason we encounter is the thought that we are not the 'right' person, we do not have the 'skills' or are not the 'appropriate' person to do that. Very often we feel we are just not 'good enough' either as people or as helpers. Working for the parish has an added bonus. God is working through us and makes up for our 'perceived' failings. It also helps us to develop new skills, discover the one we thought we have lost and improve our self-esteem. God is very gracious and always gives more than we can possibly give him.

### **What are the areas in which we need help?**

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION:** I have been doing the job for 3 years now and will continue until God decides otherwise. Although the parents of each group normally take turns to help me, we cannot foresee the future and prevention is better than remedy. It is important to have at least one parent willing to be prepared in case that for whatever reason I am unable to continue preparing the children for their First Communion. I would like to know that we are covered for unexpected events and avoid leaving a vacuum that would have to be covered by someone left to his/her own devices and being thrown into a job he/she knows very little about. It would be nice to ensure continuity for our children's benefit.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**  
**Psalm for Morning Prayer: Week 3**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 2nd October <b>27th Sunday of Year</b>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.30 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Kathleen Mason RIP <i>Rosary led by children</i> Intention Mark Petchey
<b>MONDAY</b> 3rd October	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	James Sheldrake RIP <i>Mothers' Prayer Group</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 4th October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.30-8.30 pm	Arthur Rich RIP <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 5th October	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 6th October <i>St Bruno</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 7.30-8.30 pm	Andrew Elliott Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Church in Czech Republic
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8th October <i>St Osyth</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Wedding: Daniel Bates &amp; Sarah Miller</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9th October <b>28th Sunday of Year</b>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree  Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 4.45-5.45 p.m.  6.00 p.m.	Julie Rainbird & Ian Chaplin anniv. All Parishioners <i>Holy Hour for the appointment of a new Bishop closing with Children's Rosary at 5.30 p.m.</i> Private Intention

***Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.  
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction***

Liturgical Rotas 9th October	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Teresa Hall Sean O'Leary	Jill Hinds	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Tom McNally	June Jezierski
TIPTREE	Celia Butt Mary Mann	Jean Mullane	Jude Cody
FINANCE TEAM	Tony Hinds & Tom McNally		