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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

*Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the
Jews only.*

First Reading: Jer 1:4-5.17-19
Responsorial Psalm Ps 70:1-6.15.17
Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Gospel: Lk 4:21-30



FOURTH SUNDAY: Today we hear God's challenging call to Jeremiah, "Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence...They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you". In the Bible a prophet is not someone who foretells the future – though this sometimes happens – but God's spokesman. The Greek root means 'speak on behalf of'. In Hebrew a different word is used for a 'seer'. Prophets are not always welcome. As the Lord comments in today's Gospel, if people do not like the message they knock the messenger. In the end the King did not listen to Jeremiah's warnings but imprisoned him. The conquering Babylonians carried the king off into exile and blinded him but freed Jeremiah from prison. We too must not be afraid to speak out for what is right even if people point the finger at us as hypocrites or nonentities. Even if they do not listen to us we will have done what we can in the cause of right.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Thomas Martin, George Parkin, Gillian O'Malley, Terri Casey, James Madden, Sr Mary Simon, Albert Mason** and **Jo Rayner** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Roland Birch, Marion Simmons, Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

SPEAK OUT FOR MARRIAGE: Our Bishops ask us to speak out in favour of the traditional understanding of marriage, based not only on the Scriptures but the natural law written on human hearts. They ask us to do this in a specific way. This week Parliament will be debating the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill. The House of Commons votes on the second reading on Tuesday 5th. The Bishops have sent out postcards and ask you to send them to your MP – unfortunately they did not arrive in time for distribution last weekend, so, if you can afford it, please post today or tomorrow using a first class stamp. For all living in the parish the name of our **MP** is **Mrs Priti Patel** – Witham constituency extends as far East as Straight Road, Lexden. Our own Bishop has asked for a presentation on the issues to be given in each Deanery. That for Colchester will take place on **Thursday 7th February** at **St James the Less Church, Priory Street, Colchester** at **8.00 p.m.** The speaker will be **Fr Paul Keane**. I shall attend so there no Mass is advertised for Thursday evening.

UGANDA: Many thanks for your generous support of our link with Fr Gerald over the past year. On Tuesday I was able to transfer £9,500 to Hoima diocese for his use – half for his new parish at Muntebe, and half to continue support for the education of a number of young people from Kakumiro and Kiriika.

PARISH LOTTERY: The draw for the quarterly lottery took place last Sunday. The first prize (£60) went to **Sue Petchey** and the second (£36) to **Sandra Smith**. If you would like to join for the next quarter the subscription of £13 is now due.

BLESSING OF ST BLAISE: It is customary after Mass on 3rd February (the feast of St Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and martyred in 306 A.D.) to impart the blessing of St Blaise. According to tradition he saved the life of a young man who was choking on a fish bone. The neck is touched with crossed candles – in this country (but not in Germany!) unlit. If you would like to receive the blessing please approach the altar as for communion after the final hymn.

COLCHESTER NIGHT SHELTER: Dear Friends at Kelvedon Catholic Church, thank you so much for your wonderful Christmas collection of £509.85. It is very much appreciated especially at a time when we try to put on the best possible Christmas Celebrations that we can for our homeless people. This year it was enjoyed by all our homeless residents, ex-residents and visitors. Thank you again for your brilliant continued support. All the best for 2013 and God bless you all. **Pernille Petersen MBE Co-ordinator.**

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL YEAR OF FAITH LENTEN LECTURES 2013: **1) Wednesday 20th February** - *If you continue in the faith...'* (Col 1:23). *Ways forward for Believers.* **Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB, Bishop of Aberdeen** and former **Abbott of Pluscarden Abbey.** **2) Wednesday 27th February** - *Accompanying people on the journey of faith: Catechesis and evangelism for a church in mission.* **Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Anglican Bishop of Chelmsford.** **3) Wednesday 6th March** - *Deepening a personal vocation in the Year of Faith.* **Fr Dominic Howarth, parish priest and Brentwood diocesan vocations director.** All lectures are free and begin at 7.30 p.m. in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish hall.

