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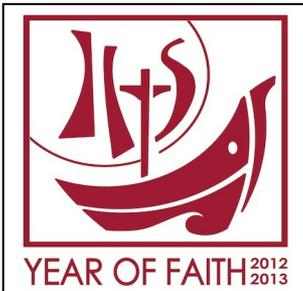
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

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| First Reading: | Ex 3:1-8.13-15 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Ps 102:1-4.6-8.11 |
| Second Reading: | 1 Cor 10:1-6.10-12 |
| Gospel: | Lk 13:1-9 |



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: Last week we heard the story of the Transfiguration. Today the Church sets before us Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush. Moses had fled from Egypt after killing an Egyptian and made a new life for himself in the Land of Midian but God had other plans. Moses was the one chosen to lead his people out of slavery. The vision of the Holy One in the burning bush would give him the courage to undertake this task and later as they journey through the desert the presence of God in the bright cloud ('Shekinah') he will lead the people to the Promised Land. Most of that generation failed to complete the journey because of their disobedience, which prolonged their time in the desert. We need to pursue the path God sets before us if we are to reach our destination. In the Gospel Jesus makes the same point by referring to contemporary disasters that caught people unawares and illustrating it with the parable about the fig tree that fails to produce fruit.

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 **Marion Ingram, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, 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.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **Mrs Anne Stokes** of St Dominic's, Kelvedon. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 8th March at 1.15 p.m. followed by cremation at Colchester. You will also be sorry to hear of the death on 16th February of **Fr Hilary Thomas SJ** at the age of 87. Fr Hilary had supplied here a number of times in recent years and taught for many years at Stonyhurst. The funeral Mass took place at Stonyhurst on Friday but if you would like details of later memorial services please contact catherinebrogan@me.com.

BI-MONTHLY TRIDENTINE MASS: This will take place this Saturday instead of 2nd at 12.15 p.m. and as usual Exposition will be extended till 12.00 noon.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 24th February - £669.91.**

PAYING TRIBUTE TO POPE BENEDICT: With the resignation of Pope Benedict we enter a new era. Where does the Church go from here? As he steps aside let us pay tribute to him by heeding a constant request of his: To return to the wisdom of Vatican II. We have been able to persuade **Fr Michael Griffin** to bring his very successful talks on Vatican II to **Clare Priory**. Fr. Michael will begin with an introduction on: Tuesday 12th March at 6.45 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. This will be followed by two mornings: Wednesday 3rd July 10.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and Wednesday 10th July 10.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. Please book a place with Kathy (01787 277326).

'SEDE VACANTE': While the Holy See is vacant the cardinals as a body govern the Church in 'caretaker' mode – no appointments or innovations can be made. This is symbolised by the special coat of arms used during this period of a parasol over the crossed keys instead of the papal tiara. The open parasol is a symbol of authority accorded to cardinals only in this period. In basilicas the parasol is a sign of their special status but is kept closed. The following prayer is set out in the Missal for the Mass to be celebrated during this period (apart from Sundays):



O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unflinching care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

You are invited to pray this every day for the guidance of the cardinals during the Conclave.

BELL RINGING AT COGGESHALL: Any young parishioners who would like to ring the bell before the 9.00 a.m. Mass on Sundays at Coggeshall please give your name to **Derek Hand** after Mass or telephone 01376 572747 in the evening after 7.30 p.m.

FACTS ABOUT CRUCIFIXION: Part Two – Description of the carrying of the cross: After the flogging, the victim would carry his own cross bar (called a patibulum) to the crucifixion area outside of the city walls. The victim carried was only the cross bar, weighing in at 75 to 125 pounds. The cross bar would be balanced on the victim's shoulders, and their arms would be tied to the crossbar. In this position, if the victim tripped or fell, they could not use their arms to break their fall, and they would likely fall face first into the ground. The upright part of the cross (the stipe) was permanently mounted in the crucifixion area. The victim was escorted by a Roman guard (probably a centurion and several soldiers), who would guard the victim until his death. One of the soldiers would display a sign with the crime written on it. Once the crucifixion area was reached, the victim would be offered a drink of wine mixed with myrrh to act as a mild pain killer. The drink was a charitable service performed by an association of women in Jerusalem. *Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.* - Mark 15:23. After drinking the pain killer mixture, the victim would be nailed to the cross bar driven through the wrists and not the palms, as these would not support the body weight. The cross bar would then be raised and placed on the upright post, where the victim's heels would be nailed to the post. Once crucified, a victim would live for a period ranging from a few hours to a few days. How long he lived depended mostly on how severe the scourging was. **Acknowledgement Robert Gidley. "The facts of crucifixion." The Cross Reading (Lent, 2000).**

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

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| SUNDAY 3rd March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> | Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree | 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m. | All Parishioners Bert Winch anniversary <i>Stations of the Cross</i> For the election of a Pope |
| MONDAY 4th March | Kelvedon | 9.00 a.m. | Kazimierz Sitkowski RIP |
| TUESDAY 5th March | Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon | 8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m. | Intention Steve & Jazia Smith <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> |
| WEDNESDAY 6th March | Kelvedon Kelvedon | 7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m. | <i>Stations of the Cross</i> For the election of a Pope |
| THURSDAY 7th March | Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall | 10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m. | For the election of a Pope <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention |
| FRIDAY 8th March | Kelvedon Kelvedon | 9.00 a.m. 1.15 p.m. | For the election of a Pope <i>Requiem Mass: Anne Stokes RIP</i> |
| SATURDAY 9th March | Kelvedon Kelvedon Kelvedon | 10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m. 3.20 p.m. | Private Intention <i>Tridentine: For election of a Pope</i> <i>Children's Stations of the Cross</i> |
| SUNDAY 10th March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Laetare Mothering</i> <i>Sunday</i> | Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree | 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m. | For the election of a Pope Violet Gillen (anniversary) <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners |

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

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| Liturgical Rotas 10th March | Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors | Ministers of Welcome |
| COGGESHALL | | Gabrielle Ruiz | Mollie Blackwell |
| KELVEDON | Helena McNally Steve Smith | Jadwiga Smith | Elizabeth Maxted |
| TIPTREE | Teresa Hall | Eileen Roberts | Jude Cody |