LENT 2013 DIOCESAN ANNUAL SPIRITUALITY DAY: TOPIC 'The Healing Ministry in the Church Today.' The day will conclude with a Healing Service. **DATE Saturday 23rd March.** **VENUE Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood.** **TIME** Registration 10.00 a.m. - Tea/Coffee. **10.30 a.m. Start - 4.00 p.m. Finish.** **SPEAKER Fr Jim McManus, CSSR.** **COST** £10. *Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee provided.* **ALL ARE WELCOME** *For booking and further information, please contact the Adult Religious Education office on 01277 265255 or email are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org*

TIPTREE YOUTH ALPHA: This group has now started meeting at Tiptree URC on a Monday from 4.30 p.m. (not 7.30 p.m. as previously advertised).

FIRST COMMUNION: 'Just Party' will be coming to **St. Augustine of Canterbury Church, Beardsley Drive, Springfield, Chelmsford CM1 6GQ on Saturday 16th February** from 11.30 am. to 14.30. The company will be selling First Holy Communion Dresses, Shoes, Veils, headdresses and other accessories. They are only making one visit to the Chelmsford area this year. Please do come along and see what they have to offer.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: For single women aged 20-40 at London, Wimbledon 15th - 17th March. Friday 6.00 p.m. to Sunday after lunch. Contact Sister Zela Procter by email: zela@btinternet.com

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 27th January - £1063.82.**

SIGNED MASS FOR THE DEAF: Sunday 17th March. "As you know, I organise Masses in sign language (BSL) across the Diocese to enable those for whom BSL is their first language to access the liturgy in that language. By signing at a parish Mass we also raise awareness among the hearing the parishioners of the beauty of BSL and the challenges faced by those who are deaf and hard of hearing. **Fr Frank Jackson** is one of our priests with good signing skills and will say and sign the Mass. People who are deaf will sign the hymns while the congregation sing and join in the signing if they wish. A deaf person will sign the readings and hearing signer will do a voice over for those who do not understand signing. Hence, the usual reader for that Mass can have the day off. To facilitate the signing, I usually write BSL (British Sign Language) friendly prayers of the faithful. If you are able to welcome us, nearer the time I will contact you about the music so we all know the hymns. We are usually offered refreshments, as some people will have travelled a long way but I do not know if this is feasible in your parish. Refreshments also enable the people who are deaf to socialise and allows us to meet some of the congregation." **Sister Margaret Duffy.** If you know of anyone who would benefit from this – not just from our own parish – please do pass the message on. It may be that some deaf people from other Christian traditions would also like to join us on this occasion.

ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL: Mr Schular, Headteacher invites friends of the St John Payne School community to attend *Five American, Three Murders* and a *Poisoning by The Robert Bloomfield Players & Rebecca Preen*. This 'whodunit' set in 1926 is being presented in the Upper School Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th February. Tickets can be purchased in advance for £5 via the Box Office which can be contacted on 01245 256030.

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS: For the last ten years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer at least 6 internships: Three interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster, two in public policy with CAFOD and one in a media internship in Archbishop's House Westminster. All internships will run from September 2013 - July 2014 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found on our website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-internships> Completed application forms must either be emailed to interns@cbcew.org.uk or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 9.00 a.m. on 25th February 2013 and Assessment days will be 25th and 26th March 2013.

ST HELEN'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE: Have four seats available for their forthcoming pilgrimage to Lourdes April 1st - 6th inclusive. Full board in 4* Hotel with en-suite facilities Price £599 per person based on two sharing a double room. Flying from City airport. You are most welcome to join us. Telephone Sue on 01268 750752/07979 746707. **Also we are urgently looking for a Doctor to accompany our lovely group.**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 4**

SUNDAY 3rd February <i>4th Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Ronald Wood RIP Felix Le Roy RIP All Parishioners
MONDAY 4th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Church in Czech Republic
TUESDAY 5th February <i>St Agatha</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 6th February <i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 7th February	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. NO MASS 8.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 8th February <i>St Jerome Emiliani</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 9th February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Natasha Dunwell RIP & Family
SUNDAY 10th February <i>5th Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Albert Mason RIP Marie Melton RIP

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

Liturgical Rotas 10th February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL		Benedict Crone	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Steve Smith	Giulia Horrocks	June Jezierski
TIPTREE	Mary Mann	Marisa Orchard	Jude Cody